

Breakfast meeting at Youth in Romsey. President and 8 members in attendance despite the sleety snow– low numbers mostly due to people setting up the Technology Tournament.

We enjoyed the usual excellent breakfast and those present then exchanged anecdotes about their experiences in snow.

The President regaled us with his experience anchored off the whaling station at Grytviken in South Georgia in 1983 where there was 4ft of snow and howling katabatic winds (look it up). He even shared a photo with us.

John King gave us two long anecdotes the first of when he was with the Ordnance survey in Cumbria - driving across flowerbeds when roads became invisible and the second of taking ages to drive from Southampton to Fareham in an AustinA35.

John Gould recounted two snowy journeys – the first in in1963 from Wolverhampton to Epsom in an 1936 Flying Standard and dealing with a puncture, a rusted jacking point and a very unhelpful garage. The second, a 14 hour journey from Falmouth to Surrey which involved avoiding police roadblocks.

John Livingstone recounted frozen lodges (dammed ponds) near Bolton and an epic snowy journey from London to Sheffield.

Stuart Wineburg’s journey involved his first company car, an orange Vauxhall Cavalier being written off in a snow drift without him driving anywhere.

Fi Cook recounted driving in REAL snow and ice when she lived in Canada.

Neill Beasley’s Morris 1000 was rescued from a snowy roadside by a rescue vehicle usually used for retrieving HGVs.

Paul Quinnell recounted a heartwarming story of a collision he had in snow with a young driver whose car was badly crumpled and yet Paul’s suffered only a damaged numberplate. The repair of the numberplate cost £120. The young driver’s car was repaired free of charge thanks to a generous garage.

Tony Abbot’s memories of snow and ice were from 1963 when he was working on a dairy farm with only one non-frozen tap in the farmhouse from which all the water had to be carried by bucket for 3 months.

Next meeting at RBL Romsey “Poisons plants and pharmaceuticals” by Mark Tomlin.

Room Prep:	Jackie Taphouse and Mike Hicks
Grace:	Jackie Taphouse
Speaker recep :	Steve George