

New President Val Cooper

Val Cooper our new President started her year by creating a themed meal and selecting a meal based on a country. Starting with Italy - a cheese hors d'oeuvre followed by lasagne and members were asked where possible to arrive in the local costume. It was good to see that members enjoyed her request, so much so that the linguists amongst us spoke a few words in the local lingo to the delight of those there.

Mark Thompson gave his vote of thanks in a very credible rendition of the Italian language - "*voglio dare un pubblico ringraziamento a Val*" and for organising such a start to your year.

The results for the 100 Club draw for August were:-

No. 54	Ava Smart	- - - - -	1st Prize	£25
No. 34	Mike Toone	- - - - -	2nd Prize	£15
No. 71	John Howell	- - - - -	3rd Prize	£10

Misterton Lunch 16th August

A Meeting in a special venue, a spacious marquee (courtesy of Graham and Rose) at Misterton Hall. President Val welcomed the guests, Heather Craven with thanks for the loan of her lovely grounds, Lutterworth Inner Wheel and Lutterworth Wycliffe Rotary. John Wilson provided a farming 'tale' and lunch was provided by Neil Green's Catering. A lunch with a delightful difference enjoyed by all.

Big Bike Ride 22nd August

In 2021, it was a delight to be able to run our 9th Big Bike Ride event on 22nd August. In spite of a dismal weather forecast there was no rain and over 360 riders took to their bikes to enjoy a choice of 4 routes. New to this year was a "welcome home" for the riders as they crossed our inflatable arch finishing line.

Charlotte Nunn (Town Mayor's daughter) offered free sports massages to the weary, while Neil Green our main sponsor provided a Hog Roast and we were treated to music from the Hatstand Band.

Our grateful thanks—once again—to Heather Craven for allowing us to use her lovely garden, and of course to our wonderful members, and friends, who made the event yet another success for Rotary and the charities we support.



Frank at the start with Barry Hackett - left



Sally above with Richard Nunn Town Mayor

**Sally Hollis
Fund Raiser**



**Val Cooper
President**



Water Point



Hog Roast Queue

My Joy of Cycling

My bike to me is a thing of joy
More than just an expensive toy
It carries me here and there and back
On a road, lane or cycle track

I push the pedals and the wheels whizz along
My heart soars with a joyous song
Cares pass me by, my mind is clear
My bike takes me where I choose to steer

Moving as one in the fresh open air
A physical exercise without compare
Cycling keeps me healthy happy and fit
Perfect reason for doing it

So cycling to me is a wonderful thing
In summer, autumn, winter and spring
The hills may be hard with wind in my face
But cycling is something that I will never replace

By David Lewis

Sniffer Dogs 23rd August

David Toone's speaker, Janet Wykes, gave us a very interesting and thought provoking talk on how dogs use their sense of smell and how we humans then make good use of this talent.



Did you know that a dog's nose has around 300 million olfactory (sense of smell) receptors compared to around 6 million in a human? In addition the part of the brain that analyses smells is 40 times bigger in dogs than humans.

Also their nostrils are different from ours when inhaling. When we inhale we breathe a smell through the same airways—but when a dog inhales the air it gets split into two different flow paths—one for respiration and one for olfaction. So when a dog is used for "Scent Work" they are trained to locate a specific odour and then to indicate the location it originates from. Janet told us that Scent Detection Training has long been used widely across the world for work and operational services. She went on to say dogs have been used to search for drugs, bombs, firearms, cash and missing people - including human remains. More recently dogs have been used for the detection of Covid 19 where a high level of accuracy has been necessary and achieved at 94%.

She went on to say that the dogs when used to trace a specific odour it generates the feelings of a sport between the handlers and their dog.

In conclusion she said that should you want to learn more about how you can get involved in this activity please contact Janet - email letthemsniff@internet.com or telephone 07722 06027
Thank you Janet for a very informative talk.

Inner Wheel new President Sue Wilson 2021/22

I am honoured to serve as Inner Wheel President for a second term, my first being 2014—2015 which I greatly enjoyed. Having hopefully come through the worst of the Covid 19 epidemic we can look forward to getting back together and planning for the year ahead.

I very much hope that we at Inner Wheel can take every opportunity to work with President Val and all of you at Rotary at as many enjoyable events as possible and to serve the local community where we can.

Bank Holiday Weather

Having missed the promised rain during our Big Bike Ride last week may we think of what to do over the coming days when we are promised good weather.

What is a garden?
You've got a garden
I suppose

To one it is a piece of ground
For which some gravel must be found
To some, those seeds that must be sown
To some a lawn that must be mown

To some a ton of cheddar rocks
To some it means a window box
To some, who dare not pick a flower
Or a man, at eighteen pence an hour

To some, it is a silly jest
About the latest garden pest
To some a haven where they find
Forgetfulness and peace of mind

What is a garden
Large or small
'tis just a garden
After all

Poem by Reginald Arkell

Future Events

September

Tuesday 14th September Bohemian Concert
North Kilworth

Friday 24th September Gala Dinner - Cricket Club

October

Saturday 30th October Bedroom Farce at Concordia
Theatre Hinckley

December

Monday 6th December Christmas Party at the Cricket Club

Friday 31st December Birmingham Concert and Meal
already booked.

February 2022

Proposed Skittles Match Date to be announced in New Year.

Definition of being British

Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way. Then to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV.

And the most British thing of all?

A suspicion of anything foreign.

