



**Issue No: 197**

**Driving the wheel of fellowship**

## July '21 Newsletter

**Programme for the next two months.**

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

#### **July**

Monday 5th Normal Meeting Sue Postlewaite Elaine Turner

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

Monday 12th Business Meeting

Monday 19th Normal Meeting Sally Hollis Mike Toone

**Monday 26th President Change Over Day - Club Assembly**  
David Ayres and Val Cooper

#### **August**

Monday 2nd Normal Meeting David Haynes Mark Thompson

Monday 9th Normal Meeting John Roberson Graham Johnson

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

Monday 16th Business Meeting

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting David Toone David Ayres

Monday 30th Bank Holiday No Meeting

If you are unable to carry out your duty' please find a substitute and tell  
**Anne Baker** Tel: 01455 285674 **email** christinabaker304@btinternet.com

## **RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

You will be pleased to know that the Club will be sponsoring Steve Tallis's son Luke in attending this **management leadership course** run by Rotary for young people between the ages of 18 - 26. It covers young adults from secondary school, University or young professionals and is aimed at developing the skills of leadership in their future careers. It is taking place at The Grafham Water Centre in Cambridgeshire and will be having 24 attending in July. Having run very similar courses for the last company I worked for I'm sure he will benefit from attending and look forward to hearing from him upon his return.

Report on Golf Day sent me by Sally Hollis

### **Charity Golf Day 7 June 2021.**

A total of 108 players entered our joint charity golf day, with Rugby Rotary Club, at Lutterworth Golf Club on Monday 7 June. The day was a great success and a pleasure to work with Mark Furber and all the fellow Rotarians from the Rugby Club. Proceeds are still being counted, but we can anticipate from over £3,000, our club will benefit approx. £1,500. Val took some wonderful pictures of Lutterworth members and their teams to include John Roberson's team who came second. He was pipped from first place by Neil Green who was a late entrant joining a team from Rugby with an amazing 114 points. Thanks also to Mark, Martin, Graham (and myself) for participating. The young lady Holly Waterfield in Graham's team won the best Ladies score. Thanks to the many members who helped on the day and in particular to Graham, David Haynes for collecting and delivering golf buggies from Kilworth, and of course to our President David who worked tirelessly and donated all the food at the half way house.



### ***Please Note***

*Although there is a Box at the bottom of the FRONT PAGE of the COG saying "If you are unable to carry out your duty find a substitute and tell - - - " who will inform the person running the meeting.*

*I'm told that a lot of you are **not** informing the President or person running the meeting of changes having been made until the very last minute.*

*Would you please give her/him fair notice in order that meetings can be run smoothly.*

### **Painting of Town Bollards**

A select group of six Rotarians and John Howell's son, Lee, met early Sunday morning 13th June to prepare and paint the eight bollards in the vicinity of the Memorial Garden, Lutterworth in preparation for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the erection of the War Memorial.



*Before*



*in progress*



*complete!*

### **Shoes for Africa collection**

In Kenya it's law that children have to wear shoes to school. However if a very impoverished mother has a choice between feeding her child or buying school shoes, what's she to do? We decided in consultation with Sally Searle of St Neots Rotary to collect shoes and she would ship them out to Mombasa to the school her club and Lutterworth Rotary support there. The shoe collection has been very successful so far - 15 boxes were very ably packed by Graham Johnson, Rose Chapman, John Howell and the Stannard's. The boxes are stored at David

Toone's barn ready to transport to St Neots for shipment in July.

A further appeal has gone into the St Mary's churches newsletter for shoes - deadline 18 July.

Please ask family and friends for any unwanted shoes, trainers, plimsolls, sandals, any size men's ladies children's.

There is a collection bin outside our house marked 'Shoes Please'. If full please ring the doorbell.

Address: Mrs Stannard

8 Bluebell Place, Lutterworth, LE17 4UN.

## **Have you seen the Egyptian Vulture yet?**

*Ted Wilson although sailing in the Scilly Isles on holiday where it was seen this summer has yet to see it.*



*Not seen in UK for 153 years*

*Has wingspan of 1.7 metres*

*Speed in flight 55 kmh*



## The Thames Path

Our speaker on the 21<sup>st</sup> June was Howard Blackburn (by Zoom) who was from the Clitheroe Club who gave a very detailed talk on "The Thames Path".

He and his wife are avid walkers and have walked the 184 miles from source to where it enters the sea over the past 30 odd years and being a historian was able to highlight some of the historic places he visited in those years.

In the space available may I mention some of them of particular interest.



He started by showing us a picture of its source in Gloucestershire, Coates (shown in the picture below)



Thames Head is a group of seasonal springs, that arise near the village of Coates in the Cotswolds, about three miles south-west of Cirencester.

From there he highlighted Lechlade where the river Churn joins the Thames just 3 miles from Kelmscott Manor 17th Century farmhouse known for its inspiration on William Morris

– writer, designer and craftsman and nearby the Halfpenny Toll Bridge (½d) a charge to pedestrians up to 1839 when the charge was scrapped.



From there he moved on to “The Battle of Radcot Bridge” which was fought on 19 December 1387 in medieval England between troops loyal to Richard II, led by court favourite Robert de Vere, and an army captained by Henry Bolingbroke, Earl of Derby. It took place at Radcot Bridge, a bridge over the River Thames now in Oxfordshire but then the boundary between Oxfordshire and Berkshire.



On to the Trout Inn a family run-country pub by the weir pool for St. John's Lock which is the first lock on the River Thames at Wolvercote, Oxon.

On again to Henley on Thames boasting at having the oldest rowing club in Britain and known for the black death that swept through England in the 14th century, and where Henley lost 60% of its population.



Reading was next on his list where the River Kennet joins the Thames near to where Nancy Aster lived at Cliveden. Followed by Runnymede and here the monument to show where the Magna Carta was signed.

Teddington Lock being his final point of interest as this is the place where the Thames becomes tidal before flowing through London, past Tower Bridge and the Thames Barrier and on to the sea.





# The Rotary Club of Lutterworth



invite you to -

## The Misterton Plant, Craft & Food Fair

Sunday 25th July 2021

10am - 4pm



- Over 40 Plant & Craft stalls •
- Vintage & Classic Cars welcome (£5 per car) •
- Musical entertainment throughout the day •
- Refreshments •
- Children's amusements •

**£5.00**  
per person  
(U16's FREE)



Enjoy the beautiful gardens  
of Misterton Hall by kind  
permission of Mrs Craven

*The event will be subject to any COVID Government  
restrictions which may apply at the time.*