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**Well! Now at last we are allowed to start thinking positive - again!!!!**

## **Proposed First Club Evening of 2022 - Monday March 21st**

What a winter we've had yet again! In January just when we thought that we might get together indoors after a couple of Covid ruined years it was suddenly more of the same, *plus floods!* We had managed to get the services of the brilliant **Don Stazicker** for our small club last January, (and he's nowadays just about the *biggest name in fly fishing in this country, but has kindly offered us a date for next year*) when we were told that the latest model Covid variant obliged us to cancel. We hoped - don't we all? - that we might manage the other good speakers we had lined up for Feb onwards. Alas, they too had to go the same way as Don's evening because small clubs and societies nationwide, not to mention public gatherings generally, were realising that the public were more interested in their health than in going to meetings with even old and good friends - *unless they happened to know the P.M. of course!* However, restrictions have been relaxed as infection rates have dramatically declined so we've once again got the green light for club members to meet up - *if only to see if we can recognise each other these days!*

Luckily, we were at least able to meet outdoors last summer and win the Midland Counties Fly Fishing Championship, which was good, and 20+ of us enjoyed a social reunion at our Foremark Reservoir Day out in September, hosted by Mick Jax, and we even had an excellent quiz night in November just before the new lot of Covid blew in. ***BUT, when were you last able to treat yourself to buying a pint for the ever jovial Mike Lawley; or to watch the Steer boys win the club evening raffle by means known only to the Magic Circle; or buy Belinda's Home Made 5\* Tastiest Ever Marmalade; or listen to Dixie's guffaws at Ric's oldest jokes since the end of World War II?***

Not for **far too long!**

The chemistry of our club evenings has been excellent for over 40 years, full of good humour, entertainment, wisdom (*and pseudo-wisdom!!!*), learning, and being amazed at what others can tell us that causes us to think about our fishing. And, of course we have eaten several tons of half time chips, sandwiches, and pasties, drunk modest sized amounts of ale, and both provided and taken home thousands of raffle prizes: from rust covered Jack Charlton 1980s fishing videos to free fishing days with Don Stazicker and highly prized fruit cakes baked by our lovely treasurer.

We have some truly exceptional members who have contributed to the club in many ways from their ability to catch fish in a puddle, to being able to make us laugh, or feel instantly comfortable in their presence, or be impressed by their contribution to the club's direction, or just by being good folk. (Happily the latter are the big majority). So treat yourself to this:

## **OUR FIRST 2022 EVENT TO LIVEN US UP FOR THE NEW SEASON**

Date: **Monday, March 21st** Venue: our very welcoming new home  
at **The Brookfield Hotel (Barrow on Trent)**

postcode DE73 7HG. Time: **7.30 onwards** FREE!!!

*We propose:*

- *to have a panel of our own and one or two visiting **well-liked and good humoured 'experts'** and fire questions at them about any and everything on fly-fishing.*
- *They will in addition to their views all be briefed to bring along their **good ,bad and absurd memories of the two Covid seasons***
- ***And their best tall stories and anything else that will facilitate ..... A thoroughly splendid evening filled with interest, laughter and ..... sandwiches, chips and liquid refreshment!!!***
- *We will also bring along the Midland Counties Fly Fishing Trophy that we won yet again and will present our own trophies to their winners. **SO PLEASE BE THERE** if you're a present member, retired member, member from ancient times, prospective member or just a fly-fisher: **AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.***

Why leave the laughs to TV shows when we've got a bunch of Champion Fly Fisher mugs of our own?

