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The Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal

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The Tatong Family Fun Day & Auction far surpassed any of the committee's expectations, we were so very lucky to be supported by amazing friends, family, local businesses, supporters and sponsors. We have an incredibly hard working committee that work so hard to make Good Friday happen. We would like to thank the Tatong Recreation & Community Centre for the use of the venue and for running the Bar – and with that their generous support of the appeal Rodwells of Benalla – John Gregory, Justin Way, Dale Buitenhuis and the team with their efforts in the running auction. The Tatong Young Bloods & Tatong Tennis Club along with volunteers who worked hard to provide us food all day. We were ever so grateful to the amazing people who held set up and pack up, we were speechless when after the auction we turned around and there were a team of people helping pack up, we were truly appreciative.

We thank the Tatong Tavern for there many years of support of the Good Friday Appeal and for their continued support of Friday Night Raffles.

We have some very generous sponsors that are committed to supporting the committee and the Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal; the King Of Sparks, D & R Henderson, HVP, Hamex, Midland Frieght, DeFazio Concreting, Aligned Engineering, Benalla Printing, Stuck On Stationary, Lima South Quarry, Steph Ryan MP & Benalla Waste.

The Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal also received a \$10,000 Donation from The Davis Family, they wanted to share their story with the people to make everyone aware what good the hospital does do.

On November 19th, Willow Joni Davis was born at Frances Perry House with breathing difficulties. She was then moved to ICU at the Royal Women's Hospital on life support due to a severe case of Meconium Aspiration Syndrome.

She was so critical that she was transferred to ICU transport to the Butterfly Ward, the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Children's Hospital.

For the next 3.5 weeks she was cared for on life support and the staff looked after her through to her full recovery.

For a period of 2 weeks she was the most critical newborn in the unit. The staff, consultants, nurses and doctors cared for her 24/7 and enabled her to breathe on her own for the first time after 3 weeks. Willow has now made a full recovery.

To each and every business, individual, friend & sponsor who have donated items for the auction we are so unbelievably appreciative because without your generosity we would not be able to run our day and raise the money that we do for the kids.

We thank all our supporters for making us part of your tradition.

Jade Kirk

Area Manager

Tatong & District Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

De Fiasco in de Fjords (Part 3)



Nuremberg bridge

Did I say restive trip down the Rhine? We start in Amsterdam, most of the passengers are staying at the same hotel pre cruise, so we get to meet quite a few before we even start. I have a really sore back, too many uneven steps and stairs and cobblestones, so I go on a quest for painkillers only to be told I need a prescription for painkillers. You can smell the marijuana wafting down the street but I need a script to buy a painkiller. Amsterdam has even more cyclists than Copenhagen and they have right of way,

seem to come at you from every direction.

We leave Amsterdam in the Scenic Ruby, it's good to unpack and catch up with some washing. Our cabin is very comfortable and the view is wonderful, sliding along the river. The next day we arrive in Cologne then at night visit Marksburg Castle for a medieval feast and entertainment. We continue through the Rhine Gorge, arriving in Freudenberg the next day for an Oktoberfest and Bavarian Lunch. Incredibly, the people sharing our table come from King Valley, and are distant relatives. Arriving back at the ship we find they are in the cabin next to us.

We continue down the Rhine, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Weltenburg. Apparently 'Burg' is a castle and 'Berg' a mountain. In Regensburg I join the 'slow walkers' group, still suffering with a bad back, for the tour. Unfortunately the 'slow walkers' drop off very quickly with only 4 of us continuing, passing the fast walkers and finishing way ahead of everyone else. Yay!

We have now left the Rhine and the Maine Canal behind and have entered the Da-



Budapest. Parliament Hose

nube River. The locks used to lift the ships along the Trans European waterway are astounding. Two at the top are more than 30 metres in depth. We have been going up the locks, now we are going down the other side of the watershed.

Having left Germany and entered Austria we arrive in Salzburg to a 'Sound of Music' day. A visit to the abbey graveyard seen in the movie is very interesting. It must still be in use with quite recent dates on gravestones. A morning tea of delicious apple strudel, the best ever tasted apparently.

Then onto a Sound of Music lunch with entertainment and everyone joining the singing.

Next day we visit Melk Abbey, one of the biggest and most beautiful baroque buildings in Europe, featuring splendid architecture with the monastic library renowned for its extensive manuscript collections. Then on to beautiful Vienna with a performance at the Spanish Riding School a highlight for me. A Viennese Concert at the Liechtenstein Palais is another highlight.

Next it's on to Budapest, the capital of Hungary with a population of 1.7 million. More knock-out architecture, thermal baths and a rather sad history of occupation. We are sad to be leaving our home of the past 2 weeks too. There have been many entertainments on board that I haven't mentioned, mostly culturally connected to the port of call. The Hungarian dance troupe were a stand out, with much slapping and jumping. There have been many theme nights as well, disco with the crew or just enjoying the piano in the lounge area.

We are continuing onto Prague by coach with our new guide Pavlina. She is a gem, looks after us very well. Prague is as splendid as everyone says, Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, the Old Town and a walking tour exploring the communist era. But it is so crowded, so many tourists, they must bring an enormous amount of money into the city. Sadly, we say goodbye to all our new friends and fly out to Frankfurt, then Singapore and home. My next job is to sort the thousands of photos that I've taken, each one a wonderful memory.

Linda De Fazio



Cologne Cathedral



Melk Abbey overlooking the Danube



Prague Cathedral

The Tattler would like to thank the De Fazios for these three wonderful and informative reports of their European trip. Ed

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Once again the Molyullah Community put on an excellent fish and chip night. More than enough to eat and only \$5.00 how good is that.

Following the general catch up with friends, acquaintances and meeting new people, Bill Willett gave an informative talk about the newly founded Molyullah – Upper Ryans Creek Heritage. (MURCH for short).

MURCH is looking for interested parties to become members and any old pictures, which anybody might have stashed away in albums, cupboards etc would be welcomed with open arms. They are happy to take a digital copy to keep for their records.

Sponsorship is also sought to assist in the erecting of signs in historic places in the area. MURCH has enough money for three of these signs but as there are over 20 historic sites, more is needed to preserve the history of the area.



Much hilarity was experienced when Bill asked the audience where they thought many of the historic sites were situated, as the answer was always "Rules Corner".

Bill can be contacted on:-

Mobile 0429 947 696 or email zadot3@gmail.com

For the next Fish and Chip night (normally the second Friday of the month at 5.30pm) please refer to the Tattler calendar.

Sallie Hann



Does anyone have a photo of the Tatong Tavern with the Post Office beside it? An enquiry was made to the group, and such a photo would be of interest to many. Should you have such a photo, we would be honoured if we might make a copy of it to add to our records, and to the collective knowledge of the community. - Andrea Stevenson for the Tatong Heritage Group



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TO TIDY OR NOT

While trying to do some woodwork in my garage/workshop I found that I was barely able to use my work bench and tools due to the piles of 'stuff' everywhere. This is clearly the outcome of my 'second childhood' which I practice with relish as a retiree. Because I have so many jobs to do I cannot possibly clean up and organize stuff into proper containers or place on shelves because there is obviously not enough places to put the stuff! I just think that it can wait for that "one day" when I'll fix it; the "one day" that hardly ever comes!

I finally hit the wall and have started the major 'spring clean' and it dawns once again that it is not that I need another shed, I only have to rearrange the existing stuff into an orderly way by removing the unwanted and hopefully putting stuff where I can find it again. So far I am surprised by the amount of stuff I forgot that I had hidden by dust or behind or under other stuff. I have found that this principle applies to one's fridge. When the fridge can't seem to fit another thing it probably needs a tidy and re-arrange.

I am a chronic collector of handy stuff like plastic containers for putting bits and pieces in. Trouble is that I don't know when to stop the hoarding, but I have a strategy now and that is to put the spare containers in a carton and when the carton is full I stop collecting. Simple isn't it, but I just never got around to realizing it.

The terrible irony is that at the end of the clean-up I'll have a beautiful tidy workspace and probably no work to do at least till once again every surface is covered with stuff!

Mike Larkin

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The Swanpool and district table tennis winter competition is about to begin with the first home and away matches starting in a hall near you on Wednesday May the 2nd. We have A and B grades and you only need two players to form a team. If interested contact Shaun Murphy on 57682432, or Rob Erskine on 57672248.

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Tatong Tavern



Hi there sorry it's been a while and a lot has happened. Easter has been and gone and it was a sad Good Friday for the Tavern, after hosting the auction for 38 years it was transferred to the Football Oval, which was successful with \$76,000 raised.... well done.

Sunday March 17th we had our Music Festival with around 200 people attending, it was a great day for Tatong and the Tavern.

We have given the place a bit of a face lift inside with some fresh paint inside and new tables out front and back.

Winter is coming and we have plenty of firewood so the fires are burning and making the place warm and cosy. New winter menu will be starting soon.

Don't forget Mother's Day on May 13th book yourself a table before they are all gone.

Wallet watcher's menu on Wednesday Night.

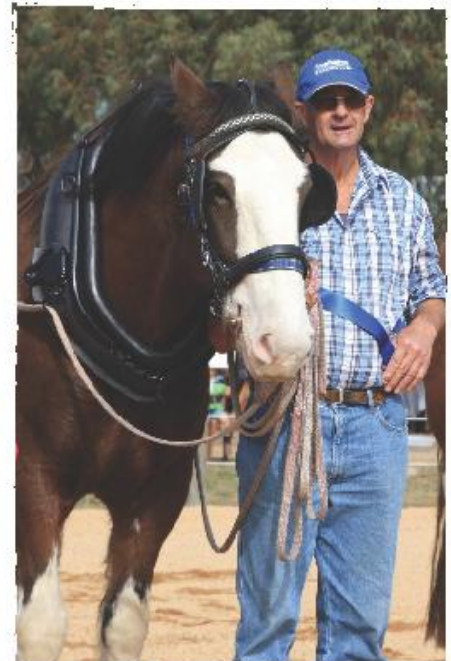
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Garden Daze

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It's Mid April as I write and we have had some rain at last - let's hope there's more on the way.

The very dry spell has all the shrubs and trees looking quite stressed and the leaves that are starting to cover the ground are crisp and pale and not the usual bright colours of autumn.

It is dry times such as these that the Australian flora comes into its own, with the westringia, callistemon and acacia looking quite unchanged.



A Count Down to Easter Monday

One day to go: The plants are all trimmed and spruced up ready for the big day - it is finally time to - get out all the trappings that we have accumulated over the years which we hope make the Plant Stall both attractive and efficient.

3 PM: when John and Hazel, who have brought their two visitors from overseas to help, arrive with their Ute and big trailer. It's all off to the shade house! Soon its back and forth for everyone and the boxes are loaded in quick time with so many helping hands - then it's off on our very slow and careful way to the Molyullah Sports Grounds.

Our corner of the Marquee already has a large number of plants and goodies waiting for us. The community spirit is most heart-warming.

Cloths on the trestle tables - then its unloading, unpacking and setting up to best display the many plants. Sort out the Iris pictures and attach them to the front of the stall, put the Iris into the buckets in front - make sure they match up with the pictures!



Barb setting up the Iris display between the wonderful selection of pumpkins donated once again by Neville Lindsay. The magnificent Dragon Fruit succulent on the left, was bravely carried to the car by the husband of the happy purchaser.

Easter Monday This is it!!

Up early, daylight savings having ended the day before makes it a little easier to arrive at the Sports Grounds at 8 am. Some early birds come over to pass the time of day and we get a few early sales - which we always find encouraging. Soon the pace picks up and the day starts to pass in a whirl of plant ad-

vice, packing plants into bags, handing out change, tying name tags onto purchases to be minded, catching up with regulars, friends and neighbours. Two people missing from our day this year are my granddaughter Taylor who is up at Kapooka filling in her "Gap Year" in the army, and son Rob



who usually calls in to drive the train each year on his way home from camping at Wandiligong for Easter.

Cups of tea, scones with jam and cream from the kitchen (yum) get us through the day. Finally it's all hands to the packing up, and the left over plants are ferried back to the

Shade house. Then its sighs of relief when it's time to sit with a well earned drink and wait for the call to line up for the Post Fair Community Dinner for all the helpers.

Aftermath a week to unpack, sort the left-overs repot a couple of casualties, then pack the poly boxes back in the Shearing shed and that's it for another year. Maybe a chance to look after the home garden and even tidy the house. Wow.

A very big THANK YOU to all the gardeners who contributed their home grown plants, bulbs, jams, pickles, pumpkins, grapefruit, home made display/carry boxes and frame for the hanging baskets etc. to make the day a success.



The weather was perfect for the occasion, tho the dust from the arena told of the long hot dry summer.

It is encouraging to hear how last year's purchases have fared, with more than one person telling us of the lovely blooms obtained from the Iris they had bought in the past.

Which brings us to a special thanks to Hilary for donating her beautiful Iris plants each year, John and Hazel who arrive each year to "get us there and back" with our plants, Bob who lends a hand with transport and box carrying, to Sharon and Kevin for the loan of two gazebos and to the ever efficient and busy Barb McPhee who together with husband Peter, comes up each year from Melbourne to help out at the Fair.



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What's Happening at Molly Rose?

All right, so I missed March – the Tattler deadline is so far away and then all of a sudden it is upon me, and as often as not, whizzing by into the distance – and now it is April and another birthday is happening as I type this. Still gotta ice the cakes and make the dips for the special people in my life with special dietary requirements, move the sheep and pack the boardgames because this birthday is happening at Tabletop Games at NEA! Birthday Boy got to choose the Featured Games, so this month (among other things) we're playing Doom & Gloom!

The mini wicking bed workshop at the Benalla Library was a blast! I must admit, I'd forgotten what it was like working with kindy & primary school kids – hit the ground running and it's nonstop until home-time! As it turns out, I won't be at the Off-Grid Living Festival next weekend in Eldorado with Benalla Permaculture as I'm heading to the city for the weekend and going to a Speculative Fiction Festival and a novel writing workshop with Alison Goodman!!! As much as I love permaculture, I love writing more.

The Permaculture Design Course is almost at an end. We've done plans to retrofit the house to make it more sustainable – including warmer in winter and cooler in summer – and now we are putting together the site plan. It's very exciting. Haven't seen snakey since our first encounter, maybe I scared him off? So it's autumn and true to form egg laying has dropped right off as everyone sheds their feathers and the hours of daylight shorten. Some of the girls are looking decidedly scraggly. We've not lost any more chickies to the hawk despite it visiting several more times. And just the other morning saw a large red fox run up to the pens. It disappeared quick smart when I put in an appearance.

The pallets chook shed is now at a point where it's almost done – a roof and wire for the pens, and doors are all that is required. The watering system we can install later. We're also investigating our portable electric fence options for the rotational grazing of our sheep and the poultry that won't be living in the permanent pens.

Our tomatoes are still producing and ripening, so I haven't pulled them yet. I've put a chook tractor on the front bed and have the two Gold Legbar girls working it. Originally we had three cockerels who hadn't started crowing yet. Guess what? Within days they started crowing!!!

I didn't get round to planting pumpkins this year, except one, I think it's from the giant pumpkin we carved for Halloween while living in Heathcote. It's still growing so I'll leave it there until the first frosts. It's so big we

parked our car on it – hahaha – it's a matchbox just to give you an idea on size.

Anyway, gotta go, time is running away on me. Write you again next month!

Carla





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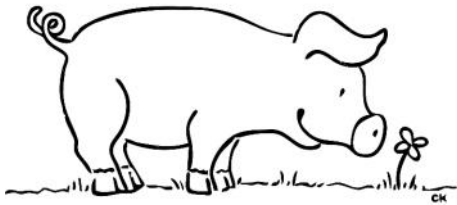
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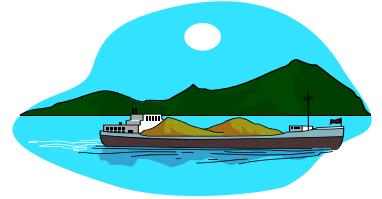
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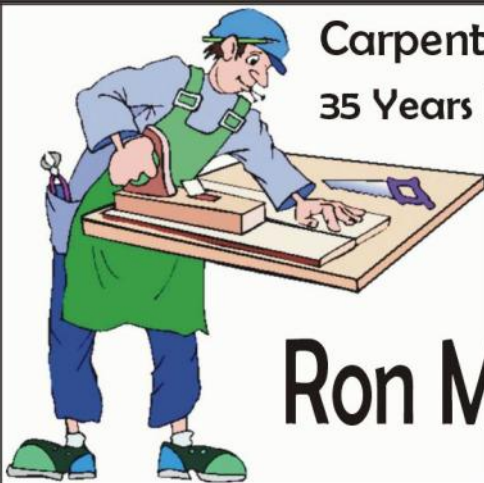
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Recently, Janette and I had the pleasure of attending Grandparents Day at one of our grandchildren's school in Melbourne. As Janette was to stay in Melbourne for a



few days, we left our ute at Benalla station, and I would return by train.

On boarding the train, I sat in the front seat. The train seemed to stop at most stations, so a lot of the passengers were suburban commuters. I noticed that a lady in the front seat on the other side of the train had fallen asleep.

As we approached each station the people alighting would gather in readiness in front of me. As we approached Broadmeadows, the group had formed. A lady said to her fellow alighters, "Doesn't she usually get off here?" indicating the sleeping lady. Consensus of opinion was "yes she does". She was duly woken and, yes indeed it was her stop.

I reckon that everyone who was aware of what had just occurred had a warm feeling about it.

As is quite common these days, the train journey terminated at Seymour and we all had to find the bus that would take us to our destinations. I found the bus that included Benalla in its stops, the driver issued me with a seat number, and I climbed aboard.

Seat 12 turned out to be an aisle seat and the window seat was occupied by a 'lady'. As she seemed to have all her worldly possessions on what was now my seat, I had to stand in the aisle. She looked at me, I smiled and said hello to which she said something like - "S__T! I was hoping to have both seats". I think I said - "not your day, is it?" She snatched all her



stuff off the seat while going through a sequence of grunts, tuts and heavy sighs that were evidently on a fast repeating loop.

I settled myself into seat 12, opened up the crossword page and thought - 'I can probably make this last until Benalla'. The bus set off and I crossworded (new verb!) to the accompaniment of grunts, tuts and sighs.

Once underway, the driver announced - "...and there are lots of empty seats further back - feel free to change seats if you wish". What an opportunity!!! Did I seize it? You bet your life I did - I stayed in seat 12!

For some reason this seemed to make Mrs grunts, tuts and heavy sighs become Mrs Huff and Puff while looking back down the bus towards the empty seats. I was beginning to feel a lot of empathy for the three little pigs. She took a bottle of water from her bag between her legs, took a swig, threw the bottle down into the bag, then went back to the loop of noises. Meanwhile, I focussed on my crosswords and tried not to laugh out loud.

Our first stop was Euroa, my 'companion' had now fallen asleep, the two people opposite disembarked and so I moved across very quietly so as to not wake Miss Congeniality.

I wonder if she ever worked out that had she been pleasant, I would have happily moved at Seymour, or something much better might have happened - we might have chatted, found we had a lot in common and become everlasting friends - two chances eh?

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2010	39	153.7	86.4	65.2	67.5	82.8	67.5	162.1	116.8	123.7	109.2	150.8	1224.7
2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
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2016	69.7	11.9	36.9	38.5	117.2	110.5	142.8	108.4	172.1	91.4	50.1	101.3	1050.8
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2018	34.3	6.4	24.9										65.6

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

Fortunately it rained today, the 15th of April, when I write up the half monthly total, otherwise there would have been nothing to report since the 26th of March. We had 12mm which is a lifesaver for the garden.

The likely reason for today's rain is that we have just completed some earthworks and drainage at the back of the house and the 'rain Gods' must have agreed that it was ok to rain on Tatong once more. While a long dry spell is not good for many reasons it is very handy to have no rain for building and outdoor work.

The total rain for March was another low amount of only 24.9mm which means three months of below 35mm per month. Mike Larkin



Samaria Suns V Maryborough
Sunday May 20th 2017

Tatong Recreation Reserve / Community Centre
Masters Netball (Contact Jules if you are interested in playing or helping out 0417 535 424)
Masters Football Time TBC

Bar & Food available.

Join the Suns & Maryborough after the game in the Club Rooms for afternoon tea and drinks.

Are you interested in playing a game or two for the Suns? Commitment is not necessary, it's about getting back to grass roots footy and a bit of fun. If you think you'd like to have a kick please

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 29	April 30 	1	2 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	3 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Golf Club	4	5
6	7	8 Mansfield Bush Poets Meeting. Mansfield Library 3-5pm. 	9	10 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res	11 Fish & Chip Night. Molyullah Hall 5.30pm	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 	16 Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern	17 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	18 Girls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall	19
20	21	22 	23	24 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res	25	26
27	28 Tatong Heritage Group meeting Tatong Hall 4pm	29	30 	31 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res	June 1	June 2

ART FOR EVERYONE

The Tatong Art Show will be held again this year at the time of the Benalla Festival, so why not paint something, anything, like you would have done as a child. You don't have to win prizes to get a lot of pleasure and satisfaction from your own creations. My suggestion: paint from your own life experience about the things you love or fondly remember. Also in August a new art show is proposed for Swanpool in place of the Bald Archy. Swanpool has lost its access to the Bald Archy due to new corporate sponsors taking it over for this year.

As this exciting new Swanpool art exhibition is in its formative stages I cannot reveal details except to say that it will be similar to the "Hay Bale Art," meaning that it is not just for practicing artists, and so it is open to anyone to have a go. Keep an eye out for publicity and entry forms in the near future.

Mike Larkin

Molyullah Notice Board:

Dates to note:

Thursday, 3 May: Molyullah Dinner at Benalla Golf Club, Midland Highway, Benalla at 6.30pm. We hope all our Molyullah residents who have moved to Benalla will be able to come along. Please call me on 5766 6268 by Wednesday, 2 May if you wish to come so I can make a fairly accurate booking with the Golf Club.

Saturday, 5 May: Catering job at the Hall. Morning tea for a car club – 150 members. Please ring Kathy Zoeth-out (5766 6288) if you can assist either on the day or by providing a slice, cake, or sandwiches.

Friday, 11 May: Fish & Chip night at the Molyullah Hall, 5.30pm start – food to be ordered by 7.00pm at the latest to allow time for everyone to enjoy the speaker (who will start as close to 7.00pm as possible).

PLEASE NOTE THAT NESSIE (NORTH EAST SCOTTISH STRINGS) WILL NOT BE PLAYING AT THE NORTH EASTERN HOTEL ON SUNDAY, 13TH MAY AS THIS IS MOTHERS' DAY. THE NEXT DATE FOR NESSIE IS SUNDAY, 10 JUNE (THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND).

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