



May I once again on behalf of the Council , take this opportunity to wish all our members, which ever part of the world you are in a Happy Christmas and hoping we will be able some time to meet up once again early in the New Year.

PAST & PRESENT ROTARIANS FELLOWSHIP CLUB

(Bergerac)

**Date of next meeting Wednesday ?????? January 2021
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)**

There were some responses from members to the ;

November Newsletter although it would seem the majority of members have gone into hibernation

The President was therefore pleased to have received some communications from members.

Presidents Tit



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Not sure how many of you will read this but as you will have so much time on your 🖐️ 🖐️ s it might help to pass the time away.



Most of our members will remember Mike and Mary Bell who were staunch supporters of our Club, sadly for us they sold their holiday home and returned fully to their home in the UK. They have sent seasonal greetings to the President to be passed on to our members .



Eric Nagel, our Vice President together with Carolynne are planning to set up a tent wherever the very cold freezers are going to be located so they are first to be vaccinated. (President thinks they may have to add a few more years on to be up front)



The President actually received a telephone call all the way from Scotland so that Alastair and Aileen Masson were sure not to be forgotten having been unable to use their holiday home here due to lockdowns for several months. They send their greetings. We hope it will not be too long in the future before we can meet up with them.



Pauline Spencer set off on the 12th December to celebrate the festive season with her family in the UK and has asked the President to pass on seasonal greetings and looking forward to meeting up next year.



Lois Appleton and Bryan Hewson sent joint greetings. They are definitely looking forward to our next get together luncheons at the Kyriad and hoping every one is being good so we may be able to meet up again hopefully in January. In the meantime they send their seasonal greetings, wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.



In the meantime David & Ann Walker prior to switching off their lights before flying off to Dubai wished us all a HAPPY Christmas



Whilst not a lot has happened over with John & Branka Perry, his Rotary Club at least managed to bring in some money to start the New year off.

John places our News letter details on our Website , so if you accidentally or even purposely delete this Newsletter and need desperately something else to do, just go on our website .



And last but not least I have been saving this one for the end. This is not all of Leslie's reply but points relating generally .

Thank you Royston and the committee for your seasons greetings and the organisation of our fellowship group during this past year despite the malicious intervention of an unmentionable source.

One of the reasons we decided that we would retire to France was that as I had spent more than 75% of my working life at a desk within four walls of an office building we would reverse this to the majority of my retirement being outside in the fresh air. This plan had gone very well bearing in mind the climate here and the rural area we have chosen to live. Then mid-March 2020 arrived and this all fell apart with lock down and a stop to all our many activities.

On reflection we are still winning as I now spend 90% of daylight hours outside of the house working in the 'garden' - Unfortunately I am finding a few other problems with this regime ie Dozing off to sleep in the evening in front of the T.V. missing the programmes I like to watch, finding that my old gardening gear is now a few sizes too large with my scales showing 65kg. Mind you I do also now find often when I go to get a tool from the sechoir that when I get there I can't remember what it was I went there for. Nevertheless in my mind I am winning, (rather like a political leader of late).

So can't wait 'till we all get back to the Kyriad and have a breather and see some familiar faces.

The last main paragraph of Leslie's entry , reminded me of a poem I recently came upon which I wrote many years ago for Beryl's father's 80th birthday. It seems it has caught me up.



I bent down to tie my lace
and gave my head a blow
I thought to myself , feeling the bump
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago.

I move my feet with youthful thoughts
but my momentum seems to be slow
I need a stick sometimes to assist
It wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I pour the wine into a glass
but it lands on the table below
Then I knock the glass over, as I mop it up
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

As I walk up to open the door
on the step I stub my toe
I curse to myself more often these days
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I seat myself down onto a chair
they all seem to be terribly low
It's a b...r to get up again
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

Walking up stairs is like ascending a cliff
so we now live in a bungalow
But walking from room to room is a marathon
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

When I notice pinups in the paper
no longer does it give me a glow
Not even a tingle or even a rumble
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I get taken to this and taken to that
by my children and I love to go
They seem to be more considerate these days
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I have eight Grandchildren plus one Great Grandchild
who buck me up when I'm feeling low
They always pop in when least expected
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I have made many friends throughout my life
and in recent years I've made many more
For my wife and I are able to travel the world
it wouldn't have happened 20 years ago

I have a good deal of more time to be with my wife

with more comfort and and love to show
It's a pleasure to have this additional time together
It wouldn't have happened 20 years ago.



If you find you have arrived this far, Beryl and I would like to take this opportunity to :



Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year