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# March '16 Newsletter

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**MARCH 2016**

## March

## Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 7th Normal Meeting Bridget Hunt John Wells

Thursday 10th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 14th Business Meeting

Monday 21st Normal Meeting Philip Duncan Martin Iliffe

Monday **28th Easter Monday**

## April

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Graham Johnson John Turner

Monday 11th Normal Meeting Peter Osborn TBA

Thursday 14th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 18th Business Meeting

Monday 25th Normal Meeting TBA Elaine 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

## **Passion Flower Story**

The 10 petals & sepals represent

The 12 Apostles, leaving out Judas & Peter

The corona, The Crown of Thorns,

The 3 stigmas, The 3 nails &

The 5 stamens, The 5 wounds

The leaves are, the hands of the tormentors,

The tendrils, The whip with which

Christ was scourged.

*"Copied from Elaine's Gardening Paper"*

### **Bernard Duesbury** - Profile - 1st February

Bernard Duesbury, born 15th June 1953, one of eight children, born in Salford, moving to Whitefield and then Fleetwood.

As a teenager when still at school, during the week Bernard had a paper round, at weekends Bernard also had a job as a "kitchen porter" at the UCP Strand Restaurant in Blackpool.

He told us that he was so impressed with this type of business, his first permanent job was as a Commis Chef at the UCP Restaurant chain. He attended Blackpool Catering College, completing his City and Guilds Certificate

Bernard then moved to a new role at Stannylands Hotel where the 'hands on interview' lasted 4 hours as he needed to demonstrate to the Head Chef he had the basic skills.

He told us that those who influenced were, and are still today, Georges Auguste Escoffier, and Henri Paul Pellaprat. With a

smile on his face he said his first dish was 'Aux Pommes a l'Anglaise'.

He then moved on and joined Liptons Supermarket. Initially starting as a trainee manager responsible for the delicatessen counter and slowly moving up the ranks to become a Store Manager.

In order to help him get about he bought himself a motor-cycle which enabled him to work in various stores in the area. His weekly pay as a store manager was £84.54p.

Having seen a number of sales representatives come into the stores he was on the move again and he took a decision to move into sales. His first company was Pedigree Toys, selling Star Trek and Super Heroes but after a short time with them the market dynamics changed as the likes of Space Invaders became big business and therefore Pedigree Toys no longer existed. This enabled him to move to a small Company called Bambola Toys based in Kettering—selling Children's Educational toys to Fenwicks, House of Fraser, Early Learning, Independent Toy Shops and direct to schools.

An opportunity came up, so in 1986 he moved to Allied Breweries, selling Skol, Castlemaine Tetleys to National Account Hotel Groups, Prison Officers Clubs, Butlins, Blackpool Piers Winter Gardens, Blackpool Tower, British Railways Clubs and the Student Union outlets in the North West.

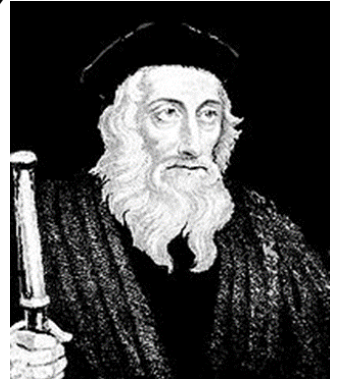
Over a period of time, Allied Breweries merged with Carlsberg and became Carlsberg UK. During this period Bernard had various roles, including Sales Executive, Regional Sales Manager, National Account Manager, Induction Manager, Training and Development Manager, Representative for UK colleagues at the Carlsberg Representative forum, and represented Carlsberg UK at the European Works Council.

He was also part of a team raising £2,500 for Help for Heroes and £2,000 for Children in Need. He gained a number of certificates and recognitions which included :-CIM certificate, Category Management in Marketing, PG Dip in Sales and Marketing, and National Licensee Certificate.

### **John Wycliffe** — Tony Hirons 8th February

Tony Hirons gave us a detailed talk on the life of John Wycliffe and his association with Lutterworth (*Tony has written a short summary for me which is given below*).

John Wycliffe was an English theologian, philosopher, church reformer, and, with his followers during his time in Lutterworth, completed the first complete translation of the Bible into English. He is widely considered to be one of the forerunners of the Protestant Reformation.



Wycliffe was born in Hipswell, a small hamlet and part of the Manor of Wycliffe on Tees, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. His exact date of birth is not known and depending on which reference book you read could have been as early as 1318 and as late as 1330, but popular belief is somewhere around 1320.

After early schooling, in his early teenage years he was accepted for Oxford.

During his time at Oxford he was associated with three colleges, Queens College, Merton College and predominantly, Balliol College. He became Master of Balliol in 1360.

Initially at Oxford he studied natural science & mathematics and completed an Arts degree at Merton College in 1356. On being made Master of Balliol in 1361 he was able to study philosophy and theology. The root of the Wycliffe's reformation movement

must be traced to his Bible study and to the ecclesiastical-political law making of his times.

Other events in the country had a dramatic effect on Wycliffe none more so than The Plague—The Black Death, which broke out in 1347.

In 1373, when a Royal delegation was sent to the Council of Bruges to address a papal commission, Wycliffe was a crown delegate. It was his performance, speaking out against the Pope's influence and rights to benefices in England, which was largely responsible for the King granting Wycliffe the royal living of Lutterworth.

Wycliffe's work and preaching meant that he was continually being charged with heresy, firstly at St Pauls in 1374 and again in 1378, at Lambeth, where only the intervention of the Queen Mother, Joan of Kent, saved him from a formal judgement. Finally, at his trial at Blackfriars in 1381 he was barred from teaching and expelled from Oxford. He retired to Lutterworth where in 1383 the translation of the Vulgate bible was completed.

On 28<sup>th</sup> December 1384 he suffered a second stroke and died on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1384.

In 1415 The Council of Constance condemned Wycliffe of 267 heresies and in 1428 The Bishop of Lincoln supervised his bones being removed from his grave, burned and thrown into the local river, the River Swift.

### **David Perkins—Resigned**

With regret, due to bad health, David has decided to resign from the Club. We shall miss the contribution he has given us over the period he has been a member.

David do please keep in touch with us and do feel free—when you feel well enough. to join us for a meal or other events we run during the year.

**Brian Benford** - founder member of the Evening Club.

Died on 30th January - his funeral was held at Claybrook Church attended by many members of the club.

### **Minor Sports** 9th February

After tasting success in the first two rounds of this year's District Minor Sports competition against Oadby and Hinckley we had to settle for second place against Hinckley Ambion, playing a strange form of long alley skittles and losing by 12 points at the



Burbage Constitutional Club. The only plus point is that we now avoid a potential away trip to North Lincolnshire on the East Coast.

### **Visit to Enterprise Centre Thursday 11th February**

Seven members attended the Enterprise Centre and enjoyed being taught by the student's card making, woodwork or IT related activities before enjoying a light lunch of soup, bread, cakes and drinks all produced by the students.



*Oh that's what goes on in my computer !!*

### **Town Spring Clean Saturday 5th March**

As part of the "Clean for the Queen" weekend. A national initiative aimed at giving the country a clean up so that it is in a fit

state to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in June. We are being asked to join other volunteers in the town to assist.

Start and finish at the Town Council Offices opposite the Wycliffe Memorial from 10 a.m. till noon. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Love in a Box**

Love in a Box, previously organised by Browns of Lutterworth has been taken over by Sue Turner and her Team which includes Elaine Turner.

These Shoeboxes are filled with Christmas gifts and necessities and sent to Moldova.

The following are needed and will be placed in large shoeboxes. (Men's size 8 or larger).

***Flannels, small soaps, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletries, notepads, pens, pencils rubbers and crayons.***

If these items could be donated during the year would you please supply Elaine or John Turner at Rotary.

### **Skittles at Wolvey 18th February**

A very successful evening run by David Toone making £600 for the Eradication of Polio. This figure being doubled twice by the Bill Gates Foundation added to our total giving us a **Grand Total** for the evening of **£1,800**.

### **Weathervanes 22nd February**

Peter Osborn gave a brief talk on Weathervanes, their early use, and their history over the past 1,000 years. Their use in the UK which started 600 years ago was used by Fishermen - Mariners - and Housewives to inform them of what the weather had in store for them influenced by the wind.

He went into a lot of detail too long to record here. The Cockerel being at the top of most churches depicting a symbol of **both human frailty and Christian vigilance.**

## **Future Events**

### **Santa Fun Run Cheque Presentation—Wednesday 23rd March**

A cheque presentation will take place at the One Stop Shop Gilmorton Road Lutterworth on Wednesday 23rd March starting at 7-30 p.m. All are welcome.

### **Saturday 16th April The Wigston & District Male Voice Choir 7pm for 7-30 p.m.**

The Choir will be performing at Broughton Astley Village Hall Tickets £10 each and proceeds to Lutterworth Share & Care Group available from Graham Bundock 209573 & 202197 Eddie Hemsley 554564—Ian Tunnicliffe 284820

### **Sunday 1st May Disabled Sports at Rugby**

Rugby Rotary Club are running their Disabled Sports Day on Sunday 1st May between 10a.m. - 6p.m. to which we are invited.

It is an event where individuals rather than teams take part. John Roberson will be contacting a group of around 15 competitors early in March.

### **Thursday 16th June BBC Gardeners World Show NEC Birmingham B40 1NT**

Coach Leaves Lutterworth at 9am Return 5pm  
Contact Elaine Turner 01455 553425 for Tickets at approx. £25 and further information.

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