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**Driving the wheel of fellowship**

## October '17 Newsletter

**Programme for the next two months.**

**Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks**

### **October**

Monday	2nd	Normal Meeting	Sue Poslethwaite	Roger Rose
Monday	9th	Normal Meeting	John Wilson	Martin Iliffe
Thursday	12th	Council		
Monday	16th	Business Meeting		
Monday	23rd	Normal Meeting	District Governor	David Haynes
Monday	30th	Normal Meeting	Ted Wilson	TBA

### **November**

Monday	6th	Normal Meeting	Elaine Turner	Steve Tallis
Thursday	9th	Council		
Monday	13th	Business Meeting		
Monday	20th	Normal Meeting	Mark Thompson	Brenda Burton
Monday	27th	Normal Meeting	Martin Iliffe	David Toone

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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## Frank on board Queen Mary 2 with friend en route home from Hamburg



### I have a little satnav

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.  
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.  
It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".  
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.  
It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.  
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear  
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.  
I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.  
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?  
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!  
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

## **100 Club Draw and Winners for August**

1st Prize Ian Jones

2nd Prize David Toone

3rd Prize Tony Mikunda

### **What no Meerkats**



What no Meerkats I hear you say.  
"Can you bear it"

A "black bear " seen in Canada by one of our Rotarian's daughters while on holiday - could it be competition for our roving ambassador for the eradication of Polio "Frank" last seen on the Queen Mary 2 (see picture opposite) returning from Hamburg having spent a few days there and the ever increasing number of knitted bears giving solace to those around the world recovering from traumas they have experienced - by befriending a teddy - having lost their families.



The figure - at the time of going to press - for knitted bears has reached 7,067 well on its way to reaching 10,000 in just 3 years.

### **David Thomas spoke to the club on the 11th September about the Matt Hampson Foundation**

Since his accident in 2005 during an England Under 21 rugby training session, Matt has battled hard to live as normal a life as possible. Paralysed from the neck down and breathing via the aid of a ventilator, it is testament to him that he decided to set up the Foundation so that others who have suffered similar cat

astrophic injuries through sport can receive support and assistance.

As well as his Foundation duties which include, visiting, mentoring, providing advice and fundraising, Matt delivers inspirational talks to young people and businesses around the country. He is also a forwards coach at Oakham School and Oakham Rugby Club, an ambassador for both the RFU's injured Players Fund and Restart (The Professional Rugby Association's charity). Patron of Special Effect a charity set up to help disabled children communicate through technology.

Matt's book 'Engage' describes the circumstances surrounding his accident and subsequent rehabilitation. It received critical acclaim and won a Sports book of the year award. He also writes columns for the Leicester Mercury, Rugby World Magazine and Sky News as well as featuring regularly on TV and in the written press.

If anyone epitomises the Foundation's ethos of 'Get Busy Living' it is Matt Hampson.

## **Don't forget World Polio Day Tuesday 24th October**

Rotary Clubs across the globe are supporting World Polio Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, called Purple4Polio, and the Lutterworth Rotary Club has supported the effort for nearly 30 years

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1985 there were 350,000 cases every year in 125 countries. Last year there were just 37 cases in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

To highlight the day many iconic buildings across the country will be lit up in purple

In January, 2018 Rotarians from Great Britain and Ireland will join a huge team in India to immunise 173 million children under 5-years-old against the crippling disease. Purple die made from crocuses is used to mark the little finger of each child so as to identify those who are protected. The programme will continue for two years after the first year of zero cases to ensure the virus has been eradicated. To protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million per year for the next three years, a



sum which is matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Without the full commitment of all partners polio could return putting children everywhere at risk.

Lutterworth Rotary Club holds a fundraising event each February specifically to support polio eradication. They also have a teddy bear called Frank who travels the world as members take him on holiday to be photographed in exotic places.

## **Metal Detectors Find a Richard 111 Coin**

They started to arrive at the field before 7am on a pleasant Sunday morning in September, so keen are the metal detectors, some from Blackpool, that they have breakfast on-the-go provided by outside caterers in the field.

Their numbers soon swelled to 150 for the annual event organised at a local field by the Lutterworth Rotary Club and the Midland's Federation of Metal Detection Clubs. John Wells, the Federation's chairman, will present a cheque at a later date for Rotary charities. Last year they raised over £3,000.



A raffle was held which included a hamper presented by Rotary Club members and a £700 metal detector given by the Federation. The raffle was drawn by John Wells and Ruth Candy from The Life After Stroke Association.

There were numerous finds including musket shot, lead artefacts, Roman buckles, and silver hammered coins. One detector found a Papal Bulla which was the seal of the Pope from the medieval period. They were made from lead and attached to documents to signify that they were issued with the Pope's authority.

The most exciting find was a Richard 111 gold coin from between 1452 and 1485 called a half angel. The angel coin was so called because the obverse had an image of St. Michael slaying the dragon. The full angel had a value of six shillings and eight pence which was the standard fee for professional services. Richard, the last Plantagenet King of England, was killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

## Welcome to our Newest Member David Woolliscroft

We look forward to you joining our team and being involved in our activities during the year.



## Welcome to our New Honorary Member John Cookson

May we welcome John as an Honorary Member of the Club, although no longer a Rotarian for 22 years he was a member of the Wycliffe Club. He spent the major part of his working life in corporate employee benefits consultancy. Previous to that the Royal Air Force for 9 years, first as a full-time musician and then as a Russian interpreter. Then went to Uni and did a degree in Russian Studies. He has lived in Lutterworth for 30 years, is a member of Lutterworth Town Band playing trombone, when not assisting me in putting the COG on line and updating our website.



*John at District Conference Llanndudno*

## Annual District Conference - 22nd – 24<sup>th</sup> September

Eight members from our club were joined by the President of Wycliffe and his wife attending the District Annual Conference held this year in Llandudno in Wales.

Reports back from those who attended said that the speakers were truly inspirational.

The **RI representative** from Poland **Piotr Wygnanczuk** was said to be charming and was well received by those who heard him talk enthusiastically about the Woodland Trust. He finished by saying that each member of Rotary Worldwide should plant a tree!

Another speaker **Angela Cairns** CEO of the **Shannon Trust** worked with prisoners helping them to help each other, so those who could read and write teaching those who could not.

**Megan Giglia** who at 27 suffered an acute brain haemorrhage/stroke leaving her with right side paralysis, epilepsy and other challenges. She had gone on to be a double gold medal winner and a world champion in the **Great Britain Para-Cycling team**. Courage – Determination – and Motivation.

**Dr Tim Mackrill**, a nature conservationist, spoke with passion about reintroducing threatened species – especially involved in the **Rutland Water Osprey Project**.

On the Sunday they heard from **Judith Green** about Science and she had been the **Chemistry Lead Educator** for the National Space Academy based at the Space Centre Leicester. Another speaker **David Webster** from the **Warning Zone** and based on Frog Island was involved in encouraging youngsters to keep safe in all aspects of life.

Finally **Nicky Chapman** of TV fame and presenter of **“Escape to the Country and Chelsea Flower Show”** amongst many others, left school at 16 with just 3 “O” levels but worked with enthusiasm – obviously making the most of all the opportunities that came her way! Inspirational!

The aims of the conference were:-

**To be inspired**

**To be motivated**

**To be enthused**

**To have fun!**

**And be Successful !!!**

*Thanks to Sheila Howell for her notes on the Conference both she and John attended.*

## **Cancer Detection Dogs - 25th September**

John Benfield our speaker gave us a very detailed talk on the use of dogs in detecting Cancer in people in its early stages. For many years there have been anecdotal reports of dogs changing their behaviour around individuals with undisclosed cancer.

In 2001, Dr Claire Guest and clinician Dr John Church began to look closely at the scientific reasons for this. In 2004 in collaboration with other researchers they published a ground breaking study that demonstrated that trained “sniffer” dogs could identify bladder cancer in samples of human urine.

The aims of the research were to help scientists in the development of "electronic nose" devices that would assist in the accurate detection of early cancer and to provide a second line detection for cancer that are currently difficult to diagnose reliably.

*Cancers currently being worked on are:-*

*Prostate cancer - Breast cancer - Lung cancer - Bowel cancer  
Malaria—and Parkinson's disease along with others where the very sensitive nose of the dog can be used.*

## **National Memorial Arboretum Visit - 28th September**

Upon arrival some members attended a small service that was given in the chapel, with a brief talk about the origins of the two minute silence. They all then stood for the two minutes silence which happens every day at 11 o'clock in the chapel.



With over 330 memorials to explore on the 150 acre site, it would need a second or more visits to do it justice.

It is a magnificent Arboretum which has been set out in such a way that every Regiment, Squadron, Battalion, Service both military and civilian, have been truly represented, even those soldiers who were shot at dawn and later pardoned.

In the afternoon after attending a short talk about the chapel, they all went on a train ride around the memorials, followed by a very welcome private cream tea in the late afternoon before going home.

A wonderful experience had by all.

Many thanks to Sally for organising the trip.



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