



## Issue 160

Driving the wheel of fellowship

# July '18 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

### July Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	2nd	Normal Meeting	John Turner	David Walton
Monday	9th	Normal Meeting	Sue Postlethwaite	Bridget Hunt
Thursday	12th	Council Meeting	7-30 –p.m.	
Monday	16th	Business Meeting		
Monday	23th	<b>Joint Lunch Meeting with Wycliffe Club</b>		
Monday	30th	Normal Meeting	Roger Rose	Mike Toone

### August

Monday	6th	Normal Meeting	David Walton	Bernard Johnson
Thursday	9th	Council Meeting	7.30 pm	
Monday	13th	Business Meeting		
Monday	20th	Normal Meeting	Anne Baker	Peter Osborn
Monday	27th	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		No Meeting

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

## Medical Drones

In Rwanda they are using drones to deliver blood products to outlying hospitals and clinics normally collected by car and driver from the central blood bank in the capital Kigali on average a 3 hour round trip. Today by using a drone operated from the blood bank it can take just 6 minutes dropping the much needed blood products using a small parachute attached to a chill lined box at the outlying hospital where it can be used immediately.

In March 2016, Zipline, a US company started up, partnered with the Rwanda government and launched the World's first Commercial drone delivery service ferrying vital medical supplies to far flung hospitals by air.

By October 2016 the company had dispatched more than 7,000– units of blood products which included red blood cells , platelets and plasma to 21 hospitals that would otherwise have travelled on a treacherously tangled road net work losing precious time in the race to save lives.



Through the success in Rwanda the company are expanding into Tanzania.

Due to the short distances that most drones can travel this service uses a design known as an electric aircraft called Zip which is very different from quad-copters that are currently being used by most drone companies. It is a small propelled like aeroplane enabling them to fly faster and increasing a larger radius on a single battery charge. They are directed to their destination



by GPS and drop their payload via a parachute rather than landing to minimise the number of people involved who would need to be trained in the use of a drone. These Zip planes can carry up to 3·9 lbs of blood products at a time. The Zips are loaded onto a catapult type launcher and takes only a minute from the order being placed to the time it is airborne. The hospital is immediately informed of its arrival time—it swoops down drops its payload and returns to its base for the next delivery.

## **Blenheim Flower Show 22nd June**

Forty six Rotarians and friends spent a glorious day in wonderful weather visiting Blenheim Palace which was built in the early 18th Century to celebrate a victory over the French in the war of the Spanish Succession.



It was specifically built as a gift to the 1st Duke of Marlborough and is now owned by the 12th Duke (Charles James Spencer Churchill) who was born in 1955.

The Palace is by current prices valued at £180 Million and has 187 rooms. The estate occupying 2,000 acres of land.

This was the 6th Flower Show. Celebrating the very best of gardening, home and lifestyle. It was packed with inspiration, flowers and plants ( from azaleas to zinnias) and everything you might need for home or garden.

There was a very exotic orchid tunnel with bright colours and a flower pavilion with some of the UK's finest nurseries and plantsmen competing for the prestigious 'Best in Show' award.

The Flower stalls outside were varied with roses being at their very best and an unusual plans called angel's wings (furry silver grey leaves) caught the imagination of one or two.

One of our party enjoyed the flower arranging and brought

her achievement home.

The Shopping Village featured an abundance of trade stands selling unique garden furniture, gazebos, greenhouses, water features and much more.

The Food and Drink Tent provided free samples of the wares. The Home and Country Living Pavilion was interestingly filled with a selection of original handmade giftware, jewellery and luxury goods.

The tickets included visits to the Palace and gorgeous gardens including the fabulous rose garden, at its best with fabulous rose arches framing the lake. The arboretum with its ancient trees was worth the walk.

### **Ageing is a perfecting process !!!**



*Thomas William Hinton  
enjoying Blenheim for the first time  
at 6 months.*

*Anne and David Toone  
enjoying Blenheim Rose Garden  
for the ? time !!!*



**Thank you Elaine for arranging the trip.**

## **Teddy Bears from Bitteswell WI**

Back in January when Bitteswell WI were celebrating their 95th birthday and having heard about the Rotary teddy project from Jackie Rose they decided members would knit 95 teddies one for each year of Bitteswell WI.

At our meeting on 4th June Jackie Rose came along and presented the teddies to Elaine Turner

This bringing our total knitted bear project up to 7,861.



## **100 Club results June Draw**

1st Prize John Turner (88)  
2nd Prize Stephen Dennis (Greyhound) (38)  
3rd Prize Hugh Robertson Smith (49)

## **Change of President**

John handed over his mantle to our new President Mark Thompson on Monday 25th June having had a very successful year.

A big thank you from the Club.

John's designated charities for the past year were;-  
Stroke Association  
Women's Aid  
and Matt Hampson Foundation.



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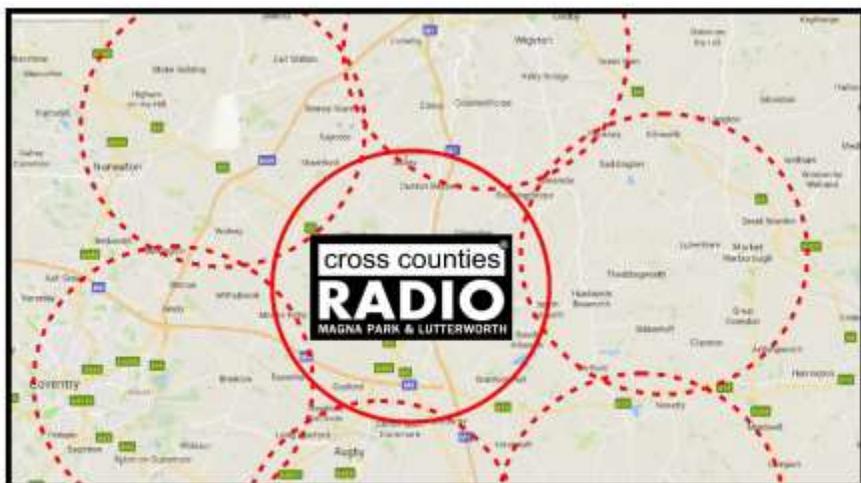
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## **Who said Rocking Horses?**

Our speaker on 4th June Steve Acres gave us a very interesting talk in how to produce a "Rocking Horse and more".

It sounded so easy and logical for those in sheds!!

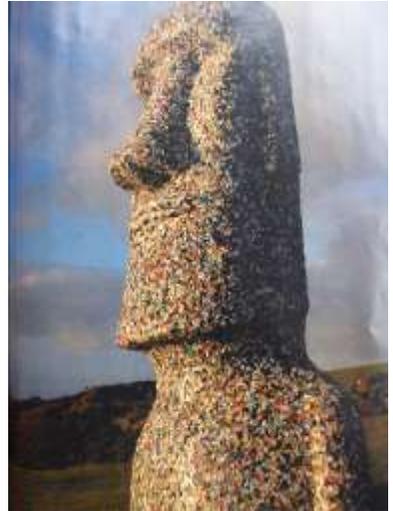
He explained that in order to keep the weight down you make it in layers from various templates leaving the centre empty and then laminating them together.

His greatest challenge was being asked to produce a Giraffe but with a lot of patience it was achieved.



## Miscellaneous Bottle Tops retrieved from the sea.

Can you believe that this statue was produced from one beach at Whitsands Bay (near Plymouth ) in Devon



## Forthcoming Events

**Big Bike Ride Sunday 19th August** again being held this year at Misterton Hall.

Cyclists from 8-30 a.m. dependent on distance being cycled to allow you time to enjoy being back for your **hog roast** at lunch time.

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