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Driving the wheel of fellowship

January '19 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

January

Monday 7th Joint Meeting with Wycliffe 7-15 p.m. Greyhound
Thursday 10th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.
Monday 14th Business Meeting
Monday 21st Normal Meeting Bridget Hunt David Wooliscroft
Monday 28th Normal Meeting Tony Kingston Rose Chapman

February

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Philip Duncan John Wells
Monday 11th Normal Meeting Sally Hollis Graham Johnson
Thursday 14th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.
Monday 18th Business Meeting
Monday 25th Normal Meeting Bernard Johnson John Wilson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell **David Ayres** Tel: 01455 209074 email ayres4feet@btinternet.com

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A Safari in Scotland

Jaqueline Strong our speaker (she had visited the Club before) showed us some photos from Scotland she had taken rather than Africa as she had done before.



Being an amateur/professional photographer interested in nature we were spoilt by seeing a range of photos taken together with a brief resume of where these birds were photographed.

White tailed Eagle

Patience is a virtue when taking pictures of birds or animals together with a sophisticated camera in expert hands.

She has been good enough to send me a couple of the photos taken.



Cuckoo in flight

The time she spent with us was certainly not long enough for such an interesting subject.

Morrisons Collection 15th and 18th December

The Club along with Lutterworth Inner Wheel collected the princely sum of **£945-61** for the Alzheimer's Society. £453-20 on Saturday and £492-41 on Tuesday. Thank you all who took part.

ANIMAL QUIZ

- 1) Found in a fashion show (7)
- 2) Get your conkers here (5,8,4)
- 3) Twenty one shilling swine (6,3)
- 4) Seen after a few too many! (4,9)
- 5) Possibly needed after seeing the previous answer (4,2,3,3)
- 6) This feline shouldn't have been inquisitive (9,6,3,3)
- 7) £25.00 (4)
- 8) Weed, or smart cat! (9)
- 9) Sounds like it's only a feline (7)
- 10) Definitely doesn't sound cold (5)
- 11) Sounds wet and expensive (8)
- 12) Insect ran away to marry (8)
- 13) Court case for a four legged friend (8,5)
- 14) He disappeared leaving only a smile (8,3)
- 15) Sounds like damage to a friar (8)
- 16) Barrier pig (8)

Films with animals in the title

- 17) High flying brave raptor (5,6,4)
- 18) Michael Morpurgo story (3,5)
- 19) Creature at a frozen railway building (3,7,5)
- 20) Reptile found in a Scottish City (9,6)

Christmas Dinner with Inner Wheel—10th December

On Monday Evening we celebrated Christmas by inviting Inner Wheel members and guests to join us at the Lutterworth Golf Club for a gorgeous three course meal provided by the Golf Club.

This has become an Annual Event where around 70 of us enjoyed a social occasion.

The entertainment that took place while we digested our food was both live and self produced while we sang seasonal carols ably conducted by our President Mark Thompson and accompanied on the piano by Sheila Howell last years President's wife.

May we say a big thank you to all those who organised the evening.

Albert Costa MP opens the renovated Narrows Gardens in Lutterworth 15th December

"It is nice to feel in the midst of a fierce national debate about BREXIT, that we don't lose sight of developments that mean something directly to the people in our own Lutterworth" said Alberto Costa MP at the opening of the renovated Narrows Gardens off Market Street before the Original Factory Shop.



Alberto was there to inspect the work the Rotary Club of Lutterworth had put into reviving a formerly neglected area linking Market Street and George Street, through to the Library and Lutterworth's two major supermarkets.

The area had fallen into a sad and overgrown state. Following extensive debris clearance, weed treatment, the additional of over 10 tons of topsoil and compost, weed membrane, at least 40 plants and slate shale topping, the area now looks much more welcoming. It will improve even more over the coming years as the plants establish themselves, and it should prove a useful amenity for the Town.

The work was funded by the Rotary Club of Lutterworth, as well as the Rotary Foundation itself, which is the main charitable arm of Rotary in UK. As was pointed out by Sally Hollis the President Elect of the Club, the Rotary Club of Lutterworth were pleased to do something for the local community who continue to support their fundraising events. The work itself was done by members of the Club.

At a short ceremony on Saturday morning 15th December, the event was witnessed by Tony Hiron on behalf of Brian Poulter the Town Mayor, Dorothy Greaves who was instrumental in triggering this work, and Sheila Chambers of the Craft Shop who had previously worked on the area.

Other attendees were Rotarians and Friends of Rotary who had all played a part in seeing the project through to completion.



New Members

May we welcome both:-

**Susan Sharp and
Zelda Taylor**

to the Club as our newest
members



Christmas Lunch. - 17th December '18

We had virtually a full house with 34 members and guests to witness the inauguration of two new members Susan Sharp and Zelda Taylor.

Having had a good traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings and desert plus wine provided by Robert Eggleston we settled down to our entertainment provided by various members of the club.

Our pièce de résistance was at the expense of our secretary Bernard Johnson who was called forward to receive his cup (the largest I have seen) for services rendered to the club during the past year. Mike Toone waxed lyrical about what he had done, and we could see Bernard thinking about where he could display it at home. It was too large to place on his mantelpiece and too tall for any display cabinet he may have had.

However, all was resolved when Mike produced and presented a £5 Morrison Voucher from within the bowl of the cup to the mirth of members who then realised together with Bernard, he had been spoofed into thinking he was going to receive a memorable trophy.

Quality Spuds

Mrs Cara, A newly Widowed Potato, had three lovely daughters, and she was anxious that they should all be married off before they began to get old.

After constant nagging from their ambitious mother, the oldest daughter found a beau, and came home to reveal that she was engaged to Mr King Edward. Her mother was ecstatic at the prospect of royal blood in the family, and rushed out to buy a very expensive new outfit for the wedding.

The second daughter, not to be outdone, came home just a few weeks later to tell her mother of her engagement to Mr Desire, a successful businessman with exceptional qualities. The old mother was as pleased as she could be—what a desirable match!

The third daughter, with a lot to live up to, set out to find herself a husband, but the competition was especially great now that the cream of the crop had been taken. Her mother waited anxiously until the day that her last daughter came home to introduce her fiancée;

"Who is it, who is it?", she asked excitedly
"Des Lynam", replied her blushing daughter
"Oh no, not Des Lynam", her mother retorted disappointedly,
"He's just a common –tater!"

By courtesy of David Toone

Robert (Bob) Derrick

1931 (2nd July) - **2018** (20th December)

It is sad to report that Rotarian Bob Derrick died peacefully in Leicester Royal Infirmary on Thursday 20th December. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

Bob was born in Castle Donnington on 2nd July 1931, the middle son of three born to Kathleen and Arthur Derrick.



After leaving school he worked at Slack and Parr, Kegworth but soon tiring of this he decided to join the Marines. A friend persuaded him to join the Navy instead.

His first assignment was on the "Royal Arthur" shore based at Cors-ham, Wiltshire followed by H.M.S. Ceres, York, where he trained to be a "Junior Assistant Cook". The next move was to H.M.S. Mariner, a Mine Sweeper, where he was on 'fishery protection' for eighteen months trying to keep our fishermen out of trouble.

After visiting a lot of countries including Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Belgium and Germany, he was transferred to H.M.S. Hornbill a Naval Air Station near Culhum and Abingdon. The first thing the Chief Cook said was that he had heard good things about Bob so he was put in the Petty Officer's Galley where he could get promotion.

Here he worked with Petty Officer Len Glover, a Leicester man, from whom he learnt a lot.

During his time in the Navy Bob took part in N A T O exercises and finally he was asked by the Draft Commander if he would like to serve on H.M. Yacht Britannia. He served there as Leading Hand on the Yacht for his last ten months in the Navy leaving on 1st July 1956. He then worked at Castle Donnington Power Station for the next thirty-three years most of the time as Operations Supervisor.

Bob met Eileen in the Airport Club in 1968 and they got married on 5th August 1970. They moved to Lutterworth in 1988 where he retired the following year.

Having retired he joined Lutterworth Rotary in 1992 and became President in 2000 and obtained a Paul Harris Award in 2005 with his wife Eileen for the work they had done through the Club for "Aquaboxes" and "Vision Aid Overseas".



They used to run a coffee morning each Thursday collecting for the Aquaboxes a charity very close to Bobs heart.

He was a real gentleman always impeccably dressed and respected by all who met him something he would have denied – Bob was just Bob who took no sides. In his eyes everyone was on a level playing field.

He will be greatly missed in the town and the club to which he did so much.



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