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Driving the wheel of fellowship

September

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	5th	Normal Meeting	Rose Chapman	David Ayres
Thursday	8th	Council		
Monday	12th	Business Meeting		
Monday	19th	Normal Meeting	David Walton	Bernard Johnson
Monday	26th	Normal Meeting	Ted Wilson	Bridget Hunt

October

Monday	3rd	Normal Meeting	Anne Baker	Peter Osborn
Thursday	6th	Council		
Monday	10th	Business Meeting		
Monday	17th	Normal Meeting	Susan Ensor	John Howell
Monday	24th	Normal Meeting	John Wilson	Martin Iliffe

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

History of Rugby



Mathew Ross our speaker gave us an interesting and very detailed account of the game of Rugby's history over the years from its early days until the game we know today. May I hope that I can give his talk justice .

Playing football has been a long tradition in England and versions of football had probably been played at Rugby School for 200 years before three boys published the first set of written rules in 1845. The rules had always been determined by the pupils instead of the masters and they were frequently modified with each new intake. Rule changes, such as the legality of carrying or running with the ball, were often agreed shortly before the commencement of a game. There were thus no formal rules for football during the time that **William Webb Ellis** was at the school (1816–25) and the story of the boy "who with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it" in 1823. However, the cup for the Rugby World Cup is named the Webb Ellis trophy in his honour, and a plaque at the school commemorates the "achievement".

Rugby football has strong claims to the world's first and oldest "football club": the Guy's Hospital Football Club, formed in London in 1843, by old boys from Rugby School and a number of other clubs

formed to play games based on the Rugby School rules. One of these, Dublin University Football Club, founded in 1854, has arguably become the world's oldest surviving football club. The Blackheath Rugby Club in London, founded in 1858 is the oldest surviving non-university/school rugby club. Cheltenham College 1844, Sherborne School 1846 and Durham School 1854 are the oldest documented school's clubs. Francis Crombie and Alexander Crombie introduced rugby into Scotland via Durham School in 1850.

On 4th December 1870 Edwin Ash of Richmond and Benjamin Burns of Blackheath published a letter in the Times suggesting that those who play the Rugby type game should meet to form a code of practice as various clubs played to rules which differed from others which made the game difficult to play. 21 clubs met in London and as a result of the meeting the Rugby Football Union RFU was founded.

Algeon Rutter was elected the first president and Edwin Ash the treasurer and along with 3 lawyers drew up the laws of the game which was approved in June 1871.

Much more was talked about at our meeting, this just being a taster of the detail our speaker went into.

Fifth Annual Big Bike Ride—Sunday 14th August

In ideal conditions for cycling [dry, still & warm without being oppressive] Lutterworth Rotary Club held its fifth annual Big Bike Ride starting and finishing at Misterton Hall [by kind permission of Mrs Heather Craven]. As in previous years the fine weather brought out just



over 400 cyclists who tackled one of four routes ranging from 11 to 62 miles. Almost 150 riders successfully completed the 62 mile route with a further 100 tackling the 39 mile course that took them through the Naseby battlefield site. The event attracted cyclists of all ages, including family groups, and of all abilities



from those opting for full lycra gear to those more reliant on cycle clips. The event was rounded off with a hog roast and the opportunity for some relaxation in the beautiful grounds of Misterton Hall.

Proceeds from the Bike Ride are expected to top £3,000 and will be

supporting the work of Epilepsy Action, Rotary Disabled Sports & other Rotary Charities.

Thanks are also particularly due to the Welland Valley Cycle Club for their support and to our main sponsor, Neil Green Catering.

Polio Bear eats a Penguin!



Thoughts about Rotary 8th August

John Dehnel our new District Governor gave us a most interesting talk on his ideas as to where he, as District Governor, can assist clubs fulfil their projects. As District Governor of **1070** he is responsible for some 90 clubs having had an additional 9 clubs added this year from other areas. Namely - Lincoln—Lincoln Colonia—Lindum Lincoln—Lincoln Vailgate—Spilsby—Horncastle—Woodhall Spa –Alford and Maplethorpe—Skegness

Apart from representing the District at the Conferences he attends he feels that as Governor (and it's true he is) a means of spreading ideas from club to club and inspiring members to make a success of their individual club charities.

Finance is often a problem encountered by clubs which is where he can suggest how other clubs have tackled the problem. Contact with other club officers can, through him, be more successful than just taking a name off a list.

We hope that he can encourage other clubs to get involved in Disabled Sports which, although highly successful locally, has not spread around the region as well as we would have liked.

Membership -As with all clubs maintaining and increasing membership numbers is a constant problem. John said new members are often introduced by existing members and are their contemporaries so the membership can get older year by year.

Some ideas he threw out for change were:-

Look at Age patterns- Interests that may appeal to potential members - Create Corporate membership where companies have a group membership where staff can attend meetings or activities being run during the year - Associate membership etc. etc.



The Humming Bird Centre 22nd August

Sally Hollis's speaker Helen Ure gave us a talk on a charity she set up some two years ago which is trying to cover the impact that a cancer diagnosis has on other people; partners, children, parents, friends and co-workers.

The Hummingbird Centre (Midlands) caters for anyone affected by cancer and in the long-term looks to provide support for teenagers and young families.

When asked:- "**Why Hummingbird Centre**"? She replied, "In Native American symbolism the Hummingbird teaches you to appreciate and love the miracle of living, and to help you focus on the positives in your life. They are messengers of peace, they heal your body and soul and they guide you through life's challenges. Hummingbirds are very independent and seem to have an unlimited energy supply. This seems like a good symbol for us as we face the challenges of cancer together".

The Hummingbird Centre (Midlands) aims to provide support to people with a cancer diagnosis and those affected by cancer.

They are a not-for-profit social enterprise providing: friendship and support information and advice complementary therapy sessions training courses relaxation and meditation classes.

They are based in Rugby, Warwickshire at 28 Regent Place, RUGBY, CV21 2PN. and can be contacted by phone on 07927037928 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.



Knitted Teddy Bears and Orthopaedic Shoes

Unbelievably we have exceeded 6,000 teddies for traumas since the modest beginning a few years ago. Knitters still enjoy knitting them and there is a great demand from different organisations. I regularly receive packs of ten at a time through the post from all over the country. Bryan Cooper takes around a hundred at a time to Intercare in Syston, an organisation which takes medicines to Africa, who are also pleased to take teddies as well. David Walton takes some to orphanages in Portugal and Diana Osborn has recently delivered a consignment to a new outlet - "Giving World", in Leicester.

A contact within the NHS asked me if I could find someone who could use some orthopaedic baby boots and they were grateful for those as well as teddies.



A big thank you to all the ladies who knit and to those who help with delivery. It's so good to know that we are putting smiles onto the faces of children in distress.

Elaine Turner

Future Events

Fashion Show and Sale—Thursday 15th September
A Fashion Show and Sale is to be held at Kilworth Springs Golf Club at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday 15th September.

Entry by Ticket (£5) from Mark Thompson or J Wells and Son

In Aid of "Wishes for Kids" and "Rotary Charities"—a Raffle will be held on the night in aid of "Riding for the Disabled".

All clothes with High Street Names on display will be for sale at greatly reduced prices.



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A sign with the text "Eat plenty. Nap often." written in a typewriter font. The sign is mounted on a wall and has a slightly weathered appearance.