



For reasons the members themselves don't quite comprehend, the former acting secretary of the Assembly of Gentlemen failed to send reports of their meetings to the *South Marysburgh Mirror* for the past several months. Sensing something amiss, the member with numerous alphabetical designations following his last name created a recap report based on his and others recollections of meetings. "Our newly minted recording secretary will be more on top of things and will possess a better filing system," he stated in his submission for this edition. "We have a lot of ground to cover to catch up so



fit in what you can." To that end, 'fit' was the theme of a presentation by Milford resident and former B&B owner, Helen Ward on August 29th. Her talk, entitled "*Variations and Intricacies of Canadian and English Plumbing Standards: A Case Study of the Challenges*", was well received by members in attendance that morning.

Following what was described as an animated presentation, Helen fielded questions about her research methodology and additional projects she had in the offing, including travelling to the UK to collect data for further presentations. "I know it seems nonsensical to have different dimensions of plumbing but it is clearly evident between North America and Europe, 'innit'?" she asked in her distinct English accent.



Sensing where the conversation might go and facing time constraints because of a lengthy agenda, the Chair thanked Helen for her informative presentation and offered her an invitation to update the AoG when she returned from the UK in the New Year.

The blustery, blizzard conditions that prevailed during late January and early February were the basis of conversations during several meetings of the group. The member whose residency in the Greater Milford Area (GMA) far eclipsed that of others could not recall such sudden turns of the weather. "But I've seen worse, just not so quick," he said. "The winter of '78, it was bad. And '10, that wasn't good either." Pressed to explain, he continued, "A few years ago, when it was real cold for the carnival on the millpond, that was bad too. That's when we had to form our ERU, Emergency Response Unit."

"I remember that one," added another member. "When the guy driving the back hoe was clearing the ice and fell through. Sank pretty quickly. We tried to help the guy, too. Then we started calling him a submarine commander."

"We sure did," agreed the designated member, "and the ERU got called up again when Jen Ackerman's horse fell into the ditch. We were all out of here like rockets trying to help."

The meeting held last week was adjourned but not without a couple of items added to future agendas. "*Live Laugh Eat* is up for sale," stated a member, "so we need to discuss where we're going to go next. We were at Hicks, then it closed. Then we were at a place on the other side of the millpond, now we're here and it's closing."

Sensing something of a pattern between the longevity of local businesses who have hosted the AoG and available local options, the bespectacled litigator who had been quietly listening to and observing the conversation said, "The only one that fits the bill is The Bistro."

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**Please Note: There will be NO meeting February.
The first meeting for 2019
will be in March.**