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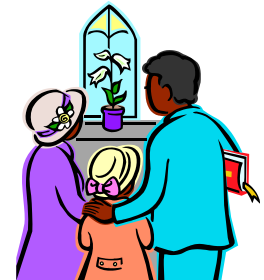
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“Fellowship on Wheels”

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Presidents Report

A great rally for the bush camp held at Hillview. A record 62 caravans attended for the Presidents Picnic weekend. This exceeded my belief that we would have 45 caravans attending due to no power & water. I am sure all who attended enjoyed the weekend.

We had 3 first time visitors attend : John & Kay Evans, Fred & Lina Masci & Shane & Linda Jones. Also Peter Gawen returned after a 6 year layoff. I hope Peter you met & enjoyed time with old & new friends. I hope you all enjoyed the weekend activities and return to attend more rallies in the future.

Roy & Carmel Bridges received their 100 rally badges. I was honored to be able to present their badges as Jenny & I attended our 1st rally at Jandowie Showground in May 2003, a long weekend, this was also Roy & Carmels 1st rally.

Friday afternoons Golf, Craft & Mah Jong were attended by many members with Mah Jong starting to gain more interest.

Friday night members played card games, also Rock & Roll dancing lessons gained interest from rockers. Thank you Kevin & Carol for your patience, I am sure members enjoyed your expert instructions.

Saturday morning book club is slowly growing more interest from members.

Saturday afternoons tour to the Milk Dairy & Old Church. By all reports, members enjoyed the experience. It was very interesting & well worth the drive according to all who went. Thank you to Ray & Gail for another enjoyable afternoon activity.

Saturday afternoon after the tour was the Presidents Picnic. I would like to thank Jenny & all the ladies who helped her with the salad preparation & the men who cooked the hamburgers. A fun time was had by everyone under very good weather conditions.

Saturday night Square Dancing was a lot of fun with new & old members having a go. The black & white night created interest with a variety of outfits. Steve, Robyn & Mary thank you for another great night of entertainment.

To our rally Marshalls Des McLeod, Keith McCallum & Bob Kearney thank you for another great job & also throughout the last year.

I hope everyone enjoyed the rally & it was very pleasing to see so many vans at this bush camp.

This is my last Presidents Report, it has been 2 wonderful years . I would like to thank the Committee & all members for your support during the last 2 years.

I wish the next committee all the best for the year ahead. We are so lucky, having such a great club whose Members enjoy “Fellowship on Wheels.”

I wish each and every member good health, happiness & safe travelling & look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at Woodford for Easter.

President

John

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Rally at Woodford How to Get There

Woodford Showgrounds	Continue on the Bruce Hwy north past the Buchanan Road/ Morayfield exit. At the next exit (Caboolture/Bribie Island/Kilcoy - Exit 152) there are 2 lanes that exit. Exit Bruce Hwy on the right exiting lane , which continues on to Kilcoy and D'Aguilar Hwy. Once on the road to Kilcoy and after going under the overhead bridge, move into the left lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Continue along the highway, passing through Wamuran, until you reach Woodford. Continue through the town of Woodford and then turn left towards Villeneuve (Neurum Rd). After several hundred metres, the showground is on your right
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	18 th to 21 st April 2014
	Arrive no earlier than:	16 th April
	Depart no later than:	22 nd April

000 Emergency	Nearest Hospital: Caboolture Public Hospital
Details	Showground Address & Cross street: On Neurum Road, cross street is D'Aguilar Highway
4514	

Medical Needs:	Woodford Family Medical Centre, 64 Archer St., Woodford												
Site Contacts:													
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.												
Special needs:													
Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:	Des McLeod – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Des on 5494 7832 or 0438 439 376 by the Monday prior to the rally. If you do not phone and all sites near the amenities have been pre-allocated, a site near the amenities may not be available.												
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Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Thur	evening	TBA (Meal at pub)	Sun:		Street Brekkie
Fri;	9:00 am	Morning tea		7:00 pm	Mini Drags
	12:30pm	Golf, with Steve Langley	Mon;	8:15-8:45 am	Pay Treasurer
Sat	9:30 am	Welcome Meeting		9.00 am	Morning tea
	9:00 am	Morning tea		9.30 am	Meeting,
	9:30 am	Meeting,- General Meeting--- Followed by AGM		12.30 pm	Management Committee
	7:00 pm	Main Event			

NOTE FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS- BOOKS FOR STATE RALLY:-

- 1, The Book Thief ...by Marcus Zusak 2, Pescador's Wake...by Katherine Johnson
 3, The Red Chief...by Ian Idriess

61 caravans gathered in Hillview for the March rally

Programme Details

Thursday:

6;00pm Meal at Woodford Hotel \$16.95 Roast night. Soup, Roast & Sweet, free refills all night. Thats right, only \$16.95, 6;00sharp.

Ring or email Gary Jarrett before 10th. April

7;00pm- Cards and Games

Friday: Put names in box for disc bowls anytime during the day, see note below!

9;30 am Welcome meeting (with Hot X Buns)

10:30 am Bring and Buy Market

12:30 pm Golf with Steve Langley

1:00 to 3:00pm Mah-Jong with Mary

1;00pm Craft with jenny

Registration for disc bowls must be in by 7pm at the absolute latest as owing to the AGM there will be limited time to get the contest organised.

7:00 pm Crazy Hat and "getting to know you" night
(Details at meeting)

Saturday:

8;00 am Book Club (in Hall). Book is "The Red Chief" or the last book you read.
Around lunchtime (after the meetings), Easter Egg Hunt.

Early afternoon: Pairs Disc Bowls.

7;00 pm Crazy Whist Night (possibly need tables and chairs. More info at meeting.

Sunday:

Street Breakfast. (BYO everything)

4;00pm Mini Drag trials

7;00pm. The're off !! The race is on.

Monday; meeting, raffles etc

Club News *Special Notices – PLEASE READ*

For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsqld/>.

All persons on a QCC rally site, both members and visitors, must sign the Attendance Book.

It would be greatly appreciated if members, when purchasing goods from the Souvenirs cabinet and paying their fees at the end of the rally, could please tender the correct amounts where possible. Many thanks.

If possible, when members are the first to connect to a tap, could they attach a two way connector so as to save the next arrival having to hunt around the venue to find you and let you know they are going to turn your water off for a period whilst they connect.

The same applies when leaving. Please, would the connectors advise all fellow connectees of your intentions as folk may be enjoying a luxurious shower. Thank you kindly.

Do you have a CB radio? If so, would you be kind enough to let the Rally Marshalls know of your impending arrival so they can have some idea of were to put you. Ta Muchly!

Future Rallies

— 2014

May --3rd & 4th---Pittsworth Showground

June—6th to 8th---Lawnton

July—12th & 13th ---Kalbar

Aug----9th & 10th----Kenilworth Showground

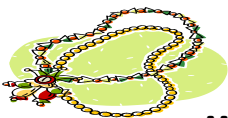
Sept.--22nd to 28th, Nanango, State Rally

Oct.—11th & 12th—Esk Caravan Park

Nov-- 8th & 9th-----Maleny Showground

Dec 10th to 16th Laidley Showground

Exciting Future Entertainment



Ladies, Regarding the Necklace making class at the June (Lawnton) Rally. Mary has gone to great lengths to get this organised and is ready to finalise arrangements.

For these to be completed, ladies wishing to take part must pay the \$35.00 fee to Mary at the Woodford Rally. If, after payment and due to some unforeseen circumstance, you cannot attend the Lawnton class, there will be no refund, BUT will still receive the starter kit and instructions on how to carry on.

Member Milestones



Saturday Morning in the “Chook Pen”That’s exactly what it sounds like in this Hall



George receives his engraved Bowls Trophy



John being John !!



**Well done Roy and Carmel
100 Rallies up**

♪ Happy Birthday to you for April ♪

1 st Sandra Smith	10 th Harry Middendorp	19 th Bob Barber
2 nd Graham Dukes	10 th Bev McCallum	19 th Roy Bridges
6 th Les Gerrard	11 th Bert Beker	28 th Gordon Baker
7 th Jill Davis	12 th Robyn Langley	28 th Bill Dobe
9 th Pat Barr	15 th Wendy Gibson	30 th Dorcas Burt

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for April ♪

3 rd Ann & Patrick Hetherman	15 th Heather & Graham McIlvanie
4 th Dorkas & Douglas Burt	15 th Denise & Terry Park
6 th Helen & Stewart Hornibrook	16 th Jill & Tom Davis
11 th Carolyn & Merv Kahler	16 th Bev & Graeme Cope
13 th Merle & George Beresford	19 th Marj & Bill Kasper
15 th Bev & Kem McDowall	20 th Cheryle & Graham Hill
	22 nd Jan & Ray Steele

Other News



Congratulations to Carol & Kevin Day.

Their Grandson, Zachary Kevin Day, was born late on 19th March.

Weighed in at 3930 gm and 52cms long. He joins his big Sister Kimberley.

Members Present at the Rally

Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker; Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Graham and Pat Barr, Sue Bartz; Bert & Yvonne Beker; George & Merle Beresford; Greg & Lorraine Bradford; Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Les & Lyn Buzza; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Graeme & Bev Cope; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Ken & Lyn Cragg; Tom & Jill Davis; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Ian & Gwen Egen; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Peter Gawen; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Rod & Bev Green; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; David & Helen Judge; Bob & Kathy Kearney. George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Phil & Del Lowe; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; Rodney & Mary Metcalfe; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Ron & Pam Petch; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Yvonne Robbins; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Tony Stephenson; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker Peter & Nerida Versace; Bill & Denise Waycott

First time Visitors – John & Kay Evans; Shane & Linda Jones; Fred & Lina Masci

Day visitors Val Jorgensen; Lyall & Debbie Thompson; Dell Portelli; Pauline Norris; Les & Brenda Usher
Lucky Winners

Xx & xx were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won a free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle
- Prizes:
- The \$50 voucher (donated by Qcc) was won by Yvonne Lacey
 - The levelling ramps (donated by M & D Thompson) where won by Carmel Bridges
 - The Table Runners(donated by K & M McDowell) was won by Jackie Smith

Entertainment Report

Not a lot happened Thursday and Friday except for the usual busy scenes of people setting up. Caught sight of Peter Versace strutting around like a new dad. Turns out he was dog sitting his daughters pooch for the weekend. Another members hound, named "Shadow", took an instant liking to Peters fluffball !



A murmur of excitement went through the camp as Terry and Denise Parks turned up with their long awaited ,brand spanking new, 5th Wheeler and Towing Beast ! Our first ever such vehicle.For a short while anyway.....Then prospective new Members arrived with their equally impressive rig ! Both owners can look forward to lots of visits from curious members (Those who may be interested in the vehicles will be there too !!) Could make a quid charging for tours !



Jenny and the Craft ladies having a chat and Renewed attraction Mah-Jong created a quite bit of interest for Mary. The Golf enthusiasts ,9 in total,are a dead keen mob. 60 kilometre round trip for them this meeting!! The dance floor (which is reputed to be one of the best dance floors in the State) received its first usage of the weekend, for Line dancing with Kev and Carol.(Looking at the picture below,you would swear blind half the Ladies had never seen me and my camera before !)

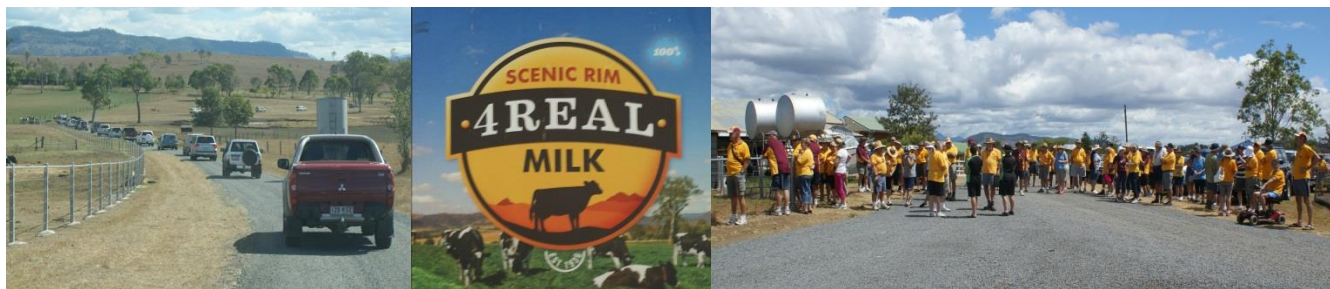


Friday night ,the dance floor recieved another dust-off. Kevin "Twinkletoes" Day hit the floor again,trying hard to convince the" two left feet " brigade, that if they can count to 4, they can rock & roll !



Those of us who Suffer the same "two left feet" affliction but weren't game to have a go, or preferred a much less energetic friday night pastime, decided it would be nice to listen to the Good old Rock and Roll songs whilst having a quiet game of 5 crowns card game in the next room....And for the first time in yearsI won!! Helen didn't actually say I was a cheat, but inferred I was inordinately lucky. But fair go,she was scoring!! Not my fault if that position wasn't taken full advantage of !!just saying.

After the Saturday Meeting, The members going on the tag-a-long tour to The 4Real Dairy and Tamrookum Church, assembled in a sort of orderly fashion along the site. On the 17 Klm single lane road back to the Mt Lindsay Hwy, it was comical to see the reactions of the few locals we encountered going in the opposite direction, suddenly engulfed in an endless convoy of dust raising 4WDs. (I believe we wouldn't have been far short of 30 vehicles !!)



We arrived (all **115** of us) and were greeted by a couple of the Dennis Family, which owns and runs the Dairy. We were split into 3 groups and taken to different parts of the operation to begin our tour. First was the bottling plant, which I was surprised to see, was not as huge as I expected for the output of the place. Then onto the automatic milking process. This section was absolutely fascinating. Totally computer controlled, like the little roller brush that washes the teat before the suction cups are attached. Then four red laser beams position each cup perfectly for the attaching. Facts, like from the cows first milking, Its teat configuration changes as it get older and the daily changes are mapped by the computer so each day it knows exactly where each teat is positioned. Every thing was explained in detail then questions were taken by the instructor, Greggie. One thing I forgot to ask was ...what is the connection between a cow milking machine and an Astronaut !!



Next, on to the huge rest area, a large covered shed. The area is sectioned off so each cow has its own space. The floor looks like concrete but is in fact a huge gel-pad to ease pressure on the cows feet. Certainly get pampered. Then on to the nursery where the little tykes are looked after. Seems if your born a twin or a male its curtains!! Apparently not much good for anything. (heard

a couple of whispers from Ladies in the background, that this applies to Males in general !) We then had a nice welcome afternoon tea.(I had two cups of icy cold ,full cream milk yummy).

Then it was back in the Convoy and a couple of klms up the road to the Historic Tamrookum Church. I used to drive this way a couple of times every month to see friends in Urbenville, always meaning to call in but never did. Inside, the timbers are impressive, all locally sourced Cedar and milled at the Beaudesert Sawmill which is still operating today.

The Church is a Gem and has an interesting history. Once the church was packed , literally to the rafters, a lovely 83 year old Lady, Allison Whitley (who incidentally informed us that she may be deaf but still has a strong voice) welcomed us and carried on with a fascinating tale without the aid of a microphone. When finished, she took questions , relayed through her two helpers, junior members of her family, Christine Taylor and Janice Hooper. Our club members were no doubt chuffed to hear that we were the largest crowd of visitors the Church had ever had. After Allison finished, Our esteemed Leader of the Tour, Ray, said a few words and revealed that due to the overwhelming response to the double tour he was able, on behalf of the QCC, to make a donation to the restoration fund of the Church, over and above the admission cost.



Two happy faces in the Church but not sure about the folk behind.....Do they know something we don't !!!

A few of us in the congregation kept surreptitiously glancing upwards as if admiring the beams!

My Mum used to say to me as a kid, "be careful going into a church, it's likely to fall on you from shock!"

Wonder if some of our members have been a tad remiss! There was a fair bit of shuffling around in seats....lol

After a look around the Graveyard, we straggled back to Hillview . After what I can say without fear of contradiction, was one of the best tagalongs ever, it's time to hand out a Bouquet or two

to Ray Caddies and "Rookie Bookie" Steve Langley for a terrific bit of organisation. It was a brilliant afternoon. Thanks from everybody Fellas.....

Saturday evening saw the Presidents hamburger picnic. As was to be expected there was a good turnout for the event. The weather looked a bit threatening, but held off for us with quite a nice sunset.



Everyone was hungry after the hectic days proceedings and weren't disappointed with the fare on offer. The Hamburgers were purchased from a butcher in the Coles shopping complex and very popular, judging by the number of returnees for seconds (and a couple of thirds, ie; moi!). One person was spotted putting her seconds in a bag... Explained they didn't have a dog but would enjoy them for breakfast next day... That's how good they were !



The addition of Beetroot relish to the menu caused a bit of consternation amongst some members who were dressed ready for the Black & White Night !! At Least one wasn't taking any chances !



Great Vote " QCC Kitchen Rules " staff and helpers, 10/10 for a meal well done.

The Main Event.....Black and White Night Out !

Well, the event started with a secret, surprise dose of hilarity. The Five member team of the **QCC Black & White Dance Troupe** stepped out with an extremely funny (and I should imagine, difficult) Dance routine. They had a well deserved encore. It's amazing how a wig can change appearances. I could not for the life of me pick 2 of the ladies until they were identified at the Sunday meeting! A video copy will be available on disc, as usual, for a gold coin Donation to RFDS.(See George) I think the Video will be shown over the weekend for those who missed it.



Next on the card was the third and final use of the dance floor, Steve Langley overseeing and calling the Square dancing. Steve has inexhaustible patience teaching the square dancing. I must admit I don't participate, but I walk away shaking my head after watching some of the performances by my fellow members.



Whilst all this frivolity was going on The photo booth was clicking away nicely. It got a bit hectic for a while and I was extremely grateful to Margaret Hiller who rocked up and took over the wardrobe department, helping the customers to choose outfits. The pictures shown here will be played on a slideshow sometime at the Easter Rally and will also be available as a print for the donation of a gold coin for the RFDS.



Noggin Names:-

1st Batch—1, Graeme Sheehan-2, Ron Smith-3, Rod Green-4, Pat hetherman-5, John Carroll-6, Gordon Baker.

2nd Batch---1, Lional Jacobson-2, Ross Luscombe-3, Gordon Ison-4, Ken Mc Nab-5, Steve Langley-6, Daryl Kays





A great night had by all. Once again thanks to anyone who had anything to do with ensuring the Night was a success. You can all give yourselves a huge pat on the back

Sunday

The Donation to the Church mentioned earlier was announced today, \$200, a magnificent effort of master wheeling and dealing by Ray Caddies with the Dairy owners. Although they charged us \$10, apparently they capped the overall price, which left a nice surplus and the donation was rousingly welcomed by the congregation (100% QCC !!) Again, well done and thanks Ray!

Today was Garys "Blooding" day, grooming him, to see if he may be suitable to hold a position of high office! Bit nervous, but did ok I thought. We had the identities of the Black & White troupers and their wardrobe assistant, Robin, confirmed and they all took a bow. One of our Members came up with the cute Idea of sending the "Sunshine Lady", Heather a get well card as the boot was on the other foot (or more correctly "the slings on the other arm") for a change!



And last but not least, talking about boots on other feet, a few of the ladies decided it was time the tables were turned on serial prankster Gordon Baker. During the meeting, they sneaked out and filled his car with the B&W balloons from the night before!



'ello,'ello, some ruddy imposter taking Noggin pics



Lucky Escape!—This was the sight that greeted Members Keith & Bev McCallum when they returned from his Brothers Funeral recently. Keiths van was parked at his Brothers Property and during their absence at the funeral, a grass fire roared through the area. Luckily the “Firies” were just in time to save their caravan from big trouble.

Worth their weight in gold these Country fire fighters!

Now it's the Dirty Dobbers Den, the place you find out who your friends really are.

One of our members told me he had a plethora of visitors last week (complete with vans of course) One gent, whose wife was away in Ballarat, was really at a loss. Had to high tail it back home 'cos he forgot his glasses, wallet, pills and numerous other incidentals. Even had his eating instructions on foolscap size notes stuck on the caravan fridge and his Thursday night steak for tea in a marked pack !!! And to add to his misery, I actually witnessed him on Saturday morning, hanging around a members van at breakfast time. He remarked to us all “ah well it must be breakfast time” and when the Lady present replied “No chance mate, I don't do breakfast at the weekends”, He shrugged his shoulders and wandered off, probably to find some other sympathetic soul !!

The next dob can be proved as we have photographic evidence and an eye witnesses !! This visitor is the only person who has bottomed out his van on their causeway (probably a “speed oversight”) and on another occasion got bogged, needing to be towed out by the hosts tractor, all in the same visit. He should be easy enough to identify. He drives a Ford Exploder !! (woops, sorry for the typo... should be Explorer), which best explains why he got into this predicament. To add to his woes the witness was a prospective member of QCC. Real good impression to create heylolol



Beetroot Relish-Courtesy of Gale Caddies

- Makes about 3 cups
- 3 med beetroot trimmed, peeled (about 600g)
- 1 grannysmith apple peeled cored
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes (optional)
- pinch allspice powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 cup water

Roughly chop the beetroot and apple. Place in a food processor in batches and process until finely chopped, then transfer to a large bowl.

Heat the oil in medium saucepan over medium heat, add the onion and cook for 3 minutes, until soft. Add the beetroot apple mixture, followed by the remaining ingredients. Stir for 3-4 min, until the sugar and syrup dissolve. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to the boil.

Boil gently for 20-25 mins, or until the beetroot is tender and the liquid is thick and syrupy. The chutney will thicken even more on cooling.

Spoon into hot sterilised jars seal and label. Store in the fridge for up to 6 months.

I received this email from our esteemed Vice President the other day.

Gary Jarrett gave me the club dry powder Fire extinguisher to have it's six monthly check. I put it in the boot of my car in it's wooden box ! During my travels during the next few days the extinguisher came out of the box and the trigger safety pin fell out, the extinguisher slid around in the boot and the trigger hit the side of the boot. Guess where the dry powder is now ??? Well it had to be checked any way , now it has to be refilled as well. You can't help bad luck !!!! Ches

What he didn't say was....Did this happen before it was checked....or after!!

Thank You

John and Jan Miers would like to express their thanks to all the people who phoned or otherwise sent condolences and/or attended the Funeral of Johns father, aged 98, who sadly passed away on Sunday 9th March.

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