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Driving the wheel of fellowship

March '22 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder / Grace and Thanks

March

Monday	7th	Normal Meeting	Sally Hollis	Anne Baker
Thursday	10th	Council Meeting	7-00 p.m.	
Monday	14th	Business Meeting		
Monday	21st	Normal Meeting	Peter Osborn	John Howell
Monday	28th	Normal Meeting	Martin Iliffe	Sally Parkinson

April

Monday	4th	Normal Meeting	Philip Duncan	Mary Stannard
Monday	11th	Normal Meeting	John Wells	Elaine Turner
Monday	18th	Bank Holiday		
Thursday	21st	Council Meeting	7-00 p.m.	
Monday	25th	Business 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

Theresa Philips ex-Veterinary Surgeon & so much more

Our speaker today (31st January) was Theresa Phillips. She is well known to us as a Rotarian and is this year's President at Leicester De Montfort. Additionally, we know that she is a retired Veterinary Surgeon. But today, this busy lady, revealed to us that she has been, for 6 years, a Trustee and board member of the Wyggeston Trust.

Originally this was formed as an Almshouse charity in 1513 by William Wyggeston a wealthy Leicester wool merchant. He was a well-known successful man with interests in Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Calais. He even became the mayor of Calais and subsequently for Leicester. He set up several foundations which include the Chantry House in the Newark, St Ursula's Chantry Chapel and the Wyggeston Hospital. The latter, in 1513, provided Alms houses for "12 poor men, and 12 poor women". They had to be unmarried with no other support and be honest and of good character.

William died in 1536, and having no children, his brother Thomas set up a school for boys and girls namely the Wyggeston Boys and the Girls Grammar schools in Leicester. This famous boys' school includes in its Alumni the Attenborough brothers. The Hospital and Alms Houses experienced many changes during the subsequent centuries, but today offers 26 residential places at Agnes House, 56 sheltered flats at William House and a further 8 sheltered accommodations at Lancaster House.

Across three counties the Trust controls 5,000 acres which provides an income to the charity. This includes two pubs in Burton-on-Trent and the land at the new Junction One Service Station on the M6. The trust retains its historical link with the Duchy of Lancaster.

William Wyggeston's statue can still be seen on Leicester City's Clock tower.

Bernard Johnson's Rotary talk on 50 years in Rotary

Bernard remembered 50 years ago, in February 1972, his boss returned from lunch and said he had put his name forward as a candidate to be part of a Rotary Group Study team of five to visit Ohio for two months in 1973.

That was the first he knew of Rotary and that his boss was a Rotarian. Following an interview by the Bishop of Hull and the Head of the local public school he gained a team place with four other men from all over Yorkshire. The team comprised a Rotarian leader with a banker, an engineer, a farmer, a vicar and Bernard, a sales manager.

In Ohio each team member stayed separately with a family for one week at a time and made four visits a day to factories, commercial offices, hospitals, schools, universities and even a prison. Most lunch times and evenings included a Rotary Club meeting with the team being guest speakers, in total they spoke at 36 clubs.

During the visit a tornado went close by and they saw a flattened area where 100 mobile homes had stood. A lady, who survived, said one moment she was in her kitchen looking at the horses in the field and then she was in the air with the horses flying above her.

Bernard recalled many of Club members who had passed away. The founder members included Rev. A.H. Procter V.C. vicar of Claybrooke who won his V.C. at The Battle of the Somme in 1916 and was the only soldier decorated on the battlefield by the late King George V. Another WW2 hero was Wing Commander Ken McKenzie DFC who destroyed at least seven enemy fighter planes in the Battle of Britain.

The founder members still in the Club when Bernard joined in 1979 were 'Squib' Burton, Derick Abbott, Bert Bonney, Norman Cooper, Trevor Jones and Bill Worledge.

Fundraising has always been a fundamental part of our Club and has changed over the years and Bernard remembered the

Ocho Rios band at Manor Farm, the Millennium Eve dance, a local Night at the Proms, a car boot sale in the Wycliffe Rooms, ferret racing at Sulby, VE day celebrations, a Barn Dance at Manor Farm and the Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir at the Temple Speech room, Rugby School. After the performance the Choir were taken to the Webb Ellis Club for beer and sandwiches and Bernard recalled the wonderful feeling of the choir bursting into song around him.

The members agreed to raise money by losing weight except, Graham and Philip who agreed to gain weight. It was noted that at the later 'weigh in' Philip had gained a great deal of weight, mainly as a result of his pockets being full of spanners!



Then there was the Charity Cycle Ride at Bruntingthorpe with a photograph of Squib Burton on a penny farthing.

Finally a photograph of Tom Mattock who brought Bernard into Rotary when they were members of Speakers Club in Lutterworth.



Skittles at Wolvey

After 2 years of cancellations the annual visit to Wolvey Bowls Club for an evening of skittles was back this year on Saturday 12th February. The event which raised £743 was raised for the Rotary Polio Eradication Campaign against polio was organised as usual by David Toone, this year helped by Ted Wilson.

The tried and tested format was unchanged with six tables of 11 competing at long alley skittles, table skittles and devil among the tailors, to see who was going to take home first prize of a case of wine, with a fish and chip supper between the rounds.

The raffle was generously supported by the club with the donation of lots of super prizes and loads of tickets were purchased during the evening.

Our thanks to Wolvey Bowls Club and all those who supported us. It was great to be back enjoying an evening together and raising funds for a good cause at the same time.



Talk on Cardiology by Professor Toff on 28th February

Professor William Toff, a professor in Cardiology told us how he and Doug Skeen, a now retired consultant cardiologist at Glenfield hospital, had got together and formed the charity **Heartwize**. They were aware that defibrillators were a life saver but only if people could use them. So they decided to go into schools, mainly at year 10 level, and train pupils to treat someone who had suffered a cardiac arrest using the correct procedures. Teaching from first chest compressions to actual use of the defibrillators. He likened the use of a defibrillator to the old valve TVs when if a valve ceased to operate you would kick the set to restart it and essentially that is what a defibrillator does, it kickstarts the heart. We were given a demonstration on how to use the defibrillator which once opened gives clear vocal instructions on its use.

Heartwize rely on charitable donations to purchase the dummies, the batteries and the pads in the many defibrillators used in their training programmes which are run entirely by volunteers. The charity also do public training sessions and our Rotary Club will be arranging one. He also told us that when we hold a charity event which is a physical event, such as the Big Bike Ride, we should know where the nearest defibrillator is as part of our risk assessment.



A training unit defibrillator used in demonstrations, unlike the yellow cabinet defibrillators seen round Lutterworth and in other public venues.

Lutterworth Big Indoor Bike Ride on 27th February

Once again thanks to Richard Stannard for coaching the riders and making sure the 4 hour session ran smoothly. The room was free in return for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support and the riders were sustained by cakes and drinks donated by Waitrose. The cake stall raised £85 a really good effort by two young helpers. Although the number of riders were down on pre-covid events with thanks to those taking part £1,200 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis and Smile the Train.



Soon to see lambs in the local fields a tribute & thanks to their mothers and the blessings of their fleece by Susan Jenkin

Winter Woollies

*When hoar frost shimmers on the grass and Jack Frost nibbles window glass
And Fair-Isle, Aran, Cable, Lace - all have found their cosy place,
Then comes the wearing of all things knit, but sheep have on the proper kit
Of Winter Woollies, scarf and coat (no fancy stitches here, take note)
As bitter cold begins to gnaw spot Nature's finest—in the raw!*

Future Events

Friday March 11th Concordia Theatre production

Sunday May 15th Misterton Plant and Craft Fair

Monday June 20th Joint Golf Day with Rugby Rotary Club

Sunday August 21st Big Bike Ride

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