



Sadly, since our last newsletter we have lost Della Saxton who used to join us from Long Eaton, she has been living with cancer for several years. A card of condolence has been sent to her husband John who used to join us on holidays. If people would like to send their own card Fran and Nancy have her address.

Fran has also spoken recently to Betty Drulia who sends everyone her love and Kathleen Stanley who wants to be remembered to you all. Both have some health problems at the moment but hopefully will soon be feeling much better.

This September will be 15 years since the Golden Shamrock club first started in the Members bar. We were restricted for space as Dave Murphy had his sandwich bar in the area where we now make tea. The late Mick Carty organised a coach from his church and we ended up with 150 people! The steering committee thought we would be doing well if 20 people turned up! Luckily, we had catered for about 50 but people were so glad to see old friends they had lost contact with and make new friends. It would be nice to think we could be back for this September, but we don't want to take any risks with people's health. When we get the all clear we will start to plan for a special Party.

The garden is looking a picture, the cupboards and drawers have all been sorted hopefully we haven't put on too much weight during lockdown but the hair! Oh, my goodness! Fran looks like an old English Sheepdog! Anna has decided to grow hers and have a chignon, very sophisticated!

Marie Dore's daughter Anna has been making some lovely NHS personnel key rings and small dolls which she has shown on Facebook. I wonder if anyone else has been creative with their time? Facebook is a great way of passing time and accessing all sorts of interesting sites such as 'Nottingham Way back When' which has old photos of the city as it used to be before it got 'Planners blight'.

If you have a tablet or laptop and have an email address could you let Fran know as it is a more economical way of keeping in touch rather than posting the newsletters, although it is nice to hold the paper and pick it up and put it

down without having to switch something on and wait for it to warm up. The website is still work in progress Nottingham Irish Centre will be the main heading then Golden Shamrock will be a sub heading where we will be able to put information and photographs

So just to keep you on your toes and stop your brains atrophying we have included a short quiz, no prizes but give yourselves a pat on the back if you get them all.

- 1) The Irish Tricolour backwards is the flag of which African country?
- 2) Name the most northerly and southerly points of Ireland?
- 3) What language was the Book of Kells written in?
- 4) Which instrument has 47 strings and 7 pedals?
- 5) How long is the Wild Atlantic Way in miles or kilometres?
- 6) The River Shannon runs through how many counties?
- 7) What County has the smallest population?
- 8) Which Northern Ireland county is the golfer Rory McIlroy from?
- 9) Which Irish cyclist won the 1987 Tour de France?
- 10) PLANTERS WOOD is an anagram for which popular racing venue?
- 11) KARLA O VADER is an anagram for whose name?
- 12) RITUAL JEWELS is an anagram for which comedy actress?

Meanwhile, look after yourselves, keep active, don't take any risks, beware of scammers, be nice to people and keep in touch.

From Fran on behalf of the Committee