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Driving the wheel of fellowship

January '16 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

January

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Sue Ensor Peter Osborn

Thursday 7th Council Meeting 7-30-p.m.

Monday 11th Business Meeting

Monday 18th Joint Lunch Meeting with Wycliffe Club TBA

Monday 25th Normal Meeting David Haynes Brenda Burton

February

Monday 1st Normal Meeting Tony Hirons David Walton

Monday 8th Normal Meeting John Roberson Sally Hollis

Thursday 11th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 15th Business Meeting

Monday 22nd Normal Meeting David Ayres Rose Chapman

Monday 29th Normal Meeting John Howell Philip Duncan

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

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Malcolm Richardson 19th September 1936—25th November 2015

On Wednesday 25th November we all lost a great friend.

Malcolm was one of the finest examples of a true Rotarian and friend "putting service before self." It was mainly due to his enthusiasm and commitment that the very first Santa Fun Run happened. He was awarded a "Paul Harris Citation". He was a very respected businessman, a great ambassador for Lutterworth and Rotary, serving time on many local committees; the Cottage Hospital, Town Trustees, Town Twinning and the Lutterworth Improvement Society.



We in Rotary and the Town of Lutterworth have lost a real gentleman in every sense of the word.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Georgie and the family.

Graham Johnson on behalf of the Club

We have also received a letter from the President of our sister club regarding Malcolm's death which reads:-

Quote

I have just heard the very sad news that one of your members has this week passed away. I know Malcolm was one of the shining lights in your club, and as well as losing a valuable and active member of the club, you have also lost a very good friend.

Malcolm was also well known and well liked within our club, and on behalf of the Wycliffe Rotary Club, I would like to offer our sincere condolences. Please could you let me know as soon as the funeral arrangements are made as I know many of our members would like to pay their respects in person.

Nigel Bones

Rotary President of Lutterworth Wycliffe

Santa Fun Run – 29th November

Wow weren't we lucky with the weather – it was at least dry for "the run" even if the wind was higher than we would have liked. As to be expected considering a very overcast day we had 775 Santas running one of two courses against 1,006 last year in perfect weather.

In the 7 years Lutterworth Rotary have been running the event we have never had to cancel.

This year, as we do each year, we major on new charities – Barnardo's Young Carers (Leics.) -- Canine Partnership – Share and Care Group

As always our thanks to our sponsors including Recreate who produced our website.

In addition the Lutterworth Town Band provided music during the afternoon with the PA system being supplied by Radio Lutterworth. Lutterworth Pathway Community Church kindly distributed drinks and the mince pies (*provided by Waitrose*) after the race.

And last but not least the Lutterworth College and The Frank Whittle Studio School without whose grounds we could not run an event such as this.

Our Marshals are our unsung heroes braving the weather, ensuring that each road crossing was safe for the Santas, the cars parked suitably and many more jobs which made for a successful day.

Green Bottle Tops

" Green Bottle Lids sitting on a wall "

You know those coloured plastic milk bottle tops that you're never sure whether they can be recycledwell they can. A number of charities generate funds by selling coloured milk bottle tops in bulk for recycling. In order to be recycled in this way they need to have the numbers 2 or 4 printed on the underside as in the examples overleaf :-



Through our Rotary Club we will be resuming the collection of these bottle tops on behalf of '**The Brain Tumour Charity**'

'The Brain Tumour Charity' is the UK's largest dedicated brain tumour charity, committed to fighting brain tumours on all fronts. We fund scientific and clinical research into brain tumours and offer support and information to those affected, whilst raising awareness and influencing policy. Our aim is to improve understanding, diagnosis and treatment of brain tumours.'

The charity raises over £5 million per annum of which 50% goes directly into research with the rest providing information and support, awareness raising etc.

If you are able to support this initiative then please give any recyclable milk bottle tops to **Martin Iliffe**.

Morrisons collection for Air Ambulance

Both Inner Wheel and the Club joined forces on (*Monday 30th Nov. - Friday 4th Dec. and Saturday 5th Dec.*) collecting a wonderful £1,192-76 for Air Ambulance.

Thank you collectors for braving the rain and wind.

Love in a Box (Mustard Seed Relief Mission)

Sue Turner has volunteered/been persuaded to be co-ordinator for the collection of items that can be put in a shoe box to be sent to Moldova.

What she is looking for during the year will be such things as:-

Unused printed wrapping paper

*Cosmetics
Soaps and Toiletries
Pencils, Crayons and
writing paper for edu-
cational use.*



Elaine Turner with her Teddy Bears will be working closely with her so when you have sorted out suitable unwanted Christmas gifts

will you please give them to her and/or her husband John in order that they can fill their versatile and well used Hall !!! Some 40,000 disadvantaged children who through the Mission will again feel they are truly loved this Christmas for the 22nd year that the charity have been running.

REPORT OF TALK GIVEN BY MARTIN GREENWOOD – Monday November 23rd

Our speaker at our November meeting was Martin Greenwood who gave a talk on his life in the maritime sector called 'My Maritime Career'.

Martin left the Mill Hill school in Leicester in 1963 to embark on his first phase of maritime training at the School of Navigation at Warsash near Southampton. On completion of training he applied to join the Furness Withy Ltd shipping company and was accepted and joined his first ship as a cadet in September 1964. We heard a few stories concerning the whisky ships which sailed to the West Coast of North America with over 600,000 cases of whisky on board and the fun and games trying to protect it from the hands of greedy stevedores. On completion of his cadetship he was given a

permanent contract with the company and worked his way up to Masters Foreign Going certificate that allowed him to sail in command. Unfortunately with the demise of the British Merchant Navy in the 70's and 80's he did not sail as a Master.

He related a number of incidents highlighting the time when they came across an abandoned trimaran in the Atlantic, the 'Teignmouth Electron'. This boat had been manned by Donald Crowhurst who was participating in the 1968 Sunday Times Golden Globe single handed round the world yacht race. Unfortunately Crowhurst had been sending fake positions to the race organisers and they believed he would make the fastest passage around the world. However he had never sailed further than to the Falkland Islands and his sudden fame overcame him and he abandoned the boat by jumping overboard and was never found. A very sad story.

In 1982 Furness Withy was fast disposing of ships and he was asked to join a Roll on Roll off (RORO) consortium the company was joining and be based in the Caribbean as a cargo superintendent, the ships running to and from the Caribbean from North Europe. This offer he took up and proved to be a good transition from life at sea to life ashore though still strongly connected with ships. This work involved extensive travel in the Caribbean and Central America region. He was consequently transferred from the Caribbean to a ship operations office in Hamburg and operated the ships in Europe until they passed through the Panama Canal. At this point a branch office based in Valparaiso took over and operated the ships whilst on the South American coast. He and his wife spent 4 years in Valparaiso which also involved travelling to ports on the coast. As well as being involved in the world of shipping in Chile he saw the transition from military to democratic government when General Pinochet stood down and also had fine opportunities to explore these countries.

At this time in 1991 Furness Withy was acquired by Ham-

burg-Sud of Germany (Oetker group). At first Furness were left to run the business as usual and Martin was transferred back to the UK head office as Latin American Manager responsible in part for the company's trade from UK to the WCSA. The company would change involving mergers. This led to him being transferred as manager to the New Caribbean Service (NCS) in London running a 6 vessel container service from Europe to the Caribbean. Unfortunately a large proportion of the partners were also involved in EUROSAL so it was decided to merge the two services and consequently he was back in Hamburg in 1995 as Operations Manager. He remained in this position until 2006 when companies decided to operate their own in house operations team. He then moved to the Hamburg-Sud head office in Hamburg where he spent 2 further years as Marine Superintendent as part of the Australia/ NZ service before retiring in 2008 and returning to live back in England.

Little Faces Schools—Kenya

Talk 7th December

Sally Harrison who was on holiday in 2011 in Mombasa visited a small school there in one of the poorest communities in the city where education is a privilege and not usually accessible to poor children.



In meeting Mary the head of a small school struggling to support poor children educationally in the area she was so impressed in what was being done that she decided to help her achieve her aims. There were 35 children in one classroom with no sanitation at all. The school was in such a state of disrepair it was not safe. It was a rusty, tin shack held together with sticks. There were no desks and few chairs—the children having to write on the floor.

Sally being a member of Rotary in St Neots in returning home raised funds for her project to give the children a better start in

life and through the support of DHL along with many individuals has now supplied the school with a stone building with 4 classrooms and new toilets for the children. Alongside this the children now have desks and chairs, stationery, books, seven computers and a printer.

As Sally told us through her efforts they also have a small playground where they can have fun.

It all started in 2011 from no more than an enthusiastic local head teacher with no funds who was running a school with 35 students. Now the school has grown to 164 students in 2014 and an anticipated 242 in 2015/16

Sally was proud to say that every child now has a chair, desk and educational equipment and most importantly food.

The Club—following her talk are most enthusiastic about helping her extend her dream of educating the poor in Kenya.

Future Events

Skittles Evening - Thursday 18th February

Wolvey Bowls Club starting at 7 p.m.

(In Aid of Polio Eradication)



Last Night of the Rotary Proms—Saturday 9th April

Last Night of the Proms at the Symphony Hall Birmingham, 32 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Wycliffe Rotary has organised a large coach which will leave Lutterworth at approx. 5.30 pm in time for the Concert which starts at 7.30 p.m.

There are limited combined Coach and Prom seats available at a total cost of £50. Prom tickets only will cost £35 per ticket. Tickets available from Nigel Bones tel. 01455 209756.

Have a happy Christmas and New Year