

## Sex and the Saxophone

Our first meeting of 2023 went with a swing-literally! For a solid hour, we were entertained by the lovely John Grant, who played a variety of instruments, told jokes and sang. His main instrument was the saxophone- and you wouldn't believe he had only been playing it since 2020! In March of that year he became very ill with COVID and spent six weeks on a ventilator. He thought that playing the saxophone would help his breathing and lungs recover, and they certainly have, judging by the way he belted out "Baker Street." Superb!

He also played the guitar very competently, and soon had us singing along to old Country and Western hits such as "Ring of Fire" and "The Black Hills of Dakota." He has been playing the guitar since his teens but, like the saxophone, he is entirely self-taught. All credit to him. And where does the sex come in? He told us his wife, when going past an Ann Summers shop window, said that she would like something "see through and close fitting." He bought her cling film!! Be careful what you wish for.

It was a great way to start the year, so thanks to John for entertaining us so brilliantly. Towards the finale, he reminded us how lucky he felt to be alive and how important it was to treasure every moment. We should all remember this as, in the words of another musician, the late, great Satchmo-"It's a wonderful world."

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