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Driving the wheel of fellowship

May '16 Newsletter

May

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	2nd May Bank Holiday	No Meeting
Monday	9th Normal Meeting	David Toone Mark Thompson
Thursday	12th Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.
Monday	16th Business Meeting	
Monday	23rd Normal Meeting	John Roberson Susan Ensor
Monday	30th Bank Holiday	No Meeting

June

Monday	6th Normal Meeting	Club Assembly
Thursday	9th Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.
Monday	13th Business Meeting	
Monday	20th Normal Meeting	Hugh Robertson Smith Ted Wilson
Monday	27th President Change Over Day	John Wilson Roger Rose

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

Philip Duncan – Talk on his Career alongside World Events – 21st March

Philip a member for over 30 years gave us a talk on his early life and career alongside World events at the time.

Philip was born in London not far from Great Ormond Street Hospital which as he said was fortunate as he was the youngest of four and in his early days suffered from poor health. This was before the NHS started. His father ran a furniture shop before the war becoming a War Reserve Policeman during the Blitz.

The family had said that come what may they were not going to be driven out of London. This all changed when they encountered a near miss by a V2 rocket and moved to Hemel Hempstead. He started school in 1947 the worst winter for decades and still remembered for its snow. While in early school he can remember the Royal Wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip which he saw at the cinema – no television being around at that time.

1948 The NHS started.

He recounted some experiences as a young lad, exploring the small town which Hemel Hempstead was at that time.

In 1951, like many of us at the time he went to the Festival of Britain on the South Bank. The following year the King died, followed in 1953 by the coronation of our present Queen and the climbing of Everest by Edmund Hilary and the introduction of Television to the public.

One thing of National importance at the time was the London Smog and the impact it had on us all which created "The Clean Air Act" which followed shortly after.

He went on to talk about the "11 plus" which affected a lot of us as to whether you went to the Grammar School or a Secondary Modern School or a Technical School. Very few of the latter were built.

Philip started at the local Grammar School in 1953.

In 1954 Rationing ended. Harold Macmillan was Prime Minister

from 1957 to 1963, known well for his saying "You've never had it so good," reflecting improving conditions through the 1950s.

Moving on the choice of Career – in 1959 he went to Edinburgh University and took up dentistry – meeting his future wife. Having qualified they moved to Somerset before moving to Leicester joining a large practice operating in Lutterworth where he worked for the 30 years before gracefully retiring.

In 1981 Philip joined the Lutterworth Rotary Club and soon after there was an item in the Rotary Magazine appealing for dentist volunteers to provide treatment for Vietnamese refugees (the "Boat People"). In 1982 he spent 6 weeks in a refugee camp in the Philippines as a RI volunteer.

The Rik Basra Leukaemia Campaign

Rik Basra spoke to us on Monday 4th April about a blood cancer (Acute Myeloid Leukaemia) with which he was first diagnosed in 2009. Prior to that he was very fit and active regularly going to the gym and playing football. As he said he moved from having a busy normal life into a world of uncertainty about his future. At the time he was a Police Inspector in Leicester.

Having been diagnosed he was thrown into five months of intensive chemotherapy followed by months of recovery and a period of rehabilitation eventually returning to work. After two years he and his wife felt that it had disappeared. In 2011 he was re-tested following what appeared to be a simple bout of flu only to find the leukaemia had returned and was told that he needed a bone marrow transplant if he wanted to survive. None of his siblings or family had the correct blood group so his hope was to find an unrelated stem cell donor. The problem in finding a suitable donor for an Asian is that there are just 4% registered on the database. The reason is thought to be that the vast number of "British Asians" lack the knowledge of blood

cancers and stem cell donation. As he said his time was running out and it was not until 2 weeks before the cut off date expired that a donor from Germany was found.

The reason for him telling us his story is that he is canvassing for donors to come forward and register in order that people like Rik are able to call upon them when there is a need to supply stem cells for people to use when necessary.

Register on-line now <http://www.antonymolan.org/register>

Cyprus 2016.

Having noted 15 apologies at our March business meeting, (many related to the annual bowls migration to Paphos), I thought members might be interested to learn about the event some of us have competed in over the past 5 years.

The bowls tournament organised by Potters Holidays at the Athena Beach Hotel in Paphos in March attracts bowlers from all over the UK, often with up to 40 teams competing usually in beautiful weather on elevated synthetic greens overlooking the Mediterranean. Once again our group of 17 enjoyed the wonderful hotel facilities and fielding 4 mixed teams from South Kilworth and Cold Ashby bowls clubs, including 9 members from our Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs.

Probably because of Easter being early this year only 21 teams competed. I am pleased to report this year our teams performed extremely well, with two getting into the quarter finals and Steve Tallis's team progressing to the semi – finals. With my team achieving a creditable 10th place.

We always manage to return with a trophy (one generously donated by Graham Johnson!!!) this year won by Steve Tallis.

Congratulations to everyone who took part only made possible in the knowledge of the brilliant team we leave at home to carry on the good work.

John Wilson.



The History of Stilton Cheese - 11th April 2016

Our speaker Tim Brown – owner of the Melton Cheeseboard and ex Rotary club of Wycliffe gave us a very informative and entertaining talk on the history of Stilton Cheese with the chance of tasting many forms of the cheese as an added bonus.

His shop, based in the middle of Melton Mowbray, provides up to 130 different varieties many sourced in Leicestershire and the surrounding counties of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire but not ironically from the village of “Stilton” which is in North West Cambridgeshire.

He draws his different “Stilton” cheeses from a variety of local dairies which give a variety of tastes. His main source being Long Clawson Dairy based within 5 miles of the shop who also supply Leicester Red.



Names of local cheeses including award winning Blue Stilton from Long Clawson and Cropwell Bishop Creamery also Lincolnshire Poacher from F W Read and Sons, Sparkenhoe Leicester and Bosworth Field from the Leicestershire Hand-made Cheese Company to name a few.

According to the Stilton Cheese Making Association the first Englishman to market Blue Stilton Cheese was Cooper Thornhill, owner of the Bell Inn on the Great North Road in the village of Stilton in 1730.

Although the village of Stilton in Cambridgeshire do not actually produce the cheese but do give its name which is now world famous and they have a traditional cheese rolling event every May Day, well worth going to.



A very educational, informative and entertaining talk. Thank you Tim.

Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel will be holding a Coffee Morning at Lutterworth Town Hall on Thursday 28th April between 9 a.m. and Noon in aid of the Parkinson Society. All are welcome.

Eradication of Polio

What wonderful news we hear on the media in the fact that Polio is on the point of eradication world wide.

“Perseverance conquers all” seems to have prevailed.

100 Club Winners—April 2016

Winners of the 100 Club this month were:-

- 1st Marie Tansley** £25
- 2nd John Howell** £15
- 3rd Suzie Rocher** £10

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 1st May Disabled Sports at Rugby

Rugby Rotary Club are running their Disabled Sports Day on Sunday 1st May between 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. to which we are invited. It is an event where individuals rather than teams take part. John Roberson has contacted a group of 15 competitors to take part.

Sunday 15th April Misterton Plant, Craft and Food Fair

Elaine would like to have names of members who are willing to help on the day Tel: 01455 553425

10th June Cheese and Wine Event

Details to follow.

Sunday 14th August Big Bike Ride at Misterton

Full details to follow.

Thursday 15th September Fashion Show

Details later from Elaine Turner Tel 01455 553425

Saturday 26th November Concert at St Mary's Church

Details to follow from Tony Hiron

Sunday Nov. 27th Santa Fun Run 8th Santa Fun Run -

Joint Event with Lutterworth Wycliffe

Details to follow from John Turner

Mon and Tues 12/13th December Morrisons Collection

Joint Event with Lutterworth Inner Wheel.

Details to follow.

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