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Driving the wheel of fellowship

November '21 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

November

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

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| Monday | 1st | Normal Meeting | Mike Toone | David Woolliscroft |
| Monday | 8th | Normal Meeting | Elaine Turner | Bernard Johnson |
| Thursday | 11th | Council 7 p.m. | | |
| Monday | 15th | Business Meeting | | |
| Monday | 22nd | Normal Meeting | John Howell | Sue Sharp |
| Monday | 29th | Normal Meeting | Graham Johnson | John Wilson |

December

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| Monday | 6th | Christmas Party 7pm | | |
| Monday | 13th | Christmas Lunch | | |
| Monday | 20th | Normal Meeting | No Speaker | Social Lunch |
| Monday | 27th | Christmas Holiday | No Meeting | |

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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Gala Dinner Friday 24th September

The Club had their first Dinner of the season at the Cricket Club which was organised by Val Cooper (our President) which was a great success where 42 members and their wives/partners enjoyed both a wonderful meal, followed by a singer who sang well known melodies.

Quiz—27th September

Anne Baker (our Quiz Master) ran a splendid quiz putting our minds into overdrive where many of us realised how little we knew when put to the test. Looking at peoples faces around the room they showed delighted surprise when getting the answer right.

A wonderful start to our winter season where after many months of covid-19 hibernation we were able to hold a face to face meeting.

Churchill's early Political Career—4th October

Mark Thompson has kindly prepared a synopsis (*below*) of 75 pages taken from the biography of Winston Churchill by Andrew Roberts.

This was the third session he has held on Sir Winston Churchill. His talk covered Churchill's life after returning from South Africa in 1900. When he became a Conservative MP for Oldham.

MPs were not paid until 1911 and Churchill's expectations from his father's trust were slim as his mother was working through it. He advocated leniency for the Boers and was instrumental in the creation of an independent South Africa, although he deprecated the whites treatment of the black population. Churchill joined a group of rebels within the Conservatives and he was unhappy with the treatment of the Boers, Army reform and exploitation of their majority in the House. When Tariff protection was proposed, meaning higher food prices, which would hit the poor hard he was very critical and said so.

In April 1904 he joined the Liberal party and stood for North West Manchester as their Free Trade candidate.

Also at this time he was opposing government policy aimed at restricting Jews coming from Russia, escaping Tsarist Russia for Britain. He was friendly with many Jews who were unpopular in many quarters. In 1905 the Liberals gained power and he became Under Secretary of State for the Colonies where he helped establish South Africa.

He did ensure Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland remained

separate as their natives received better treatment. After a General Election in 1908 Churchill was offered the post of Home Secretary at 33yrs old, the youngest for 40 years. In 1908 he met the beautiful, intelligent and strong willed Clementine Hozier. He was entranced with her and on August 11th he proposed to her and they were married on September 12th 1908 at St Margaret's Westminster where they had 1,300 guests to the reception.

Peter Wallace

It is sad to report on the death of Peter Wallace who died in early October aged 90 sadly followed by his wife Betty a fortnight later who died with had a heart attack.

Peter joined our club in March 2011 but was forced to resign in 2014 to look after his wife Betty who was then in very poor health.

He was made an Hon. member in 2020. Peter was well known for his funny stories and in recent years joined us at our Christmas meal on the understanding" that he told us a story for his supper". For those of us who knew him he will be sadly missed as a really lovely friend and member of the club.



Lutterworth Rotary Club plants Oak Tree in Rainbow Gardens

Lutterworth Rotary Club were pleased to supply and plant an Oak Tree at The Rainbow Gardens on Saturday 9 October. The tree is the first of many British trees and shrubs to be planted on the site.

The project is to regenerate land along side the Lutterworth College car park, which was formally home to the Rainbows Nursery. The project will be used for educational purposes, creating an ecological nature garden. Both the Sherrier School and Lutterworth College students are engaged in the project as part of their school curriculums, to provide a grounding in the Environment and Climate Change.

The children selected an Oak Tree as symbolic of our Country's culture and it will also mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year in 2022.



Laura Kendrick (Lutterworth College School Business Leader) and Mark Janssen (Sherrier School Governor) are spearheading the project which will provide a natural habitat and haven to wildlife in the centre of Lutterworth. Sue Sharp and Sally Hollis from Lutterworth Rotary were pleased to plant the Rainbow Garden's first tree.

Cheque Presentations 18th October



The Club presented two cheques for funds raised recently each for £2,400

One presented to Neil Green for the Epilepsy Charity and the other to Richard Stannard and the representatives Jessica and Abigail, for the Cystic Fibrosis

100 Club winners 12th October

1st Prize No. 63 £25 Eliot Smart
2nd Prize No. 61 £15 Megan Smart
3rd Prize No. 11 £10 Julia Jones

Something very different submitted by Rose Chapman

The Curious Will of Sir Willoughby Dixie, Bart., Of Bosworth Park.

I Willoughby Dixie of Bosworth Park
Without the aid of scribe or clerk,
Or Pettifogger of the law
Ready to make Eleanor of Bourne,
Lest she her brother long should mourn,
The welcome news she must hear,
That I give her eight hundred pounds a year.
And also on her I do fix,
To be my sole executrix.
To such a sad vexatious shrew.
To Tom Drakerley ever true,
Who did what the velder could not do,
I give of sheep five hundred head,
As good as ever Bakewell bred.
To be my groom, who swore my stud,
None were surpassed in shape or blood,
And that no knight of high degree,
Could ride a horse or hunt like me,
I give him all that in the stable feed,
Or graze upon the mead.

To Sam my bailiff lest he repine,
I give my residue of stock and kine,
My gamekeeper I give of guns a stock,
By Joe Manton egg and knock,
He can go forth and shoot the feathered flock,
And when I am in heaven above,
He can pursue the sport I love,
And to my servant from the ranks,
That due to me may be his thanks,
The chargers that I rode into battle,
Horses that heard the cannons rattle.
And to my brewer I do give,
Hoping that he may long live,
Of malt and hops a rattling store,
That when he, drank the ale, he may brew more,
Yes, and puncheons full of rum,
Filled as tight as any drum,
And as he is a fellow fine,
To him I give my stock of wine,
With glass, I-yes and everything,
That makes a joyous table ring.
And to my gardener rake and spade,
And every tool that suits his trade,
And as the poor devil needs some luck,
I give him all the fruit to pluck,
And in the garden he will find some greens,
Cauliflowers and kidney beans.
And to my housemaids—noisy crew,
My chairs and tables—not a few,

Brushes and brooms with gooses wing,
And every other sundry thing,
And lest that they should think me mean,
I give them all they have been used to clean,
Now to the cook I give my tea,
Some twenty pounds of fine Bohea
And that she may remember me,
I give all the good coffee,
With sugar, plums and good spice,
And everything folks think is nice,
And lest that that she should think the same,
My bacon I do give and all the hams,
With bread and flour and good salt meat,
And everything that's fit to eat,
To Mary, my scullion wench,
As good as needs sits on the bench,
And though her portion is but small,
'Tis all that's in the servant's hall.
And that her mind may be at peace.
She shall have all the kitchen grease,
Nd she must search well o'er each cook
For all the cook may overlook,
To the old woman at the gate,
Which I have passed through of late,
Who to crack hazel nuts is willing,
And to buy some I give a shilling.
But as that will only buy a few.
I give her that all in the garden grew,
And as long as she doth live,

To her all the hazel nuts I give
But if any she doth dare to sell,
The next she cracks shall be in hell.
But all I intend for her to eat,
For she will be short of bread and meat,
And only on that proposition,
The nuts are hers by that condition.
And lest a varlet of mine should repine,
To Henry the labourer I give my swine,
Snorters collected with great pains,
And all the store of swill and grains,
To Mary Ann whom was my wife,
The joy and comfort of my life,
What providence has given to me,
When I die I give to thee.

1st June 1815