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Driving the wheel of fellowship

September '15 Newsletter

September

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	7th	Normal Meeting	Steve Tallis	David Ayres
Thursday	10th	Council Meeting		
Monday	14th	Business Meeting		
Monday	21st	Normal Meeting	David Walton	Bernard Johnson
Monday	28th	Court Lane Farm - Military Museum		Bridget Hunt

October

Monday	5th	Normal Meeting	Anne Baker	David Ayres
Monday	12th	Normal Meeting	John Turner	John Howell
Thursday	15th	Council Meeting		
Monday	19th	Business Meeting		
Monday	26th	Normal Meeting	John Wilson	Tony Hiron

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

Catthorpe Interchange Improvement scheme 20th July

Duncan Thompson – Project Director and Olly Beech from Skanska Construction gave us a very detailed talk on what was happening at junction 19 on the M1.

The Catthorpe Interchange as it is called is a major interchange at the southern end of the M6 and the western end of the A14.

The junction was developed in 1994 when a link to the A14 was added to the existing M1/M6.

The Interchange currently handles 157,000 vehicles per day and has a poor safety record.

Work started in January 2014 and is planned to be completed in November 2016 at an estimated cost of £191 million.

We were told at times there were 300 workers on site many employed in the moving of 500,000 tonnes of soil in realigning the junction.

The bridges across the motorway are said to have a 120 year life and some

gigantic cranes to lift some of the girders used were 350 and 650 tonne cranes.



Piles to support the motorway over the bridges, we were told, were a staggering 25 metres deep in order to carry both the weight of the bridge and the traffic that will flow over it. Two lagoons have been created to cope with the water take off and will control the flow into the river Avon.

Olly Beech – Environmental and Communications Advisor spoke on the impact the scheme had on the wild life in the area and in fact the project was delayed for some two months in order to wait for some animals to come out of hibernation while others were moved to a quieter location.

A fascinating talk that could have gone on for ages restricted only by the time booked by all on the parking meters.

Joint Club Meeting 27th July

Both Wycliffe and us held a joint meeting at Lutterworth Golf Club where 40 members assembled to take part in a

“Mc Snooz’n Doze Stock Exchange Game”

Mike Storr from Nottingham Rotary who devised and ran the evening had us in fits of laughter between sessions. We were divided into teams of 4 and started with £1,000 which had to be divided into 3 leaving 25% in the Bank. Each team then placed the investable money on 3 of 10 companies provided taking the shares either up or down onto the next session.

The winner with the most money was promised a small prize. Great fun enjoyed by all thanks to the smooth running of the evening. Thank you Wycliffe for organising it.

Aqua Boxes

Do you feel helpless when you see human disasters on TV like the earthquake in Nepal and wish you could do something?

Yes you can donate money but people who are left with nothing need practical help and this is why the Aqua Box project is so important.

Each Aqua Box has a water pump which converts up to 20,000 litres of dirty water into drinking water. It also contains 70 essential items such as a bucket, soap, hammer and nails, candles, matches, tarpaulin, cooking pot, spoons, scissors, cups and plates, ball of string, children's toys, saw etc.

The contents of each Aqua Box is designed to provide practical tools, equipment and hygiene items for one family to survive. The contents are continually reviewed as local Rotary Clubs in the area check the usefulness of each item and report back.



A parallel Rotary project is Shelter Box which provides a tent and blankets.

Once filled the Aqua Boxes are stored at a warehouse in Wirksworth, Derbyshire ready to be distributed should a disaster strike. At any time hundreds of Aqua Boxes are in store for quick response. 800 Aqua Boxes were sent to Nepal with the help of the Gurkha Regt. and MOD. A total of 6,422 Aqua Boxes have been sent to various countries during the past two years.

Lutterworth Rotary Club fills 20 Aqua Boxes a year with essential items which costs approximately £70.00 each the Aqua Box, water pump, survival bags, storage and transport costs are provided by supporters of the Wirksworth Rotary Club.

If you would like feel that you can make a difference the

next time a disaster strikes please sponsor this excellent project and contact the secretary via - lutterworthrotary@hotmail.com or 07901782558.

Inner Wheel Presidents Change over 28th July

On Tuesday 28th July Mrs Susan Wilson handed over the chain of office to Mrs Rosemary Chapman. She had enjoyed her year and thanked everyone for their support. Over £2,000 was raised for her chosen charity which was Rainbows. She wished Mrs Chapman every success in the ensuing year.

Mrs Chapman welcomed three new members and announced that her chosen charity would be the Air Ambulance.



Big Bike Ride – Sunday 16th August

What a wonderful day we had for our Big Bike Ride. I don't know how we achieve a fine day each year. Some 434 riders doing 11, 23, 39 or 62 miles round the Leicestershire country lanes – main roads being avoided by the organisers. The event started and finished in the glorious grounds of Misterton Hall.

Those partaking enjoyed a Hog Roast the cost of which was covered in the cost of the entry ticket and were available for purchase by supporters as were pancakes, ice cream and tea/ coffee creating such a good atmosphere



while they also enjoyed the lovely gardens and view across the lake (courtesy of the owner Mrs Heather Craven). The event raised around £3,000 which was shared between "Epilepsy Research and Rotary Charities"

For those interested in statistics I have listed below some interesting figures over the past 3 years.

Year	11 miles	23 miles	39 miles	62 miles	Total
2013	55	79	126	124	384
2014	87	61	124	124	411
2015	100	94	124	110	434

On the day entries

2013	239	2014	263	2015	227
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We look forward to seeing you again next year



Tatton Park visit 23rd July

Having collected Rotary members, their friends and family, we left Lutterworth on a bright sunny morning on July 23rd for a day at Tatton Park, RHS Flower Show.

The journey was pleasant in our luxurious coach, with enough space in the luggage compartment for any amount of shrubs and trees!

What a wonderful show of flower tents; designer gardens; endless produce, to keep all of us enthralled for over 4 hours. All senses were delighted by the colours and fragrances, and there were plenty of opportunities to eat, drink and taste, cheeses and wines and play havoc with the credit card.

No wonder they called it The Great Garden Carnival.

Don't forget our "100 Club" for members only.

David Ayres who is running this and can be contacted on tel. (202224) or email on "ayres4feet@btinternet.com" he still has numbers available for the first draw next month.

Club Citation

Les Aldrich—Assist District Gov. presented John Wilson President with our Club Citation at our business meeting on Monday 17th August



Farewell Brenda

A fond farewell to Brenda Parcell (Minutes Secretary) from the club as she moves on to pastures new in Norfolk. May we wish her well. We, as a club, will greatly miss her enthusiasm and the active part she played in events run by the club such as Disabled Sports, and Santa Fun Run to name but two.



Sally Hollis (New Minutes Secretary)

Welcome Sally to the team.

Love in a Box

Elaine along with her Teddy Bears is supporting Brown's of Lutterworth who are collecting items that will go in a shoe box for an orphanage in Moldova. They are looking for such items as :- soap, flannels, toothpaste, skipping rope, pencils, crayons, scarves, balls, gloves etc. Elaine would be delighted to receive items such as the above



FUTURE EVENTS

Fashion Show—Wednesday 23rd September SOS Charity Fashion will be running a Fashion Show and Clothes Sale at Kilworth Springs Golf Club starting at 7-30 p.m.

Tickets £5 are available from John Wells in Lutterworth and will be in aid of Air Ambulance.