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**Driving the wheel of fellowship**

## February '20 Newsletter

**Programme for the next two months.**

### **February**

### **Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks**

Monday 3rd Normal Meeting Tony Kingston Val Cooper

Monday 10th Normal Meeting Val Cooper Sally Parkinson

Thursday 13th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 17th Business Meeting

Monday 24th Normal Meeting Mark Thompson Graham Johnson

### **March**

Monday 2nd Normal Meeting Bernard Johnson John Wells

Monday 9th Normal Meeting Peter Osborn John Turner

Thursday 12th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 16th Business Meeting

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting David Walton David Ayres

Monday 30th Normal Meeting Rose Chapman TBA

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell  
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**You're not the first to be clamped!!**



**If in doubt chop it down**

## **Helipads for Helicopters - an update**

Last summer Lutterworth Rotary Club was visited by John Nowell on behalf of the charity " Helipads for Helicopters". His talk explained that like the Air Ambulance Service, which had to be self financing, helipads were not provided by the NHS . Helipads were installed at hospitals only with the help of charity funds .

His charity aimed to collect aluminium cans which could be smelted down into aluminium ingots and used to make helipads.

His talk was well received and the club agreed to collect cans and store them until they could be collected by John and taken away for processing. Graham kindly agreed to host the collection on behalf of the Club in Bitteswell.

Since last year, thanks to publicity from our Club the message has spread. There is now a new collection point in Rugby at the United Reformed Church on Hillmorton Road.

Lutterworth Rotary Club was also instrumental in involving staff at Magna Park in the scheme the Club has been told that there is now an official collection point there for aluminium cans organised by ASDA. John has reported that there is now a commercial skip to receive the cans in view of the large numbers

being donated.

New volunteers are continually coming forward allowing the scheme to continue to grow. Please remember that John still needs all the cans you can collect and will pick them up from the various collection points around Rugby and Lutterworth as required.

## **Cystic Fibrosis Cheque Presentation**

Our Speaker Katie Kirby, Community Fund Raiser for the Midlands Cystic Fibrosis Trust, was presented with a cheque for £157 –30 from Mary Stannard. The money collected through Mary's Wreath Making Event in November, which was half the amount collected.



The other half collected going to Care and Share. Katie Scott (far left) a proficient Flower arranger guided those who attended in the art of making wreaths.

Our speaker explained that Cystic Fibrosis affects some 10,000 people in the UK and some 70,000 world wide.

Cystic Fibrosis, as most of you know, is a genetic disease that mainly affects the lungs but can also cause problems with the pancreas ,liver, kidneys and intestine.

At the moment there is no known cure for the disease but we were told that it does not shorten life expectancy.

We were told that Dorothy Anderson recognised it as a specific disease in 1938.

Her talk was fascinating giving us current details of what is being done to relieve people with the disease.

## Joint Dinner 20th January

Roger May introduced the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kapur, saying he was an inspirational speaker to which he replied 'this was another talk'!

First he would like to give us the history, in 1549 the 3rd Earl of Dorset was created the county's first Lord Lieutenant directly responsible to the monarch for law & order and raising local militia when needed within the county. Sadly he was beheaded. The next 31 were successful and he was proud that as the 32nd he was the first Indian and the youngest to be appointed. It is a completely voluntary job but he is able to give some time to his businesses. All Lord Lieutenants (there are 98 in the UK) are nominated by their county dignitaries, charities, police, religious groups etc. After their agreement for selection the one chosen has to be approved by the monarch and retire on their 75th birthday. The uniform is modelled on an Army General and it is important to salute properly (he needed a great deal of practice).

The Lord Lieutenant is responsible for any royal visitor to the county overseeing their protection and timetable and they also have a huge number of invitations to many events. To help they have Deputy Lord Lieutenants, he was one for Lady Gretton and once chosen they remain in office unless disapproved of. Where possible they work and oversee groups where they have special knowledge. Each county has a number based on their population 56 for us. Both Rosemary Conley & Jonathon Agnew serve in Leicestershire. As a child living in Derby he wanted to be an Astronaut/Footballer/Royalty. However, not very academic he was only offered a place at Leicester Polytechnic to study computers & accountancy, which he reluctantly accepted and then stayed. He can now claim to work for Royalty, is chairman of the Space Centre and Leicester City Football Club, ambitions achieved. He feels it is very important that the position of Lord Lt. is attainable to anyone, whatever their social background.

A special project for his term in office is to ask everyone to be aware of those in the county working to improve the quality of life in their communities and for individuals. Then nominate them for the Queen's Honours List a reward especially for those working in the voluntary sector. Make Leicestershire proud. A talk delivered with humour and full of fascinating facts, finishing with Mike Kapur's thanks to Rotarians for all they do for the communities in our county.

## **Third District Minor Sports - 22nd January**

John Wilson took a willing team of 12 to our third District Minor Sports challenge of the year to the **Lamb Inn** at Little Harrowden on Wednesday 22nd January.

We faced a variety of activities to include Shove Halfpenny (with real old coins), Dominoes, Table skittles and "Shut the Box". The latter was a new one for us, but great fun and many of us vowing to purchase it for the kids.

Supper was fish/chicken, chips and peas, and some treated themselves to puddings.

Our hosts - **Huntington Rotary Club** were delightful - in spite of them winning overall on the night.

So no Skegness for us this year .

## **Did you know**

Derivation of certain English words

### **Sincere**

It is said that in Ancient Rome, sculptors and artisans who were not of the highest repute covered up their mistakes by filling in holes and covering errors with a layer of wax. This looked good when the work was new, but wear and tear, or even a hot day would quickly reveal how poor the workmanship had been. To protect their reputation, top grade professionals advertised their work as being *sine cera*, without wax.

This word turned into our *English sincere*.

### **Mind your "P"s and "Q"s**

Advice to a child learning its letters to be careful not to mix up the handwritten lower-case letters *p* and *q*, or similar advice to a printer's apprentice, for whom the backward-facing metal type letters would be especially confusing.

## ***On tenterhooks***

It's been so long since anyone has seen either a *tenter*, or the *hooks* on one, that the word and the idea behind it are now quite mysterious, so much so that it often appears as on *tenderhooks*, which sounds to its users as though it ought to make more sense. But at one time, the phrase on *tenterhooks* would have evoked an image that was immediately understandable.

It comes from one of the processes of making woollen cloth. After it had been woven the cloth still contained oil and dirt from the fleece. It was cleaned with soap and fuller's earth, but then it had to be dried carefully or it would shrink and crease. So the lengths of wet cloth were stretched on wooden frames, and left out in the open for some time. This allowed them to dry and straightened the weave. These frames were the *tenters*, and the *tenter hooks* were the metal hooks that were used to fix the cloth to the frame. So it was not a huge leap of the imagination to think of somebody on *tenterhooks* as being in a state of anxious suspense.

## **The Future of Farming following Brexit**

Forgive me as a non farmer for not covering our speakers talk on Monday when he very fully covered farming as a whole subject. Farming is a very large industry and I can't do it justice as Ken did. He regrettably did not work from notes and mine are far from useful when you try to write something days later.

The one thing that came through loud and clear was that in the '70s farmers never had it so good unlike the market today.

In a vain attempt to cover at least part of subject I have taken an article from the Internet which I hope will jog peoples memory who heard him both give and answer members questions. who like me had not spent their working life in the industry

### ***Internet Article on Farming***

CPRE response to the Government's consultation on a post-Brexit agricultural policy damage, linking public funding to the delivery of public benefits & maintaining high standards in trade agreements. However, **long term public investment in the environment through farming** is vital if we are to deliver the

25 year environment plan. Taking these policies as a given, the remaining key issues for CPRE are to:

– Create a dynamic, innovative farming sector by **reversing the dramatic loss of farms, mainly smaller farms**, over recent decades. Tailored support should be offered to ensure smaller farms make the most of the new policy, to develop sustainable businesses.

– **Reverse the decline of our beautiful landscapes** that people care about so much. Landscapes everywhere must be enhanced through agricultural policy, particularly those **around urban areas** where most people live. By targeting support to determine *where* specific actions are taken in the landscape, multiple benefits can be delivered. The tools to do this are already available.

CPRE also calls for more action to improve soils to benefit both farming and the environment, more Government-funded advice to accompany these policy changes and the piloting of innovative schemes such as support for whole farm approaches.

## Talk on Composting

Sandy and John Young our speakers today gave us a most interesting talk on Composting. They started by saying that compost is organic matter that has been decomposed in a process called composting.

This process recycles various organic material otherwise regarded as waste products and produces a soil conditioner.

It is rich in nutrients and is beneficial for the land in many ways, as a soil conditioner and fertilizer by breaking down into humus. After a period of time by regularly turning the mixture in order to aerate it and aid bacteria by adding oxygen to function properly by giving out heat, carbon dioxide and ammonium.

We were told by John and Sandy Young our speakers on the subject that at least 30% of the waste in our household bin can be composted.

Under the heading of **Green Waste** are—tea leaves, grass cuttings, vegetable peelings, old flowers that have died, fruit scraps, leaves, weeds and pond algae.

**Brown Waste** being—egg shells, egg boxes, cereal boxes, waste paper, dry leaves, ashes, wood chips, old natural fibre such as wool to name but a few.



Our speakers were both enthusiastic when talking about the subject and very informative in answering a legion of questions created by their talk.

Thank you both in getting members inspired by becoming new recycling addicts.



The sign of **snow drops** in our gardens gives us the thought of **spring** just around the corner.



Let us hope for a dry month to come

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