



Don't forget to wear your masks

**PAST & PRESENT ROTARIANS FELLOWSHIP CLUB
(Bergerac)**

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 14th October 2020
12 for 12-30 p.m Luncheon @ 20€ p.p. Venue: Hotel Kyriad,
Bergerac. Dress; Casual smart !!! as the seasons dictate.
(Pay on the day)**

Would you please confirm your attendance by Saturday 10th October to enable us in turn to confirm numbers with Hotel Kyriad management. If you are not able to join us on the day, would you please give your apologies !! it indicates you still wish to be informed of our meetings. LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS !!! (After 10 am Tuesday the day before) Please contact the Kyriad direct.

The President was pleased we were able to make it a third time !! even more so, to be able to record an excellent turnout . The President felt sure that members had noticed his dearly beloved wasn't sitting along side him, having recently had a knee operation but he still had a Beryl sitting along side him (the other Beryl !!)

Apologies: Beryl Watkins. Eric & Carolyne Nagel. John & Branka Perry. Robin & Minou Maule. Sandra Johnson . Bernard & Jean Griffiths. Tony & Linda Scutt. Kate Mailfert. (Willem & Anne Mary(Stanton) Wijgerse SADLY DUE TO HEALTH and virus will no longer be members) .

Brian and Jean Walton Peter & Maggie McAusland Harry & Margot Kloosterboer . Judith Crowe

Originally 25 had booked in but ended up as 20 . 17 members 3 guests.

The President mentioned that sadly the days had gone being able to welcome guests as they arrived in our usual manner in being able to stand so that members could have individual or group chats with our guests. However it gave him pleasure in being able to welcome our guests, firstly

Paul & Nicky Lambert it would seem, somewhere on the grapevine Paul heard about this fantastic Club. President invited Paul to introduce Nicky and himself. Paul emphasised that he was a Chemist and not a pharmacist. He went to Southampton University where he qualified as a Chemist. After graduating he worked in Beecham Pharmaceuticals from 1970 to 1980 in Worthing, that's where he met Nicky who was working in the Microbiology QC laboratory, They moved to Jakarta in 1980 with a 5 month old baby for 4 years then on to Singapore when their second daughter was born. Moving on again for another 4 years at Beecham House in Brentford, when their third daughter was born.

Leaving Beechams in 1988 they moved to Somerset, where their son was born. Ending up working for ICI. having 5 years in Somerset and then moved to Belgium for 10 years, After a year in India the family moved back to Somerset. Nicky completed a degree with the OU, and then qualified as a Primary School teacher.

Leaving ICI in 2005 Paul set up his own business, a subsidiary of a Belgian Management Consultancy company. After 10 years he gave that up and spent the time building a house, meanwhile Nicky moved on to Deputy Head in Wells, and then Head Teacher in Bruton. The day after the house was finished an ex colleague from ICI rang him up and asked if he could be persuaded to come out of retirement, which he did and still doing some days a month providing Consultancy services

They bought their house in Birac sur Trec 5 years ago and love it there, now that Nicky has also given up full time work, Covid 19 permitting they hope to spend a lot more time there Their 3 daughters and son plus partners and grandchildren have visited them for most of the time they have been able to be there so by being here for longer they hope to travel around and explore France & Spain.

President thanked both Paul and Nicky and hoped they had enjoyed being with us and presented him with one of our Club pennants to pass on to his President with our greetings.

The President was also very pleased to welcome George Murray who was a guest of Claire Le Monnier asking George to also introduce himself to members.

George is a graduate of Cambridge with a degree in Modern Languages and Economics. For many years he ran a market research business in the UK specialising in industrial and technical research (and later food and agriculture) and above all international. He has worked in most European countries, also the US and (once) the Middle East. Having also done a great many projects in France, he and his wife came here permanently in 1993. sadly George lost his wife in 2011.

He also worked in the business schools in the North of France for 15 years. Ran a business in Calais for nearly 20 years which was first an importer of wines from the New World, then became a bonded warehouse. That ceased operations last year. He now lives in the Dordogne, and his works consists mainly in facilitating deals in fine arts and precious stones. George thanked Claire for the invitation to join us and hoped to see us again in the future.

The President thanked George and hoped he had enjoyed sharing a table with us.

Claire had requested the floor to bring to members attention a talk to be given at Montbayau on the 17th September.

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The President often has greetings to be passed on from members in particular living overseas when giving their apologies but he felt the following would be worth adding to the Newsletter to see how other parts of the world are coping with the virus :

(e.mail from Jean & Brian Walton) Good evening Royston

Just to give apologies for next Wednesday, 9th September.

We have given up France as a bad job this year due to Covid and are missing it dreadfully.

But, on the Isle of Man, we have been Covid-Free for over 100 days, so we are very fortunate.

However, the Borders are still closed! Islanders can apply to go off-island with the proviso to quarantine for 14 days on return. We know that there is to be an announcement tomorrow, Thursday, and we have it on good authority that the quarantine time is to come down to 7 days followed by testing.

As Guernsey is also Covid-free, an Air bridge has been formed, whereby there are flights between the two Islands and people are taking holidays with no social distancing required, no masks and no quarantine required.

Hoping that you are all keeping safe.
Best wishes to all.

Kind regards

Jean and Brian Walton

The President noticed that Miss Piggy had not come out of quarantine although moving house to Maurice our new Treasurer. On enquiring why she wasn't with us, Maurice explained that when in care !! with Robin, her bottom fell in ?? Maurice assured us that her bottom will be back in shape by next month's luncheon . For those new members not aware of why Miss Piggy joins us each week, she helps us to show our appreciation to the management and staff and gathers a collective sum from members donations each week to be presented at our December luncheon.

There being no other business the President wished members a safe journey home and hoped once again a meeting in October would be possible and closed the meeting

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