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**Driving the wheel of fellowship**

## January '17 Newsletter

### **Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks**

#### **January**

Monday	2nd	New Years Holiday		
Monday	9th	Business Meeting		
Monday	16th	Joint Meeting	Wycliffe Club	Lunchtime
Monday	23rd	Normal Meeting	David Haynes	Brenda Burton
Monday	30th	Normal Meeting	John Wells	David Walton

#### **February**

Monday	6th	Normal Meeting	John Roberson	Sally Hollis
Thursday	9th	Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.	
Monday	13th	Business Meeting		
Monday	20th	Normal Meeting	David Ayres	Rose Chapman
Monday	27th	Normal Meeting	Roger Rose	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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## **Wishes4Kids 28th November 2016**

Our speaker Millie gave us an excellent talk on Wishes4Kids in which she has been involved.

“Wishes4Kids” is a Leicestershire based charity and is only 14 years old. They invite applications from anyone between the ages of 0—18 years. The criteria to be granted a wish is life limited, terminally ill, HIV positive, to have experienced life-changes physically or emotional traumas or have suffered major abuse. They will always try to make everyone’s wishes come true. They ask for the “wisher” to choose 3 wishes and they do their best to achieve one of them. They are currently on wish number 4428. At present they are averaging a wish a day. They get asked for a variety of things, anything from a trip to Euro Disney to iphones, a flight in a plane, meeting celebrities, sports stars, and many other things that children think of.

They don’t receive any funding from government or Children in Need or anything like that. They are solely funded by the public and businesses in the **Leicestershire area**.

You might be wondering how many people it takes to run such an amazing charity. It is actually only 2 people in the office and 2 phenomenally kind hearted people—Russell and Janine plus Russell’s wife Wendy. Several other people help when they can—making it a little family.

Millie told us they keep in touch with all their “wish families” and run events every year where everyone is invited, such as their Christmas Party, Pantomime, Bonkers at Conkers, and a variety of other events.

She then went on to tell us about her experience with them and the help they gave her during her difficult times having surgery.

Her story was very humbling when you hear what she has been through in her 19 years.

Both Rotary and Inner Wheel collected **£782** for them at Morrisons on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December.

## **Lutterworth Santa Fun Run – Eight years on**

Having had a week of inclement weather before Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November we were again blessed with a dry day, if a little cold and overcast, bringing a smile to people's faces both runners and spectators. We had an increase in the numbers of Santa's taking part from last year achieving 816. Final financial figures have not been published yet for the designated charities.

Everyone who attended said how much they enjoyed our annual event and it was nice to see so many families with young children taking part as well as youth sports teams, also that people came from many different parts of the country. Out of the Santa total we had a group from our twinning town Chambourcy in France and two friends visiting the area from Mongolia who are taking their Santa suits home as a reminder of what the quirky British do to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Comment was made by our overseas guests that they were impressed with the obvious display of community spirit.

Special thanks to our dedicated Marshalls and the support of the Red Cross as this event could not take place without them.

May we – Lutterworth Rotary and Lutterworth Wycliffe Rotary say a big thank you to all for making it such a successful day not forgetting all our sponsors who regularly support us.

**Thank you David**  
for taking this  
photo of a Rotary  
project in the Cook  
Islands while on  
holiday there  
recently.



## **1st Class Tyres - 5th December**

Russell Errington our speaker spoke about his business in Lutterworth.

Having spent some 27 years in the tyre industry he moved his business to Lutterworth on 12th September in 2005 some 11 years ago taking over the Old Post Office premises in the centre of town. His customer base being in the centre of town and near the motorway for deliveries enabling him to provide the service to his customers.

In 2008 he opened a small branch in Uppingham.

As we heard him talk on the industry we realised how little we knew about a product we all take for granted and its history and development with the demise of the "remoulds and why". When asked what happens to the old tyres he said they were shredded and used as a material for the building of roads - children's playgrounds and floor tiles to name but a few.

A very interesting talk by an enthusiast of his industry.



## **Band Aid**

At the recent "Charity Christmas Concert" held at St Mary's Church Lutterworth mention was made of Bob Geldof's song "Do you know it's Christmas" and played by the Town Band. With all the strife and poverty in the world today we were reminded that the conditions prompting this poignant song to be written still ring true today. Band Aid was created in 1984 and the song by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure was written in November 1984 quickly

rising to number one over that Christmas. The record sales raised a staggering £8 million to pay for food to alleviate famine in Ethiopia. The song was adapted and used again in 2014 for aid to help in the Ebola Epidemic.

May we hope that 2017 is a better year for all.

*It's Christmas time and there's no need to be afraid  
At Christmas time, let in light and banish shade  
And in our world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy  
Throw your arms around the world at Christmas time*

*But say a prayer, pray for the other ones  
At Christmas time, it's hard but when you're having fun  
There's a world outside your window  
And it's a world of dread and fear  
Where the only water flowing is the bitter sting of tears  
And the changing chimes of doing  
Well, tonight thank God it's them instead of you  
Let them know it's Christmas time after all.*



## **Joint Christmas Dinner with Inner Wheel**

The Christmas Rotary and Inner wheel Dinner at the Lutterworth Golf Club was really a great evening.

As the guests were arriving Sheila Howell played carols on the keyboard and after our wonderful Master of Ceremony Graham Johnson had welcomed everybody, our President Roger Rose added

his greetings, personally welcoming Rose Chapman who is the President of Lutterworth Inner Wheel. Rose gave a short speech, grace was said by John Howell our Vice President and then we all tucked into a delicious three course meal. After the meal and coffee we were entertained by the Red Admirals, who are a local folk group, their performance was very enjoyable and warmly appreciated. Following The Red Admirals David Ayres led a version of **"The Twelve Days of Christmas"** which involved each table of guests singing specific lines whilst jumping up and down from their seats !! This "performance" was then followed by yet another somewhat unique alcoholic rendition of **"The twelve days"** performed by a very sober John Ensor. This rounded off a truly wonderful evening, Roger our President thanked the caterers and wished everyone a Happy Christmas, a peaceful New Year and a safe journey home.

*John Howell*

### **Do you know the origins of kissing under the Mistletoe?**



Well, no one knows, exactly, but mistletoe, a parasitic plant found on trees, the seeds of which are spread by birds and wind, has been an object of mystery in many cultures for thousands of years.

Based on their mythology, the Vikings believed that mistletoe had the power to raise the dead. They believed that Balder, the son of Frigga, their goddess of love and beauty, was killed by an arrow tipped with the poison in mistletoe. Frigga mourned so deeply that her tears turned the red berries of

the mistletoe white, and Balder was revived. Frigga was so grateful that she reversed mistletoe's previously deadly reputation, and henceforth she kissed everyone who walked underneath the plant.

The Druids of ancient Britain believed that mistletoe had miraculous properties, it could cure diseases, provide fertility in humans and protect against witchcraft.

Today, in fact, mistletoe extracts are being tested for use in some forms of cancer chemotherapy. In Europe and Asia mistletoe extracts are used to treat arthritis, rheumatism, hypertension and epilepsy.

So it's nearly Christmas again, and so time to hang up the mistletoe. Kissing under the mistletoe is one of Christmas's best traditions bringing a bit of romance to the cold winter.



## Future Events

**Wycliffe 30th Charter** Monday 6th February 7 for 7-30 p.m.  
at Wycliffe Rooms Lutterworth.

**Skittles Evening** Thursday 9th February at Wolvey Bowls  
Club 7 - for 7-30 p.m.

**A sprout for every occasion**



**Happy Christmas and New  
Year**

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