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UKRAINE CRISIS

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We are witnessing historic events at the other end of Europe which are now provoking an extraordinary response back home. **Martin Jensen**, as most of you know, has run a substantial farming operation in Ukraine for a good number of years in addition to his many other enterprises. Perhaps prompted by his family background with the long history of his native Finland resisting the menaces of the Russian Bear, Martin has truly taken the current atrocity to his heart. Any day now he is due to make a personal delivery of medical supplies with other humanitarian aid and says “the Ukrainian people will all be very grateful for any help that can be provided”. His daughter Emily has been behind setting up a [gofundme](#) page which within only 2 days has already reached the initial target of £10,000. People have been remarkably generous with the average donation exceeding £100; *A few words from Emily* are attached and the link is <https://gofund.me/d53bdd05> . **Stuart Ross** points out that Martin’s mother-in-law will be 100 on Saturday but Martin says “she will not mind ...in fact she will be the first one to encourage me to go. Never in my life have I seen such unequivocal support from people around the world and all walks of life”. We wish him well and with any luck Martin might make it back for our meeting on Tuesday so that he can tell us all about it.

The main event remains ***Rob Mutimer on Tuesday, 8th March, 7.30 at Holt Rugby Club*** where you will be able to admire or otherwise comment on the Ben Youngs mural. In the attachment herewith ‘Lenny’ is framed by two of our own in ex HRC President **Chris Harrison** and current President **Rob Hughes**. It may have taken the threat of World War III but things seem to be hotting up after two years of pandemic paralysis.

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