



Issue No: 187

Driving the wheel of fellowship

September '20 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

September

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

Monday 7th Normal Meeting Steve Tallis John Turner

Thursday 10th Council 7-30 p.m.

Monday 14th Business Meeting

Monday 21st Normal Meeting Ted Wilson Sue Sharp

Monday 28th Normal Meeting Martin Iliffe Brenda Burton

October

Monday 5th Normal Meeting David Toone Sally Parkinson

Thursday 8th Council 7-30 p.m.

Monday 12th Business Meeting

Monday 19th Normal Meeting Roger Rose John Wells

Monday 26th Normal Meeting Mark Thompson Elaine Turner

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
John Howell Tel: 01455 553209 email sheila.m.howell@hotmail.co.uk

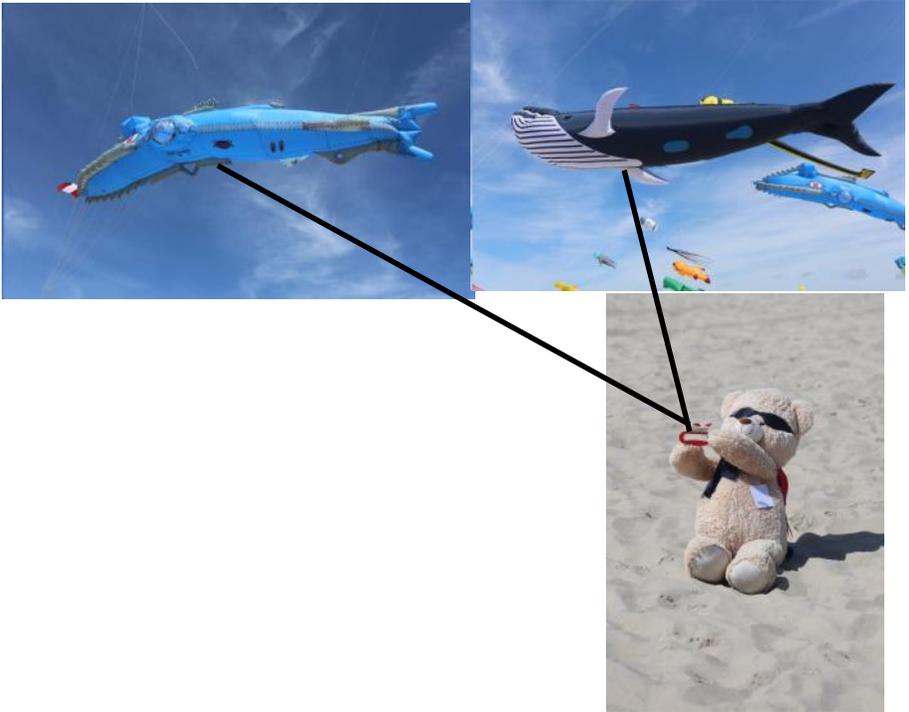
Shelter Boxes 20th Anniversary



Since 2000, ShelterBox have supported 1.5 million people with emergency shelter and other essentials, across 97 countries.

The Great Escape

Following the removal of travel restrictions to the continent, Tony and Gill Kingston were able to visit Northern France in an attempt to lift their spirits during this difficult time. While there Tony visited a Kite Festival taking photos of what he saw. With some of the kites being as large as double decker buses, this left him with a smile on his face and a memory of his 2020 holiday which he wished to share with members not able to escape due to Government restrictions.



Cancellation of Santa Fun Run in November

With regret the Santa Fun Run Committee have decided to cancel the Santa Fun Run due to Social Distancing imposed by the Govt. which it is thought will still be in force at the end of the year.

We - like both our sponsors and supporters are bitterly disappointed. Having had good weather each year since it started some twelve years ago to have to cancel now is so disappointing, not what we wanted or expected.

Let's hope we are able to run it again in 2021.

Tony Kingston on behalf of the Helipad Charity has asked me to write and ask members for their help:-

The charity Helipads for Hospitals is in need of more large builders bags to contain the many cans that are being donated. These bags are the ones that gravel or sand is delivered in from builders merchants like Travis Perkins and hold about a cubic meter of contents . He will then arrange collection.

Update on News from South Africa

Update from August's COG.

Extracts taken from Anne's most recent email (30th July)

Our Rotary Club has been able to re-open the flea market last week and begin to get funds in again along with the stall holders who were desperate to start selling their wares again in order to earn an income to support their families.

We had to stop giving out food parcels as funds were exhausted.

Covid-19 (at the time of writing) is still on the upward rise locally - only the Western Cape is showing signs of a decline in numbers.

Anne's Rotary Club [Rotary Club of HibiscusCoast} Margate and Uvongo have decided to meet via a zoom style platform for a bit longer as most clubs and committees do.

Little Faces Schools, Mombasa, Kenya Update from **Sally Searle** 3rd August 2020

Sally started by reminding us of the origins of the project that started in 2011 when she was on holiday in Kenya. She was introduced to the wife of her tour guide who was the headteacher of a school in a very deprived area in Mombasa. Sally went to see the school and was horrified by conditions. The small school of 35 children had no desks or chairs, no educational equipment, no toilets and no water. Sally decided that something needed to be done and set about this with the support of Rotary, her [then] employer DHL and a range of other individuals and groups that she inspired to get involved.

By 2016 her efforts had turned the rusty tin shack that was the school into a 4 classroom, stone built school with desks, chairs, stationery, books and even 7 computers and a printer. Just as important were proper toilets, daily

provision of food and a simple playground with equipment where the children can learn to have fun. Children are also taught in English, giving them a much better chance of getting a job and avoiding a life on the streets. Not unsurprisingly, by 2020 the school roll had increased to 308 & Sally had already started the planning and fundraising for the building of a new school on a nearby site to cater for children in the upper primary age groups.

We are now at the point where the land has been bought, a borehole dug to provide water and the funds [£110,000] and permissions put in place for building work to start imminently. Initially the new school will be single storey but the structure has been designed to take two further floors. Sally is, of course, now frantically fund raising to secure the £35,000 that would enable this to be achieved.

Great things have been achieved by Sally and her team at Little Faces but continued support is needed for this to be sustained.

Ways in which support can be given:

Sponsor a child through their time at the school. Cost £10 per month....£120 per year.

Contribute to the Little Faces **Christmas Box Appeal** either by filling a box, providing contents to go in a box or donating £10 to enable a box to be filled.

Fund raising/ sponsorship [or just send money!] for Little Faces. Sally is organising a two-day Little Faces Canoe Challenge on the Norfolk Broads in Aug 2021. All welcome!

Helping through local contacts **to** develop the **Little Faces School Partnership** programme. Enabling local children to begin to appreciate the different circumstances in which children grow up across the world.

Support for the school is currently more critical than ever as Kenya, like many countries, has been ravaged by Covid-19. Employment has been hit hard and all schools are closed until 2021. The charity is, though, maintaining its provision of food and meals to the children, their families and the local community but is in constant need of funds for this to continue.

If you would like more information about how you could help then contact **Mary Stannard** who is Chair of the International Committee.

Zoom Meetings

I understand that the number of members taking part in our Zoom Meetings have dropped recently to a mere 12. May I ask that as many of you as possible do take part as a lot of effort goes into organizing them.

Holding our Monday meetings has been difficult and speakers have been hard to find. May I hope that numbers will increase over the coming month.

Club Meetings

Council Meetings

On Thursday 13th August we had our second meeting at the Greyhound for the second time since the Govt Lock-down in March which was very successful.

May we hope that this face to face meeting continues rather than Zoom

Business Meetings : - Quote David Ayres

Business meeting 17/08/2020

Fellow Rotarians, this our first face to face meeting since the March lockdown. It is amazing what can be achieved if one explores the details of the current guidelines.

Indeed, a very good meeting it has been and I'm sure that we will in time be able to meet in our usual haunt, The Greyhound.

As many people have come to realize, we are faced with two diseases, the first being the Covid-19 virus. The second is the anxiety epidemic which I feel, is very much fuelled by elements of the press. Only time will tell which of these two have had the more damaging effect on this club and Rotary in general.

My hope is that we have taken a large step along the path to reducing a little of that anxiety by demonstrating that, if we are careful, we can venture out and enjoy the warmth of meeting with our friends and supporters in the fellowship that we all love.



Lockdown Legacies

Quotes taken from Saga Magazine for those who have not seen it.

The past few months have brought us plenty of heartache anxiety and stress. But could the lockdown forced us by the Covid-19 pandemic also have brought us—however unintentionally—some positive consequences?

Adversity has brought out a community spirit most of us haven't seen for years: we've had different generations helping each other out. And many who normally sit on the more luddite side of the fence have seen the value of embracing technology.

We are now using new ways to contact friends and family such as Skype, FaceTime and Zoom even those in their seventies who are using such technology for the first time. The pandemic has really brought out the good in people and given them time to think of their neighbours now that they are at home more.

On the downside of course many Festivals and events such as the Edinburgh Festival, the London Marathon, Olympics and Wimbledon have had to be cancelled or postponed this summer. Our summer plans have in many cases been cancelled or postponed. And our children's education been disrupted.

This certainly has been a year to remember for a variety of reasons.

Papworth Industries

While in the middle of Covid 19 I thought it would be of interest to read a short article on the inception of Papworth Industries in Cambridgeshire. Set up to treat patients recovering from TB, which was rife in the UK and following WW1.

Mary Blott co-President of Inner Wheel remembers her time working there in an administration role in the 1950s. She said how the policy was to slowly build up the working day from a few hours until full time. Papworth also had their own cinema and theatre, a special community.

Quote:-

The Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Colony was an experimental scheme set up by Dr Pendrill Varrier-Jones the Cambridgeshire TB Officer, in the village of Bourn in 1916. Encouraged by the positive results from his first patients, and following a donation of £5,000 from a wealthy philanthropist, Dr Varrier-Jones was able to purchase the Papworth Hall Estate to develop his scheme on a larger scale.

On 12th February 1918, 17 patients and 4 members of staff arrived at Papworth Hall, where discharged soldiers from the battlefields of France and Belgium attended. During the First World War cases of tuberculosis surged and the chronic infectious disease killed thousands of people each year. In 1915, for instance, more than 41,000 people died of TB in the UK.

The move to the Papworth Hall Estate realised Dr Varrier-Jones vision for a long-term approach to solving what he called the "aftercare problem". He developed the concept of an industrial colony to treat, house and employ patients and their families.

Fresh air and light work were believed to be central to recovery - even in winter - and early photographs show patients beds pushed outside on balconies and others living in wooden shelters in the hospital's grounds.

*Peter J Osborn Rossett Green Valley Lane Bitteswell Leics.
Tel: 01455 553178
email peterosborn@talktalk.net*