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Driving the wheel of fellowship

June'21 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

June

Tuesday 8th Normal Meeting Richard Stannard David Woolliscroft

Thursday 10th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 14th Business Meeting

Monday 21st Normal Meeting Mike Toone Ted Wilson

Monday 28th **President Change Over Day and Club Assembly**
David Ayres to Val Cooper

July

Monday 5th Normal Meeting Sue Postlethwaite Elaine Turner

Thursday 8th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 12th Business Meeting

Monday 19th Normal Meeting Sally Hollis Mike Toone

Monday 26th Normal Meeting Mary Stannard David Walton

If you are unable to carry out your duty' please find a substitute and tell
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Aluminium Can Collection

A question was asked about whether we should continue to collect Aluminium Cans as a club following our District Governor's Peter Berry report that the District would no longer be supporting their collection.

The Club discussed this at Council and decided that as a club we would continue despite the fact that the Aluminium retrieved from these cans was unsuitable for the construction of Helipads.

However the Aluminium collected when smelted down and sold has a value for other uses would be used for other Rotary projects.

Please find below a copy of John Nowell's letter sent to Graham Johnson informing us, (through him) of the current situation.

Please continue to add to Graham's three bins sitting in his driveway currently awaiting collection.

Reply from John Nowell re Collection of Aluminium Cans

We are still collecting and actually expanding our can collections rapidly and many more locations now have Big Red Recycling Bins, which are providing a terrific focal point for any community to donate their cans especially the local 'Womble' groups that are springing up everywhere. We positioned a new BRB at Disworth and the entire village subsequently formed their own village Womble group and are filling the BRB every week! The South Leics Womble group now numbers 2500+ members and the North Leics. Womble Group are expanding rapidly. They are litter picking and collecting prodigious amounts of grotty flattened cans!

I am now a member of ESRAG, the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, with the intention of pushing the international aspect of saving the planet by recycling more and using less plastic. We now have an ambitious plan to visit schools with the backing of Alupro and the Aluminium Federation with the 'Every Can Counts' programme. We can't afford to provide BRBs for every school but Alupro have agreed to provide large cardboard containers for students to deposit cans brought from home.

The problem then is to collect them all! We have just concluded our first Crowd Funding exercise and raised £5000, sufficient to buy our first van and also to buy a replacement engine for a second 'donated' van. Our next Crowd Funding exercise to raise £1500 to buy a 'Recycle Tricycle' for our Leicester inner city collecting gentleman. Once we acquire the tricycle, we then have a very ambitious funding exercise.

In the meantime, the helipad at LRI is delayed and with the dwindling number of occasions that the Air Ambulance lands in Nelson Mandela Park, I can see that the need will evaporate. One of our volunteers was transported to Oswestry rather than risk the double shuttle possibility of creating a quadraplegic. It is a different situa-

tion with the new Children's Hospital building. Children services will be moved from Glenfield to make a 'super' Children's Hospital in a new building at the LRI location. The Children's Air Ambulance, now equipped with 2 brand new, state-of-the-art, helicopters complete with ultra modern 'glass' cockpits, flown by 2 pilots is available 24 hours a day to cover the UK. Such a modern Air Ambulance, funded by public donations, will need a 24-hour, fully lighted helipad to be of service.

We were sent the latest list of new NHS projects in which it lists the QMC project being delayed to 2030. Many of our initial supporters were focused on the LRI especially and since it is delayed have ceased to collect. One supporter (RC Oadby) declared that he would be gone before it could be completed. We are very aware that the Rotary movement has an aging declining population and this is why we are focusing on schools. After all, it is the young that will carry this project through. Our first 'Youth' trustee, a medical student, will be appointed later this month and he will be followed by further 'Youth' trustees to ensure continuity. The collection of used aluminium cans will continue indefinitely. With the uncertainty re the LRI & QMC, we are now supporting the County Air Ambulance Trust, a long established charity dedicated to supporting both the NHS and various air ambulances across the UK.

The delays are disappointing but inevitable given the disruption caused by Covid. But to put delays into context, a Rotarian, who was i/c A&E at the LRI on the night of the Kegworth Disaster when 50 people died, recommended that the LRI and ALL A&Es, be equipped with a helipad as a matter of urgency. That was 32 years ago!!

When we first started fundraising for the Cornwall Air Ambulance in 1984, there were NO air ambulances, NO mobile phones, NO personal computers, NO social media, NO GPS – (we used maps) and we had only just acquired colour TVs. There were lots of armchair warriors and hindsight managers who told us 'It cannot be done'. Today, it doesn't matter where one travels in the UK, one is covered by an air ambulance. There are now 40+ air ambulance helicopters and over the next 100 years, all hospitals and maternity units will be equipped with a helipad.

John Nowell.
Founder.

Talk on "Fracking" 24th May

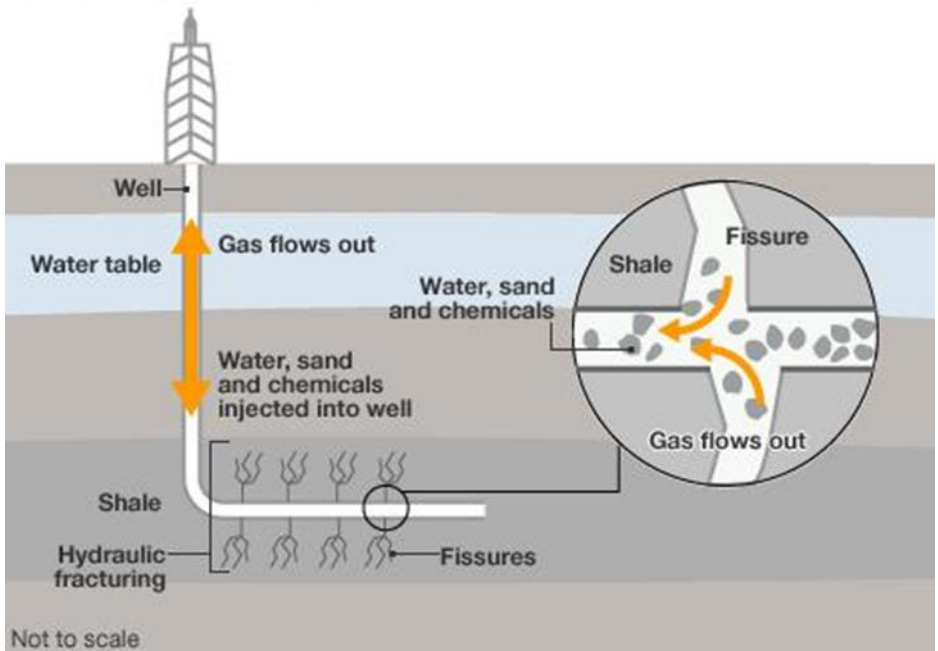
We had David Berryman who had spent 40 years in the oil industry and had great knowledge beyond our comprehension talk to us about "Fracking". The oil and gas industry are complex. I just hope I can give you a brief report and give his talk justice.

What is fracking?

Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside.

Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well. The process can be carried out vertically or, more commonly, by drilling horizontally to the rock layer, which can create new pathways to release gas or used to extend existing channels. The term fracking refers to how the rock is fractured apart by the

Shale gas extraction



high-pressure mixture. David explained that the biggest argument in favour of fracking is that it helps the oil and gas industry to recover more fossil fuels at a time when the world's supply appears to be peaking. In the United States alone, fracking has produced tens of billions of dollars worth of shale gas in the last few years: over half of all natural gas produced in the United States in 2015 came from shale deposits; by 2018, thanks to shale, the United States was producing 90 percent of its own natural gas. After a long period of decline, by 2013, the United States was the world's biggest natural gas producer, and as of 2020 generates just under a third (around 28.3 percent) of the entire planet's gas supply (significantly ahead of Russia's 17.3 percent). That's helped to knock down the price of US natural gas by about a quarter to a third in the last few years. The United States has also seen a massive increase in domestic oil production, which has bounced back from a 30-year decline to the kind of

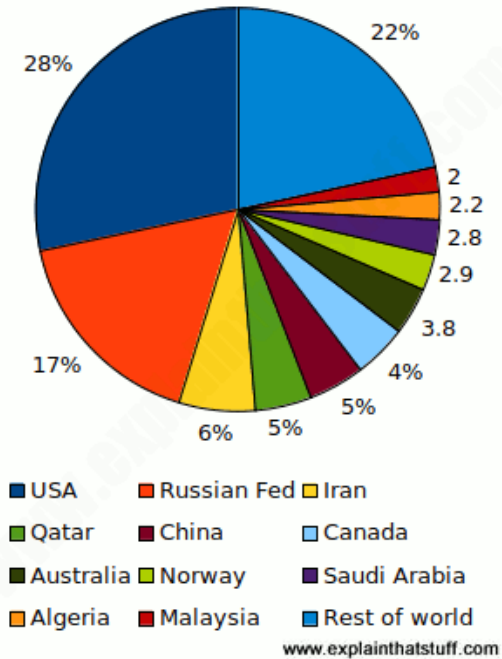
levels that haven't been seen since 1973, again largely thanks to fracking of shale. Expanding businesses create jobs—and it's no coincidence that the booming US oil and gas extraction industry created a million new jobs between 2007 and 2012 alone (though employment levels have fallen significantly since then).

During his talk he showed us a diagram of the world's natural gas production by country which I found very interesting where fracking plays an important part.

Hydraulic fracturing in the United Kingdom started in the late 1970s with fracturing of the conventional oil and gas fields near the North Sea. It has been used in about 200 British onshore oil and gas wells since the early 1980s. The technique did not attract attention until licences were awarded for onshore shale gas exploration in 2008.

In late May 2011, the first UK exploration for shale gas using high-volume hydraulic fracturing was suspended at Preese Hall at [Weeton](#) in Lancashire after the process triggered two minor earthquakes. The larger of the earthquakes caused minor deformation of the wellbore and was strong enough to be felt.

See a map (over leaf) of where Fracking takes place in the UK. The Oil and Gas Authority report recently published concludes that it is not possible with current technology to accurately predict the probability of tremors associated with fracking and therefore the Government say that Fracking will not be allowed to proceed in England for the foreseeable future until more positive scientific analysis is available..





A Gardener's Poem

Let's raise a glass to the gardeners
 All tending their very own plots.
 Planting out seedlings and cuttings and bulbs
 In borders and baskets and pots.

Weeding and hoeing and tilling the ground,
 Mowing and edging the lawn,
 Feeding and mulching, and pruning the shrubs,
 Watering, evening and morn.

Coaxing the colours out of the earth.
 Scenting the soft summer air.
 Working away with an aching back
 And loving and infinite care.

Let's say "well done" to those green-fingered folk,
 With thanks for each dazzling display,
 Which gladdens the heart and the mind and the soul
 Of any who pass by that way.

This and that

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do "practice"?

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Future Events

Golf Day Monday 7th June

Return to the Greyhound

“Boris willing” we shall be back to the Greyhound on **Monday 21st June** for our regular meetings.

Misteron Sunday 27th June

A Big Thank You David and your team

May I on behalf of the Club members say a “Big Thank You” to David (our President) and his officers for running a very successful year (through Zoom) despite the problems they have had during a very difficult year.

What with “social distancing” and “two lock downs” they have done an incredible job to keep a smile on our faces.

Thank you all on our behalf.

We all appreciate it and can only hope that Val (our incoming President) has a better year.

Thank you again David for steering us through such a difficult year.

A hearty thanks from us all.

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