

My travel plans 2015 (Anon)

I have been in many places but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there... I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport... you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions but you have to jump and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That's a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

Disabled Sports at Rugby 2nd May

It was the 31st Rugby Sports Day for the Disabled with the organisation chaired by Mark Furber of Rugby Rotary Club

We (a team created from across Leicestershire by the Lutterworth Rotary Club) had a very enjoyable and a most successful day at Rugby with the team and helpers, unfortunately Mark Beeby our coach was unable to join us due to the ill health of his father, but his well trained Boccia players swept the field.

We had our best ever results and it was a very sociable event for us all. The team are all good friends and really support one another.



Our drivers - Martin Iliffe, Bernard Johnson, Roger Rose and John Howell provided lifts with vehicles from the Lutterworth Volunteer Centre.

Carol Roberson and Brenda Parcell helped throughout the day. We took 14 competitors to the games (several had to leave early and are not in the photo).

Main Event Results

Table Tennis

1st Ted Carter

2nd Jack Johnson

Kurling

1st Ted Carter

2nd Elliott Hardman

Boccia Ambulatory

1st Nathan Smith

Boccia Wheelchair

1st Scott Keating

2nd Bradley Norman

Calum Smith

Target Boccia Wheelchair

1st Calum Smith

2nd Bradley Norman

3rd Yolande Hewitt

New Age Kurling

1st Ted Carter

2nd Elliott Hardman

Have a go Events

Tree Bean Bag

3rd Neil Anstee

Bagatelle

1st Elliott Hardman

Bowl a Pig

1st David Jarvis

2nd Ted Carter

Crossbow

2nd Elliott Hardman

The Falklands Conflict 1982

John Norton our speaker gave us a very full account of the event in which he was involved.

The following is but a précis of the notes he sent me – a full copy is available (issued separately all seven A4 pages) should anyone wish to have a full read of his talk.

John was a Section Commander in 3 Coy, 2 Para and at the age of 26 (having been in the Army for 9 years) he was deployed to the Falklands following the invasion of the island on 2nd April 1982. On 3rd April the first task force elements the Aircraft Carriers Hermes, Invincible and others set sail. The marine commandos sailed off on the Canberra while other ships joined the task force.

His company being assigned to the Norland (27,000 tonne) a requisitioned North Sea Ferry used as a troop ship, which was fitted in Hull with a helipad. So in his words they were going to the South Atlantic on a North Sea Ferry sailing through the roaring forties renown for its rough seas. She was brilliant – very stable, the crew, still civvies all volunteered to stay with the ship were fantastic.

On 26th April they sailed from Portsmouth arriving at the 200 mile exclusion zone around the island on 30th having stopped in Freetown Sierra Leone for refuelling.

Salient dates mentioned in his talk were:-

2nd May Belgrano sunk by a British submarine.

4th May HMS Sheffield hit by exocet missile.

6th May arrived in Ascension Island

21st May they landed at San Carlos – being met by the SBS (*Special Boat Service*).

He recalled it was the Falklands Winter where most days they had rain, wind, sun and snow all in one day. He recounted the view from San Carlos and the attacks on the ships in the bay. The Ardent and Antelope being sunk.

From there they marched to Goose Green where he gave a detailed account of his next few days under attack. (*See notes talked about*

earlier in the Blue Book).

On 8th June he saw Sir Galahad engulfed in flame and smoke and assisted pulling in the lifeboats.

On 13th June they started to round up prisoners captured from the previous days heavy fighting.

The Surrender took place on 14th June. His reminiscences of Stanley at the time were vivid as being a mess having had 6,000 Argentinians in the town.

Familiar Faces in Cornwall.

Report from John Cookson (RC Lutterworth Wycliffe) on Shelter Boxes

When Rotarians John Cookson and his wife, Vanessa (Blaby Meridian) made a visit to Cornwall recently, they decided to make a visit to Helston to the Shelterbox International site. Here Vanessa presented a cheque from her club for the purchase of a Shelterbox in the wake of the Nepal Earthquake disaster. On their very informative visit around the premises, it was with some delight that they saw some familiar faces from Lutterworth in the shape of Elaine Turner's teddies.

Teddies are often sent out with Shelterboxes, however, it was interesting to learn about the cultural problems that prevent them being sent to some countries – and particularly Islamic countries. Shelterbox has stores pre-located in various countries – including Dubai to speed up the delivery of the boxes to less-accessible parts of the world.



“Unfortunately, we learned that, even though the teddies might only be in transit through Dubai, it is illegal to import and store them there. All the same, wherever it is possible to include these in the boxes, Shelterbox does this and they are gratefully received.”

“Vanessa and I also discovered that aid through the organisation is not limited just to the boxes. A shelter pack is also provided in many areas where basic tools to aid in the re-building of the victims home might be of more use. These contain essential tools, ropes and strong plastic sheets to enable victims quickly to create temporary shelters for themselves. These kits are particularly cost effective at roughly just 10% of the cost of a full Shelterbox. Water filtration kits are now also available to be sponsored and sent independently of the kits.”
The tour of ShelterBox was very interesting and it is well worth doing a visit if you are in that area.

Welcome Sally (Hollis)
our newest member to the Club.



PLEASE NOTES :ould you not be able to attend the meeting on Monday 6th June please phone David Haynes on Tel: 01455 209285 or his mobile 07831 640458

Misterton Plant, Food and Craft Fair – 17th May

Much to the relief of Lutterworth Rotary Club, the morning of Sunday 17th May dawned fine and bright. A lot of organisation for the Plant Food and Craft Fair in the lovely grounds of Misterton Hall had seen a record 54 stalls booked in for the 9th year. As with any outside event the weather dictates the success to a certain extent. The Fair attracted more than 1200 visitors who enjoyed the grounds and the diversity of the stalls selling quality products. The food stalls were well patronised, many selling out and sending for reserve supplies.



Our newly elected MP Alberto Costa attended as his first public engagement and we were honoured that he agreed to present the prizes for the Concours d'Elegance. It was great to see him with his delightful family and our thanks to him for doing this on our behalf. The winner was Mr Roger Toone with an immaculate MGA 1600, and the Runner up Mr Martin Howe with a sparkling Triumph Gloria. It was a very attractive sight to see all the Classic and Vintage vehicles set against a backdrop of the Lake and woodland behind.



The takings exceeded all expectations and doubled those of last year, in itself a previous record. The main event raised £5,300 with other known charities raising £2000 for various causes. Not least being the plant stall by Elaine Turner and Tilly Yates, selling £742 worth of plants mainly home grown but with pansies donated

by The Plant Man of Braybrooke. This is being matched £ for £ by Barclays. Our thanks go to all our loyal stallholders who have been with us for 9 years and also to the new people whom we hope to see again next year. A special thank you also to Mrs Heather Craven who gives us the pleasure of using her grounds for the occasion and to all our visitors who seemed to have a good time.

A date next years diary Sunday May 15th 2016.

Thanks to Elaine Turner for writing this report.

Future Events

Saturday 18th July – Barn Dance.

We are holding our second Barn Dance by kind permission of David Haynes at Manor Farm, Ullesthorpe. Once again dancing to the "**Petronella Band**", with caller **Tom Tilley** from 7pm until midnight.

A Hog Roast / Pancakes / Ice creams will be available for purchase together with our usual bar / tea / coffee.

Attractions include: Grand Raffle / Horse Shoe Throwing and a Silent Auction.

Tickets £10 each, under 15s £5 from: Aspect Stationers and Lutterworth Rotary Members.

In Aid of Rotary Charities.

Visit to Gatton Park Thursday 23rd July organised by

Elaine Turner tel. No. 01455 553425

Please phone for more details and tickets which will cost £32 each.

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