



THE COG

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Driving the wheel of fellowship

December '17 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

December

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	4th	Normal Meeting	Steve Tallis	David Walton
Monday	11th	Joint Christmas Dinner	IW	Lutterworth Golf Club
Monday	18th	Christmas Lunch		
Monday	25th	Christmas Holiday		

January '18

Monday	1st	New Year Holiday 2018		
Monday	8th	Joint Lunch Meeting	Wycliffe Club	
Thursday	11th	Council Meeting		
Monday	15th	Business Meeting		
Monday	22nd	Normal Meeting	David Haynes	Ted Wilson
Monday	29th	Normal Meeting	John Roberson	Sally Hollis

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

Life at Sea - Ted Wilson - 30th October

Ted Wilson gave us a fascinating talk on his love of the sea. He was born in Hull and grew up sailing on the North-East Coast. His talk was in layman's/ landlubber's language, avoiding the technical detail and terminology, of sailing across the Atlantic in a 10-metre sail boat, using a recent trip from Tenerife to the Barbados, some 3,000 miles to illustrate his talk.

Examples of charts for passage planning and navigation – stores taken and the various sails used were shown on a screen to illustrate his talk.

With a boat using a sail rather than an engine the weather conditions are very important. He showed us how you can take advantage of wind and current while avoiding extremes like tropical storms. The shortest distance between two points is a great circle but at sea not always the fastest route.



Another consideration he gave detail on was the preparations and good practices to keep the crew safe at sea.

In good conditions the average speed will be around 5 knots (120 miles a day), so around 3 weeks at sea.

As for stores – the food you take is very important for both nutrition and morale. You take as much as you need for the length of trip planned and the number on board, plus an extra margin to allow for any delay you may have in your arrival time. Once you have set sail there is no way you can add to what you have on board apart from any fish you may catch.

We were told that the recipe chosen by the cook of the day will vary by how rough the passage you are encountering – not only by its preparation but by consumption.

His preference was for short "watches" – when you are on duty and in charge of the boat - normally about 3 hours long which gives the crew a chance to rest or sleep.

He mentioned how fitting extra equipment like water desalination and water driven electricity generators and wind vane steering make life on board much more pleasant.

When asked if he ever got bored he said “no - how could you when there is so much to do and we do get visitors”, showing us many pictures of dolphins, whales, birds also flying fish that landed on deck. Time prevented him from expanding his talk. You must tell us more next time.

A tug seen in the Albermarle Sound - South Carolina



Tony Kingston—New Member

May we welcome Tony as a new member of the club.

A short ditty from the Paper Industry

Rags make paper,
Paper makes money,
Money makes Banks,
Banks make loans,
Loans make beggars,
Beggars make rags.

Geology - Adam Jones - 6th November 2017

Adam Jones, from Listers Geo, was invited to speak at the meeting of Lutterworth Rotary Club on Monday 6th November. Adam gave a talk about his the role of Geology on society and his work as both an Exploration Geologist, and as a Geotechnical Engineer.

In response to MP Ian Duncan Smith's comment in 2013 of "Who is more important, the geologist, or the person who stacked the shelves?" Adam explained the key role that Geologists and Geotechnical Engineers play in finding fertilisers, metal ores, fuel and providing a sound understanding of the ground to facilitate a wide range of engineering projects.

Adam spoke about the work he currently does with Listers Geo and the stages of Site Investigation and the impact on future Site Users and proposed structures.

Members were interested to hear of the impact that inadequate Site Investigation can have on projects, with one third of construction projects being delayed due to ground problems and half of over tender costs being related to inadequate site investigation.

Adam also spoke about his work exploring for new mines across three continents in countries including: Albania, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania and Saudi Arabia. Stories included being held in Guinea for not having a visa, dining out on half a sheep's head and some Albanian thieves who wanted reimbursing for the goods that they had stolen from his company and the time it took them to steal the goods! Adam said "It is great to have the chance to explain the important role that Geologists play in society and of the wide variety of careers open to Geologists."



The above picture demonstrates the enormous size of excavating machines used today.

Bernard Duesbury

With regret Bernard has decided to resign from the Club due to his time commitment with other organisations he is involved in. May we hope he will return to us in the future when time permits. His cheerful face and work he has done for us in the past will be greatly missed.



Milele Update Introducing Charo

As part of its continuing support for the Kenyan educational charity Milele, the club committed £450 during the last Rotary year to sponsor the education of one of its children for 5 years at the current sponsorship rate of £90 per year.

We have just received details from Amy Dobson, who with husband Richard runs Milele, of the young person who we will be sponsoring.

I'm very pleased to introduce you to Charo! He is a lovely young man aged around 17yrs (his age is an estimate because his early life history was somewhat disrupted). He is now attending Chasimba Secondary School and is in Form 3. After finishing his secondary school in December 2019 Charo is planning to go on to extra training, perhaps in teaching. He is a natural leader and we are certain he has a great future ahead of him. Frankly, I'm pretty sure he could be President of Kenya one day! All his talents and skills would have been wasted if it was not for kind individuals like you who have sponsored his education, allowing him the freedom to choose his future and helping to build the future society we all want to be a part of.



Thank-you very much for your kindness in sponsoring Charo for the next 5 years. By this time we hope he will be nearing the end of his education or training and I will be able to send you an update on

just how much of a difference you have made.

There are also several blog posts about Charo on our website, if you go to www.milele.org.uk/news and search 'Charo' you will bring up all the articles about him. `



Sherrier School asked Honorary Rotarian George Turner if he would to go into school to answer Year 5's questions about Lutterworth during the War.

This was very entertaining with such questions as 'what sort of clothes did you wear' which prompted George to tell them that with two older brothers he had to wear their worn out long trousers cut down as shorts. The children were fascinated with stories of old Lutterworth and could not imagine a world without mobile phones or TV.

There were so many questions that time ran out before they could all be answered.

A lovely letter of thanks was received signed by the whole of the class and the teachers. Its good to see Honorary Rotarians contributing to our profile in the Community.

Morrisons Collection 19th and 21st December

Both we and Inner Wheel are collecting for
"Wishes 4 Kids" - ? "Lepra"
Please have your name added to Mark's list.

Santa Fun Run 26th November 2017

Nine years on and again blessed with dry weather—albeit cold but bringing a smile to peoples' faces, both runners and spectators.

We achieved around 660 Santa's taking part slightly fewer than last year however those who took part enjoyed the day.

A total of monies raised has not yet been finalised but the turnout bodes well for all the charities who supported the event.

This will be reported in the January COG.

Everyone who attended said they enjoyed our Annual event. Who would have thought that it has been running for 9 years and still we are being asked "you will be running it again next year—won't you?"



Again it was nice to see so many families with young children taking part. As was said last year by our overseas guests how impressed they were by the community spirit generated running such an event.

Special thanks to our dedicated marshalls and car park attendants including the support of the Red Cross as this event could not have taken place without them. Thanks must also go to the Pathway Community Church for providing welcome refreshments to all those who completed the run.

May both local Rotary Clubs say a big thanks to you all for making it such a successful day not forgetting all our sponsors who regularly support us.

Finally our committee from both clubs would like to thank John Turner (our organiser) for the hours he has spent it making it run so smoothly.

Thank you John.

Rotary Young Chef 2017-18

Lutterworth College hosted the Lutterworth heat of the Rotary Young Chef competition organised by Dorothy Greaves and the Wycliffe club assisted by our club. The young competitors have to design a three-course meal to be cooked in the available time with the judges looking on.

Judges Mrs Cynthia Evans and Mrs Jane Beaumont praised all the students for their culinary skills, but in the end, after noting all aspects of the process and of course the taste and presentation of the three



courses, they awarded first prize to Hugo Perkins and second prize to Eva Jackson who will both go on to the District competition. In third place was Elena Meadows.

We would like to thank Dorothy and Lutterworth college for making this excellent event possible.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

To date 7,260 have been produced

