



## Issue 215

Driving the wheel of fellowship

# January '23 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder    Grace & Thanks

## January

Monday	2nd	New Years Day	No Meeting
Monday	9th	Normal Meeting	Brenda Parcell    Anne Baker
Thursday	12th	Council Meeting	7-00 p.m.
Monday	16th	Business Meeting	
Monday	23rd	Normal meeting	David Toone    David Haynes
Monday	30th	Normal meeting	John Wilson    John Roberson

## February

Monday	6th	Normal Meeting	Sally Parkinson    David Toone
Thursday	9th	Council meeting	7-00 p.m.
Monday	13th	Business meeting	
Monday	20th	Normal meeting	Bernard Johnson    Steve Tallis
Monday	27th	Normal Meeting	David Woolliscroft    Brenda Parcell

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell  
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## **Ukrainian Xmas Party - Sunday 4th December**

The club held a Christmas party for local Ukrainian guests on Sunday 5th December at the Lutterworth Club formally the Lutterworth workingmans' Club who hosted the party supplying a wonderful buffet, bingo session and a warm welcome to over 40 Ukrainians. Our thanks are extended to Ivan Walters ( the club President) and Ron their social organiser.

Rotary President Roger, together with his wife Jackie helped to welcome our guests and present prizes from a free raffle organised by Val Cooper and Sally Hollis. It was fun to introduce the group to "crackers" and pork pies.

The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed and it was a delight to see the children enjoy the day.

The event was rounded off by Visalia playing his guitar as his children ( 8 and 3 year old) sing Stefania, the winning Ukrainian Eurovision song.

**The Annual Christmas party** was held on **Monday 5th December** again at the Lutterworth Cricket Club with catering from Neil Green.

Attendance numbers were down this year with a total of 41 only, but it was a pleasure to welcome three of our Honorary members John Turner, George Turner and Robert Eggleston.

Entertainment included a quiz, poem from Val, an amusing letter of complaint from Sue, the Rotary 9 o'clock news read by Roger and Colin and our wonderful Christmas fairy Mark Thompson.

The members gave generously to a raffle which raised £155 for Rotary charities.

## Jenny Taylor's life story

Jenny Taylor was born just after the Second World War in North Nottinghamshire.

Her parents were tenants on the Thoresby Estate, a sand land farm situated near Ollerton. In fact the sand occasionally drifted like snow through the hedges and across the road after spring drilling. Since her childhood more fields are drilled in the autumn reducing this problem

Jenny can just remember the last two working horses, the binder and thrashing days.

Her father was the first in the area to irrigate the land, improving the crop yields.

After leaving school at 16 she attended Brackenhurst, now De Montfort University.

During the year course she studied Home Economics, Book Keeping, Animal Husbandry, Poultry, and Horticulture. This was a most enjoyable year making lasting friendships.

Jenny then trained at Sheffield to work with mentally handi-capped children, and when qualified was employed at a school in Mansfield.

On Michaelmas Day 1969 she moved to Fields Farm Sapcote newly wed with her husband Martin. The farm was in a poor way giving the couple a challenge, but they embraced the opportunity to dairy farm.

The first year 30 British Friesian cows were milked in the cow shed, and the milk cooled into churns. A pole barn was built for the second winter, this made room to expand the herd, milking in a parlour, and the milk stored in a bulk tank ready for collection.

During the next 28 years the livestock numbers grew as did the buildings to house and



store fodder. With 130 milking cows and their followers, extra land was bought and also rented to provide grazing and silage.

In 1996, Martin and Jenny's three daughters had their own careers and the difficult decision was made to sell the herd of cows.

Martin then learnt how to grow cereals, and they also decided to diversify.

Plans were drawn for three small offices, and eventually after persevering with the planning and highway departments the offices were eventually built and let early 2000.

This was followed by two offices being extended, and another two new builds.

In 2008 Martin fell in a freak accident and died from his injuries, and since then the land has been contract farmed.

Fifteen months later daughter Suzy was diagnosed with cancer, and died leaving her son George (10 months) a grieving husband family and friends.

During Jenny's time at Sapcote she has been and still is an active member of the WI.

She has spent 20 plus years on the Sapcote Playing Fields Management Committee, and supported Copston Magna Church.

### **Festive Funnies**

*A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing.*

*As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, The girl replied, "I'm drawing God".*

*The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like,"*

*Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied.*

*They will in a minute."*

## ***I'm already disturbed do come in***

### ***Perks of being over 70 and heading for 80 or more***

- *Kidnappers are not very interested in you*
- *In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.*
- *No one expect you to run anywhere*
- *People no longer view you as a hypochondriac*
- *You can live without sex—but not without your glasses*
- *Your supply of brain cells are down to a manageable size"*
- *And if you are over 80 your brain is that full you can't remember anything*

### ***Help Wanted***

*Santa needs new reindeer*

*The first bunch has grown old.*

*Dasher has arthritis;*

*Comet hates the cold.*

*Prancer's sick of staring*

*At Dancer's big behind.*

*Cupid married Blitzen*

*and Donder lost his mind.*

*Dancer's mad at Vixen*

*for stepping on his toes.*

*Vixen's being thrown out -  
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.*

*If you are a reindeer  
we hope you will apply.*

*There is just one tricky part:*

*You must know how to fly.*

*By Timothy Tocher*

***And Specifically for Bernard***

*Oh to be a secretary now that chaos reigns*

**Club Social Event 19th December**

We finished the year with a Club Social Event run on Monday 19th December by the Club for its members. We had a variety of items which included some quizzes

poems, some items from newspapers (from you know whom) funny stories that members had encountered during the year and a host items too numerous to list here which rounded off the year in a lively manner.



**The result from the first 100 club draw of 2022/23 was as follows...**

1st	Winning	£100.00	John Roberson
2nd	Winning	£35.00	Elaine Turner
3rd	Winning	£20.00	John Wilson



**Morrison Collection**

**Share and Care 21st/22nd December**

Sally writes in spite of the current economic pressure on families, shoppers gave generously, anxious to support this local and deserving cause. As always members of both clubs happily giving their time and cheer to the task.

The money collected over the two days was a staggering

**£1,187.36**

The year finished with a smile left on our faces from our neighbours displaying "Just one little pig thinking of going to market" posing as Father Christmas



*A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all especially our Ukrainian Guests spending their first away from their homes.*

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