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Driving the wheel of fellowship

February '15 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

February

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 2nd Normal Meeting Tony Hirons David Walton

Monday 9th Normal Meeting John Roberson John Wilson

Thursday 12th Council

Monday 16th Business Meeting

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting David Ayres Rose Chapman

March

Monday 2nd Normal Meeting John Howell Phillip Duncan

Monday 9th Normal Meeting Bridget Hunt John Wells

Thursday 12th Council

Monday 16th Business Meeting

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting Peter Osborn Bernard Johnson

Monday 30th Normal Meeting Graham Johnson John Turner

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

John Turner's "Paul Harris Fellowship" Award

John Turner was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship by our Assistant District Governor John Saunders at our Christmas Dinner held at the Lutterworth Golf Club on Monday 15th December.

John joined the Club in August 2009 and has taken on a host of responsibilities as well as being our President in 2012/13.

While being very modest about the talents and wealth of experience he brought with him from his time as a teacher at Lutterworth College. John has master-minded our Annual Big Bike



Ride – *being a keen cyclist himself* – raising some £8,600 in three years for Epilepsy, and is largely responsible for the success of our Annual Santa Fun Run – now entering its 7th year. It is largely due to his reliability in getting things done that it has been such a success in (*with his team from both Lutterworth Clubs*) that it has raised around £81,000 over the past 6 years. He is a very worthy recipient to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship in appreciation of the work he has done for the local community through Lutterworth Rotary Club.

Thank you John for your enthusiasm and hard work that you give to everything you get involved in – a true Ambassador for Rotary in Lutterworth and beyond.



A pre - Christmas collection took place by both our Club and Inner Wheel for Rainbows at Morrisons Super Market where through the generosity of Lutterworth Shoppers over £1,000 was collected in just 2 days.

As you know "Rainbows is the East Midlands hospice for children and young people". It's a place where every new day is appreciated as an opportunity to celebrate life. When you visit the hospice you will see smiles and hear laughter.

The staff are marvellous in making each and every day count making it a "home from home" environment where children and young people facing extraordinary challenges can receive vital specialist care, respite and when needed end of life support.

Thank you all for your support at what can be a difficult time for both patients and their families.

2014 Christmas Get Together

After an extremely busy few weeks, 30 Rotarians and their partners took the opportunity to let their hair down, (however not all of it was their own!) at the

ABBA Revival Evening at Catthorpe Manor on Saturday 20th December



The evening was a sell out, and after a very enjoyable 4 course dinner, everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion, some dressing in 70's attire, the revellers listened and danced to a wonderful performance by the **UK's Number 1 ABBA Tribute Band**.

A very memorable evening to start the Christmas celebrations.

Community First Responders

At the 2014 Rotary Santa Fun Run 1,004 Santas took to the streets of Lutterworth at the end of November having been sponsored for their selected charity, one of which was the Lutterworth Community Responders.

These are volunteers operating on behalf of the Ambulance service in their local area. They attend the most life threatening emergencies and often arrive

before the ambulance itself. The Lutterworth group was set up in 2005 and has operated since then. The money raised from the Santa Fun Run will assist them in replacing obsolete defibrillators which will cost some £4,000 in total. Should anyone wish to donate to this worthy cause please contact them on their website "lutterworthcfr.org.uk"



News from Inner Wheel

On January 10th we celebrated National Inner Wheel Day with a delicious lunch at the home of president Sue Wilson. Remembering the theme of friendship and service to others combined with fun and food at many events. So please support our Coffee Morning, 9am Town Hall Thursday 12th February for Rainbows. A reminder the AGM is a week early Tuesday 17th February.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission 19th January

Our speaker Jeremy Prescott gave us a most informative talk on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This is an inter-governmental organisation of six independent member states whose principle function is to mark, record and maintain the graves and places of commemoration of Commonwealth of Nations military service members who died in the two World Wars and is ongoing with more recent wars.

The Commission was founded by Fabian Ware and constituted through a Royal Charter in 1917 named the Imperial War Graves Commission (*the change to the present name took place in 1960*). He told us that all military personnel regardless of rank race or creed were treated the same way on a headstone. The Commission are currently responsible for 1.7 million deceased service members in 153 countries and has constructed have approximately 2,500 war cemeteries and memorials.

In amongst the statistics he quoted during his talk he said that they were currently responsible for the care of war dead at over 23,000 separate burial sites and the maintenance of more than 200 memorials worldwide.

The Commission operates through the continued financial support of member states—United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa. *Their budget in 2013 was £66,570,000.* The current President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is Prince Edward, Duke of Kent.

The Menin Gate



Visit to Enterprise Centre 22nd January

17 Rotarians visited the Enterprise Centre where the student hosts produced lunch. Having first learnt the art of Quilling before producing greeting Cards Another group learnt Batik and the third group spent time in the Carpentry shop making a small bird table before joining the other



groups for lunch.

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Puns for Educated Minds

- * How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it....
- * Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- * A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- * I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- * Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.



- * I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- * I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

Jubilee Sailing Trust - 26th January

John Duggan our speaker gave us a fully illustrated talk on the Jubilee Sailing Trust which was started in 1978 and now owns two three masted sailing ships specifically the disabled to enjoy the art of sailing and each ship can accommodate up to eight wheel chaired crew.

They started with the Lord Nelson and in 2000 was joined by Tenacious a 586 Tonne Barque with 21 sails covering 1,217 square ft. To date 39,000 people have sailed with the Trust 27,000 on the Lord Nelson and 12,000 on Tenacious.

The crew on board is made up of 20 disabled crew and 20 buddies/carers plus 15 professional crew

The trips are around 5/6 days and cost around £125 a day.

John made it very clear that the ship takes no passengers and if you join those lucky enough to go you are a member of a working crew regardless of being disabled.

Proposed Forward Programme for 2015

Thursday 19th February - Skittles Evening at Wolvey

Sunday 19th April - Mad Hatters Tea Party at Misterton

Sunday 17th May - Plant Craft and Food Fair at Misterton

Saturday 18th July - Barn Dance

Sunday 16th August - Big Bike Ride starting at Misterton

Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th November

Disabled Championship at Coventry

Sunday 29th November - Santa Fun Run