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Driving the wheel of fellowship

February '18 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

February

Monday	5th	Normal Meeting	David Ayres	David Woolliscroft
Thursday	8th	Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.	
Monday	12th	Business Meeting		
Monday	19th	Normal Meeting	David Woolliscroft	Rose Chapman
Monday	26th	Normal Meeting	Bridget Hunt	Philip Duncan

March

Monday	5th	Normal Meeting	Philip Duncan	John Wells
Thursday	8th	Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.	
Friday	9th	65th Charter Evening	Lutterworth Golf Club	
Monday	12th	Business Meeting		
Monday	19th	Normal Meeting	Tony Kingston	Martin Iliffe
Monday	26th	Normal Meeting	Graham Johnson	John Wilson

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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A talk from Santa—18th December

Our Speaker Steve Hammond-Evans a professional Santa gave us a very entertaining talk of encounters he has had with the children he meets in his trips around the country.

When he asks what they would like Santa to give them they come up with a range of ideas such as:-

A quad bike to get around the farm more easily.

A range of Tablets or ipads.

Something for his disabled sister.

A range of toys dependent upon age.

A Dog or Cat for company - for those already in the family.

He was asked on one occasion as to what Reindeer eat when there is only snow on the ground when he had to think on his feet, replying with a straight face a "Christmas Tree but they do suffer the following day by having **tinselitus** which is very up-setting".

100 Club Winners drawn in December

1st Prize £100 Suzie Rocher, Greyhound Staff

2nd Prize £15 Mark Thompson

3rd Prize £10 David Ayres



Even though it was Christmas the Editor decided to limit himself to just four cans of beer for the day!

Report from Roger Rose.

On New Years Eve a party of sixteen set out for Birmingham chauffeured by our leader and organiser Hugh.

We were all picked up from our homes from 16.00hrs onwards to proceed to Westlands, Ullesthorpe to enjoy cocktails and canapés courtesy of Hugh and Clare. At 17.30 we departed for dinner at The Bank Restaurant in Birmingham where we were joined by Hugh's brother -in- law Rob and enjoyed fine

private dining.

Then on to the Philharmonic Hall for 18.30 to enjoy a New Year's Eve Last Night at the Proms with the London Concert Orchestra.

Back to Lutterworth and bed by about 03.00hrs having enjoyed a memorable, enjoyable and fantastic experience for which a huge thank you is due to Hugh and Clare.



The Unselfish Friend *supplied by David Toone*

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness.

They will sleep on the cold ground when the wintery winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only to be by their masters side.

They will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, they will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. When all other friends desert, they will remain.

Faithful and true to the last beat of their heart.

You owe it to them to be worthy of such devotion.

They are your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are their life, their love, their leader.

Senator George Graham West 1869.

Joint Meeting with Wycliffe 8th January '18

Grandcamp—Maisy

Our speakers Peter Lawrence and Graham Bundock from the Wycliffe Club gave us an illustrated talk on Camp Maisy in France where they are planning to take members on a visit between 11th—14th May.

There are still spaces on the coach so if members are interested in joining them please contact Peter Lawrence on tel. 01858 880939 or Graham Bundock Tel. 01455 209573 for more details.

I have taken the liberty of copying an article on its history from Wikipedia under Grandcamp Maisy.

Quote

In 1944 the town of Maisy was the site of a [German heavy artillery battery](#) and the headquarters for the sector. Until recently, the site was overgrown and had been covered by US engineers before the end of 1944 - well before any historians had a chance to examine the site. British military historian Gary Sterne rediscovered the site after finding^[1] an American invasion map, and has purchased the site and turned it into a museum with over 2½ miles of original German trenches and bunkers. From his research and newly released (previously top secret) papers, it is obvious that the site is many times larger than was originally thought. The labyrinth of trenches and tunnels had remained hidden for around 60 years. It contains office bunkers, supplies buildings, general quarters, radio rooms, and many other blocks, including an underground hospital (one of three which has been uncovered and can be visited).

It may well be that when all the site is cleared and all the bunkers that are buried are rediscovered, this site will be one of the largest on the [Atlantic Wall](#) in the invasion area. The sheer size of the site poses many questions as to why it does not feature more prominently in allied records - or why it was so well camouflaged - equally why the site did not have more attention paid to it by the Allies.

It was bombed, but not hit to any extent before D-Day. On the morning of the 6 June 1944, the [HMS Hawkins](#) claimed to have put the guns out of action, but Maisy was hit with shells for a further three days by many navy ships. The three casemates on the left side of the site (La Martiniere) show no sign of damage from the front, only superficial damage from the east when the Rangers attacked across the fields on foot. This was the direction from which the battery was attacked by the men of the 5th Rangers on the morning of June 9 - along with halftracks from the 2nd Btn. Despite this, in the Royal Navy *History of D-day* it states that HMS *Hawkins* silenced the battery on D-day, despite the fact that many other ships claimed to have done the same thing over many days. Hawkins also claimed to have put the battery at St. Martin de Varreville out of action, but it is a well-known fact¹ that the guns were not there on the morning of D-Day and had been moved further north. The town became the headquarters of [General Bradley](#) after it was liberated on June 9.

The site has been excavated and was opened as a museum in April 2007.

Aqua Boxes

The Club has filled 10 Aqua Boxes this Rotary year and plans to fill 10 more. The boxes are for emergency situations and provide essential items for families who have nothing but what they stand up in. Each box contains 70 different sorts of items. Vital is a pump which will purify up to 20,000 litres of ditch water into safe drinking water. Also provide a bucket to gather the water. The pumps are made by a voluntary team at the warehouse in Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

There are large thick plastic sacks in which to crawl in to escape temporarily from the harsh conditions. Tools are important and include a pick/spade, hammer and nails, pliers etc. Cooking items include a large pan, knife, spoons, plates and mugs. There is a washing line, pegs, string, garden wire, bungies, tarpaulin, a wind up torch, matches and a solar lamp.

Personal items include tooth brushes, tooth paste, hygiene products, bandages, antiseptic cream, baby bottle with teat and vaseline. There is soap, towels, tea towels, children's kagools and assorted clothes.

For children we include crayons, a writing pad, a tennis ball, dominos and, of course, one of Elaine's teddies.

The boxes are stored at Wirksworth ready for an emergency when they are taken to an airport to be flown to the area in need and distributed by local Rotarians.

In 2017 Aqua Boxes went to flood hit South Asia, the Caribbean islands devastated by hurricanes and conflict areas such as South Sudan and the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh.



The Aqua Box project celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

Can you imagine a young Rohingya girl who has seen horrible brutality, walked for weeks through jungle, has nothing in the world then takes the lid off an Aqua Box and sees the teddy.

That's why we do it.



Oh to see a young 5 year old optimist with his life ahead of him born in a war torn part of the world.
May we make his dream come true.

Picture by courtesy of Time Magazine.

Rotary Young Musician Competition

The Local Heat was held at the Lutterworth Methodist Church on Sunday 21st January.

There were 7 entrants covering 3 sections

Junior Section

Solo instrumental Sophie Costa - Harp
who at 10 won 1st prize gaining 98 points out of 100
Ensemble Sophie Costa - Harp
Eleanor Colwell - Flute

Intermediate Section

Solo instrumental Rita Feditsa - Piano
Solo vocal Elsie Mitchell - Piano
Solo Vocal Jessie Lea - Piano

Senior Section

Solo instrumental Charlotte Mitchell - Piano
Solo Vocal Charlotte Hunter - Piano

All 7 will be going to the District Finals to be held on Saturday 3rd March at Melton Mowbray

Eradication of Polio Update

What seemed impossible a decade ago has almost come to fruition.



See article in Time Magazine in Blue book and article sent you all by Rose Chapman from Foundation.

Picking a few salient points from each article may I highlight :-

- A staggering 16 million children have been saved from being paralysed since the campaign started—650,000 a year.
- 2.5 billion have been immunised and 1.5 billion deaths from the disease have been prevented.
- Afghanistan and Pakistan being the last two countries who have the endemic disease.

Please read the articles for more detail.

Future Events

Skittles Evening Friday 9th February 7 p.m. **prompt** at Wolvey Bowls Club, Coventry Road, Wolvey LE10 3LD

Lutterworth Big Indoor Bike Ride - 4th March

The first Lutterworth Big Indoor Bike Ride held in March last year was a such huge success, raising £2,500.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Rotary Charities, that a repeat ride is planned for **Sunday 4th March, 2018**. 12 noon to 6 p.m.

The event is for those who would like to experience a guided classic bike ride but indoors, at your own pace and with motivational musical backing with spinning coach Richard Stannard. The event will be held at the Lutterworth Sports Centre using the Centre's 35 static bikes over six one hour sessions [12noon-6pm] and is ideal for both regular cyclists and novices who wish to have fun getting fit with this 'Spin into Spring'.

It is an ideal workout in preparation for spring and summer road work culminating in the 8th Lutterworth Big Bike Ride to be held in August. The sessions are suitable for everyone as you take the route at your own pace.

As well as being an enjoyable way to get fit, the event will raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Rotary supported charities at home and abroad.

The entry charge is £10 per bike per hour which can be booked at the Lutterworth Sports Centre reception [cash only] or online at Entrycentral.com. For full details visit lutterworthrotary.org.uk or contact the event co-ordinator John Turner 01455 554455.

Lutterworth 65th Charter Monday 9th March 7 for 7-30 p.m. at Lutterworth Golf Club

Morrison Collection

Both Inner Wheel and the Club collected £722 between them before Christmas for Lepra and Kids4Us which was equally divided to each Charity.

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