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Driving the wheel of fellowship

## March '19 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

**MARCH 2019**

### March

### Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday	4th	Normal Meeting	Peter Osborn	John Turner
Monday	11th	Normal Meeting	David Toone	Sue Postlethwaite
Thursday	14th	Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.	
Monday	18th	Business Meeting		
Monday	25th	Normal Meeting	H Robertson	Smith John Howell

### April

Monday	1st	Normal Meeting	Mike Toone	John Roberson
Monday	8th	Normal Meeting	Sally Parkinson	Elaine Turner
Thursday	11th	Council Meeting	7-30 p.m.	
Monday	15th	Business Meeting		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>		
Monday	29th	Normal Meeting	Graham Johnson	David Ayres

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

## Lord Willy Bach—Leicestershire Police Commissioner

Our speaker on Monday 4th February was Willy Bach our Police and Crime Commissioner who spoke about what he did which was a hugely varied job.

Police and Crime Commissioners (PPC's) were introduced to make policing more accountable and more accessible to the public—he being the 2nd appointed in Leicestershire in 2016 for a 4 year term of office.



His purpose being to ensure an efficient and effective police service in Leicestershire and Rutland,

What do they actually do?

They set the police financial budget that includes the amount of council tax local people pay towards policing. Over the past 3 years they have recruited—8—24 and now 107 (this year) new officers to cover the next 2 years, which sounds a lot but will not cover the 20% loss since 2010.

Inspector Siobhan Gorman is the new “NPA Commander” and we were told is keen to work with for the public on such things as “Response and Ops” (firearms, traffic and dogs) where specialist skills are needed. Overall crime in Lutterworth has increased by 19% but strangely enough burglary has fallen in Lutterworth.

He went on to say that part of his job is to hold the Chief Constable accountable for his force's performance and said how lucky he was to have Simon Cole who is both exceptional and an inspirational leader

He finished by saying the old adage  
**“prevention is better than cure”**  
still holds true for crime and policing.

**Mark (as President)** has just received the attached from Rotary Foundation praising both the Narrows Team and Club on the completion of our most recent project on "the Narrows" in Lutterworth which I thought you would like to see.

"This ticks every single box. The project is fully compliant with everything we were given in the proposal and then application. Accountability, sustainability, publicity, Rotarian involvement all as good as we get. Well done and thanks to Lutterworth."

This will hold us in great standing when asking Foundation for grants on future Projects.

## **Water Aid**

We, as Lutterworth Rotary, have used the Greyhound Wishing Well for collecting money for Water Aid since September 2012 and guess who was our first contributor?

You are right- *duly recorded in October 2012's COG* - our ever smiling Beata from the Greyhound.



The latest figures I have from that collected from the Greyhound Wishing Well since we started is £1,629-63 up to October '18.

*A few statistics on Water Aid you may be interested in are -*

844 million people don't have clean water close to home.

2•3 billion people don't have a decent toilet of their own.

31% of schools don't have clean water.

Every minute a new born dies from infection caused by lack of safe water and an unclean environment.

Diarrhoea caused by dirty water and poor toilets kills a child under 5 every 2 minutes.

Around the world up to 443 million school days are lost every year because of water-related illness.

Every \$1 invested in water and toilets return an average of

\$4 in increased productivity.

Like the eradication of Polio Project Rotary are involved in - the eradication of dirty water and clean toilets is very important. A mammoth task but not impossible.

## **Wolvey Skittles Evening—8th February**

We must thank both David and Anne Toone for a splendid evening at Wolvey Bowls Club (*which has become an Annual event*) in aid of "the eradication of Polio". Sixty seven members, including friends and supported by Wycliffe Rotary Club were present. The food—fish and chips—chicken and chips and a vegetarian dish were up to their usual high standard.

£817 was made for Polio which included £300 on the raffle and a further £30 from an auction on a bottle of Glenlivet single malt whiskey which had been donated by one of our members.

## **While talking of Polio - (problems with) Mental Health**

Is a scourge of the modern age.

I have précised an article I recently read in Time magazine which I thought might interest members.

In Zimbabwe the term for depression is called Kufungisisa meaning "thinking too much". The article shows the way they have tackled the problem, or in some cases even cured it, which is being replicated around the world. With the lack of qualified psychiatrists the Chibanda's Organisation have created "Friendship Benches". Along with other African countries who have found that those suffering from the problem can discuss it openly with trained "Grandmothers". By using this therapy the "Grandmothers" are best equipped to provide a solution by **listening** unlike other members of the clinical community who tend to direct their patients what to do. This is simple and would make a difference in the world.

In reading this maybe it could be adopted by Rotary - it's simple cheap in terms of training and if adopted could solve a major problem and could go alongside our campaign to eradicate polio. The benches could be made locally and the therapy run by the community under clinical guidance.

## **Elaine's Teddies get around the world**

Over the past 7/8 years the Club through Elaine Turner and her knitters have produced over 8,000 knitted teddies which have been sent all around the world.

One of the recent consignments has been sent to Mercy Ships a medical ship servicing West Africa where they are being used to speed up recovery of young children who have just received surgery.



In many cases the teddy is the first toy they have ever had. You can see the joy they show in receiving them.

## **The Rev. Robert Moloney - 11th February**

The Rev. Robert Moloney was our speaker and spoke both about his early life and later about his time in the Church. He spent his early life in Liverpool and at the age of 11 went to the Merchant Taylor's School until he went to University in the 1970's where he took his degree in Chemical Engineering. On leaving University he took a job in Morocco in desalination.

He met his wife to be when on holiday in Yugoslavia.

Having taken the cloth in the United Reformed Church in Rugby he told us how he worked with those who have troubled families and became lonely. He explained how mental depression was a major problem in the world today and how by being a listening bench he and we could go a long way in solving the problem. Having been in industry and working abroad he was well qualified in meeting this need.



## Frank on the move again

Along with Elaine's knitted teddies Frank had itchy feet to go abroad again and went on holiday with John Howell. As you will see from the photos below publicising Rotary's "Eradication of Polio Appeal"

The first photo was at Beverly Hill in the States the second was in Tasmania where he met up with some Australians who were sailing round Tasmania in aid of Polio.



## Zelda

Zelda was born in a small town 60 miles outside Johannesburg. Her mother is still alive and lives with her step brother on a poultry farm near the town where she was born. Her other brother now lives in Cape Town—her father passed away from diabetes in early 1980s. She was raised in an Afrikaans speaking home and attended the local Afrikaans primary and high school. She discovered her love for running at school and participated in 400, 800 metre races as well as cross country.

Zelda met her husband Paul through her English speaking neighbours. Though born in England he moved to South Africa with his parents in 1960s. They married in 1980 in a Church of England church in Florida and have a daughter Charmaine who lives in the USA with their grandchildren Eryn 13 and Connor 8.

Zelda's first job was as a Girl Friday at a company that supplied "Turf" where one of their customer's was opening a wholesale Florist and offered her a job in his shop. She loved working

there and discovered she had a flair for flower arranging, she arranged flowers for all occasions including weddings. There was no passing trade and regrettably the shop closed after two years.

Before it closed she was approached by one of their suppliers to join his company in a sales position. The Company "Sandy's Ribbons and Bows" supplied gift wrap-wrap, bows, cellophane and silk flowers to florists, stationers, pharmacists and jewellers, in fact anyone who would gift wrap and use ribbon. She travelled across the country from Johannesburg to Kimberley and even as far as Cape Town. She worked there for 16 years and was then headhunted by a lady who used to do trade shows with her. This job involved selling printed personalized gift bags. Where she was for the next two years.

During this time her boss from the previous company asked her to join them as an Account Manager managing some of their larger customers.. Zelda joined them in 2001 working for them for the next 17 years. The company being called Masterpack, a division of the South African group Bidvest, who designed premium packaging and printed/converted cartons for the Healthcare, pharmaceutical, food and cosmetic industry.

While working for Masterpack she studied through UNISA and got a qualification in sales and marketing and completed a number of different courses related to the printing industry.

In her most recent position as Sales Manager she managed a sizable team. With her years in the industry she built up a good client base and together with a fabulous team increased their sales by 55% over the last 3 years until resigning in March 2018, taking early retirement and



moving to England.

She moved here with Paul whose job is in the Mining industry. The main reason was for him to work out of his office in Rugby and for her to be able to see their daughter and grandchildren living in the States more often.

As some of you will know Zelda has a passion for running and has managed to run two half marathons and a full marathon in Amsterdam in the middle of February this year - not to forget the Club's Santa Fun Run!! She is currently training for the Ultra Marathon (34.8 miles) held later this year in South Africa and has told me that she intends taking Frank along with her.

As she says it has been quite an adjustment in so many ways moving to a new country and culture - leaving her family and family friends, work colleagues, church family and the familiarity of the country in which she grew up behind.

In talking to her later all she could say was how very grateful she was for the support she had received from so many of us since arriving here. We have helped to make the transition so much easier.

*Quote* -Thanks again for all your support, I look forward to growing within Rotary and adding value wherever I can.

## **Future Events**

### **Lutterworth Big Indoor Bike Ride**

**Sunday 24th February** 12 noon - 6 p.m. at Lutterworth Sports Centre in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Cost £10 per one hour session. Contact John Turner 01455 554455.

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