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Driving the wheel of fellowship

October '14 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

October

Monday 6th Normal Meeting John Wilson David Ayres

Thursday 9th Council

Monday 13th Business Meeting

Monday 20th Normal Meeting Brenda Parcell John Howell

Monday 27th Normal Meeting Anne Baker Tony Hiron

November

Monday 3rd Normal Meeting Brenda Burton David Haynes

Monday 10th Normal Meeting Ken Billington DG Peter Hammond

Thursday 13th Council

Monday 17th Business Meeting

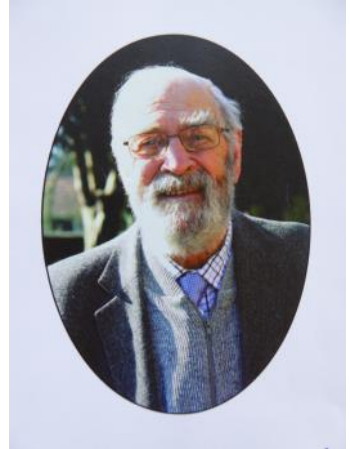
Monday 24th Normal Meeting Bryan Cooper Steve Tallis

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell **David Ayres** Tel: 01455 202224 email ayres4feet@btinternet.com

In Memory of Canon Peter J Caswell (13th July 1922 – 30th August 2014)

Peter had, in 2012, been a Rotarian for over 60 years when he developed Alzheimers but he remained his normal friendly, caring, and humorous self and continued to attend Rotary Lunches until very recent times.

He served in the Royal Engineers during the war, completed an engineering degree at Cambridge where he was a heavyweight boxing champion. He became ordained, and served in New Addington, (where he was the first Vicar and built the new Parish Church), moving on to Buckhurst Hill and finally Lutterworth. He was proud to be here where Wycliffe was once Parish Priest, and celebrated Wycliffe's 400th anniversary by canoeing down the Swift "following his ashes to the sea". He served on the Church Synod and was a particularly passionate advocate of Ecumenical initiatives and collaboration amongst the different denominations. He was also passionate about communicating the message of faith in simple and visual ways.



He and Diana had 5 children, one of whom followed him into the clergy. Those of us who knew him will miss his dry sense of humour always finding the right word when necessary.

The Volunteer area of Society—2nd September

John Warren – manager of the Volunteer Centre – was our speaker who spoke about being a volunteer. John moved to Lutterworth from Wales 26 years ago and having been made redundant some 18 years ago joined the Lutterworth Volunteer Centre.

He asked us the question – why do people do it.

In most cases those who volunteer make time to give something back to the community in an area where they feel they are able to. Being a manager of a volunteer centre is something very different from managing staff at work. The range of knowledge volunteers have is often very different from the industry you've been used to. Managing volunteers is both rewarding and different. Volunteering is unique in that it is always a win/win situation where both the volunteer and the beneficiary of the volunteering all gain.

The infrastructure funding for the Volunteer Centre has changed over recent years and is now mainly centred on Transport and is developing these services as a social enterprise to ensure sustainability into the future.

His vision, some 13 years ago was for the setting up the One Stop Shop to get all the voluntary and community groups together under one roof. This has proved to be most successful with all the organisations benefiting from our location. There is no direct funding for the One Stop Shop but we have been successful in securing lots of grants. We also enjoy excellent support from H W Coates Ltd our landlord who has helped make everything possible.

He gave a range of stories too numerous to give here but John – always forward thinking and game for anything ran and completed the London Marathon in 2011. Raising money for Multiple Sclerosis Resource Centre some £4,500 and thought he had put his running shoes away. But – “oh no” – his most recent project is to walk from John O’Groats to Land’s End next year after he retires in March and is now looking for local charities to support as someone has already done by promising £1 per mile.

John, you are crazy, you should join Rotary and mastermind some of our outlandish ideas for raising money. Ours and your approach to life is that the impossible just takes a little longer.

Elle Laughton Branch Manager of Waitrose Lutterworth 8th September

Elle gave us a highly detailed and professional talk on her company and the progress it has made since coming to Lutterworth some 4½ years ago. In that period they have made a profit of 12% year on year which is no mean achievement in that time when the retail trade in general has struggled. What she said was that they have tried to become part of the community (*which they certainly have*) and support local charities through their green tokens and where possible support local events like the Santa Fun Run. She was marvellous in fielding the many questions that emanated from her talk.

She gave a short history of the group which may be of interest to you.

History of Waitrose

When Wallace Waite, Arthur Rose and David Taylor opened their first small grocery shop at 263 Acton Hill, West London in 1904, little did they know that within a century the company would have

become one of the country's leading food retailers employing over 37,000 people.

The John Lewis Partnership acquired the business in 1937, opening the first Waitrose supermarket in 1955. Today there are 280 branches dedicated to offering quality, value and customer service.

There are Waitrose shops throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Locations range from high streets to edge of town sites and vary in size from just 7,000 square feet to approximately 56,000 feet. The John Lewis Partnership as a whole employs nearly 68,000 Partners and has a turnover in excess of £6 billion. As well as Waitrose, it runs 26 John Lewis department stores throughout the UK, several manufacturing concerns and a farm.

Thank you letter from Charlie Higgins

The Club donated towards the cost of a local student going to Borneo during the summer. Here is his letter of thanks.

Quote:- I have survived a month in Borneo and I would like to thank you (Rotary) very much for making it possible.

During my month in Borneo I encountered many highs and also many lows. The best part was feeling that I was making a difference in the lives of some of the local people who really struggled.

We helped to build a nursery in a small village and spent time reading with the children. Their grasp of English put us to shame as our Malay was non-existent!!! We also filled bottles with sand and stacked them into walls to make

a gathering place for the villagers to use. The local villagers were all very friendly and were very proud of where they lived. They would wake us at 4 a.m. every morning to show us the sunrise, this wasn't always welcomed.

They were also always up for a game of football in which they

showed more enthusiasm than skill.



The hardest part of my trip was 5 nights spent in the rain forest sleeping in a hammock strung between two trees. The noise at night was unbelievable and if you had to venture to the toilet in the night you would always encounter some hideous creature. Millipedes which were a foot long or Palm Banded Sivets were common and I won't mention the size of the spiders. We had to wash using a bucket of water from the river, we couldn't go in the river because of crocodiles so even getting your bucket filled was hazardous. Needless to say many of us came out of the forest not smelling too good.

I have learnt to appreciate the smaller things in life, clean water for example, and to appreciate that not everyone has the opportunities that we take for granted. I have also learnt a lot about the rain forests and their eco-systems and how precious they are.

Once again thank you for helping me to achieve this experience. I am glad I did it but don't think I would like to do it again for a few years.

Charlie Higgins

District 1070 Annual 86th Conference—Scarborough

Nearly 700 Rotarians and partners from 1070 gathered at Scarborough this year for the District Annual Conference. There were 8 of us in the Lutterworth team.

Scarborough was a new venue and served us well. The weather was more or less dry, if a little windy and the town cheerfully raucous and lively.

As usual, Conference took as its theme the RI President's motto of "Light up Rotary" which our District Governor Ken Billington adapted to his theme of "Inspiration through Courage". We were given a number of presentations from Charitable and Rotary groups engaged in good works both in the UK and abroad. Africa was particularly represented and, from the club's point of view, it was good to see a video and hear a report on the motorbike ambulances in Uganda that we raised funds for during John Turner's Presidency. Seeking funding for 200 units, in fact sufficient money was raised to purchase 32 combinations which are now in use and have demonstrably save lives.

Conference was perhaps diminished slightly by there not being a

Headline Speaker of national standing but in many ways the presentation by Andy Reid—a triple amputee from the Afghanistan conflict – made up for that. In typical Squaddie style he unemotionally and wryly recounted his life before, during, and after the Army. With the same determination he clearly has in everything he does, he had set himself goals in life and attained them come what may. Grievously wounded, he came out of hospital after only two weeks, before mastering the prosthetic limbs he uses to get himself around. Perhaps



the nicest target he set was to marry his long-term girlfriend Claire, and he is now a proud father.

Entertainment took the usual forms of dinners, speeches and music. We agreed to differ about the music

on offer, but all were impressed by a Grantham Barber Shop Quartet called The C Sharps. Friends from school and still each only 19 (!) years old they are a group to be watched. If we were worried about the elderly nature of some acts (The Likely Lads- 50 years together) we also had an accomplished performance by a 13(!) year old Soprano. Rest assured, there is a new and talented generation coming up behind us.

Next year's Conference will be held in Bournemouth, should members fancy paddling in a warmer sea. For the really keen ones there is also the RI Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil in June 2015. 20,000 Rotarians pretending they are not really interested in the Carnival!

Disabled Sports Radio Interview –6th September

On Saturday 6th September Tony Wadsworth and Julie Mayer from Radio Leicester came to present their four hour programme at the Lutterworth Museum at the One Stop Shop on various aspects of Lutterworth life. Their prime feature was to include the jet engine and Frank Whittle and the works of John Wycliffe.

Lutterworth Rotary was to have a largish 10+ minutes slot on our disabled sports team. Two of our members John Roberson and Bryan Cooper were particularly asked about the history of our team and how we started. We were able to tell about our success, the events we took part in and our results. Radio Leicester were particularly interested in the history and the future for disabled sport, and Jack Jackson and Stephen Cooper two members of our team were able to give their advice, help and opinions, Stephen was able to mention his Paralympic experiences in Sydney in 2000 where he gained two medals a silver in the 4x100 metres relay and bronze in the individual 800 metres

The main reason initially for us appearing on the programme was to spread around our plea for juniors aged under 16. This we did and left our message and contact details.

Puns for Educated Minds

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Sounds of Christmas - Saturday 29th November

St Mary's Church Lutterworth will be the venue on Saturday 29th November for a concert entitled "Sounds of Music". The Concert will make up a weekend of festivities which starts with the Town lights switch on the Friday evening and concludes with the Santa Fun Run on the Sunday. Amongst those appearing will be members of the Wycliffe Drama Group, The Lutterworth Town Band and the local, all female choir, "Rockapellia". It will feature a mixture of readings, songs and your favourite carols played by the Band.

Organised by Lutterworth Rotary Club, **admission will be £8.00 with concessions £6.00**. This will include an interval glass of wine (or soft drink) and mince pie. Proceeds will go to Lutterworth Museum and Lutterworth Foodbank.

Tickets from Aspect Stationers; or by phoning 552991 or 556616.

Forthcoming Events

Disabled Sports Practice nights

Friday 10th 17th and 24th October

starting in Gym Lutterworth College 6-30 to 8-30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd November - Disabled Sports at the Excel Leisure Centre Coventry CV4 8DY

Saturday 29th November - Sounds of Music St Mary's Church in aid of Lutterworth Museum and Lutterworth Foodbank Admission Adults £8 Concession £6.

Sunday 30th November - Lutterworth Santa Fun Run starting at 11 a.m. from Lutterworth College.

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