

## Notes from Membership Committee

Club Council Meeting on 12 January 2016

The Committee did not meet in December and I have not called a meeting for January, hence there are no minutes to put before Club Council.

I have given some thought to the timing of meetings of the Committee as I would have welcomed the input of all those Club members who were allocated to this committee. I am proposing to call the next meeting in the early evening early in February.

There is a proposal for membership which, having been duly notified to members, I believe now needs the confirmation from Council.

Club Council has twice considered issues concerning the notice of our meetings in the Melton Times and I believe had agreed that the wording should be changed. I would suggest something like:

Monday

Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray, Sysonby Knoll Hotel, Melton Mowbray, 1-2 pm.  
Contact 01664 562499 if you would like to attend.

The present wording is not suitable for several reasons:

Our meetings are not open meetings, attendees who are not already Rotarians can only come by invitation.

Membership of Rotary follows from a prospective member being invited to complete a proposal for membership which needs the endorsement of an existing member of the Club before it can proceed.

If a person were to come to a meeting unannounced there could be some embarrassment for the venue, for our stewards and for the visitor.

An opportunity to contact someone beforehand and express an interest in attending is likely to prove more conducive to a positive relationship with Rotary.