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Driving the wheel of fellowship

June'22 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

June

Monday 6th Normal Meeting Graham Johnson Mark Thompson

Thursday 9th Council Meeting 7-00 p.m.

Monday 13th Business Meeting

Tuesday 21st Normal Meeting Mary Stannard Richard Stannard

Monday 27th **President Change Over Day and Club Assembly**
Val Cooper to Roger Rose

July

Monday 4th Normal Meeting Sue Postlethwaite Elaine Turner

Thursday 7th Council Meeting 7-00 p.m.

Monday 11th Business Meeting

Monday 18th Normal Meeting Sally Hollis Mike Toone

Monday 25th Normal Meeting Mary Stannard David Walton

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A month of Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Rotary Sports for the Disabled

Lutterworth Rotary entered competitors in two recent events.

The first was the Lincoln Games on Sunday 24th April. We had 8 competitors and they had a very enjoyable and successful day. Winning boccia, table tennis and kurling and also the two wheelchair races.

The prizes at Lincoln were presented by Will Hipwell who competed in the Boccia for GB at the Tokyo Olympics.



The second event was the Rugby Games on Sunday 1st May. We had 15 competitors and managed first, second and third in the senior boccia, also a first in the junior boccia. The Boccia competition was run by Lutterworth Rotary for a total of 36 competitors. It was hard work, but we were really pleased to be able to finish on time, largely due to three volunteers who ran the matches, namely Mark Beeby, John Duggan and Scott Keating.

Thanks, are also due to Martin Iliffe who drove the bus and Bernard Johnson who helped with all the loading and unloading for both Lincoln and Rugby. Lutterworth Rotary record their thanks to John Roberson who master minded both events.

As I get older I realise:-

I talk to myself because there are times I need expert advice.

A Sextant

Talk by Ted Wilson 9th May

Ted started his talk by bemoaning the daunting task of getting rid of 40 years of accumulated, now unwanted, possessions in anticipation of downsizing. Some items, out of date, and with no current purpose are easy to consign to the recycling or the charity shop, but others need reflection. Ted brought along his sextant, which was gathering dust on top of a wardrobe.

He took us back to the 1950s with a picture of B Cooke & Sons shop window in Hull. Where, as a boy, he had peered in to look at the sextants on display and beyond to the workshop where they were being made. Back then he dreamed of ocean crossing adventures using a Cooke's sextant. He also wondered how ancient navigators had managed without such a modern accurate instrument.

He reviewed the key development in 4000 years of navigation history from the Babylonians contribution to early geometry; the Greeks adding latitude and longitude and predicting and observing the midnight sun; the Vikings use of polarizing rock crystals to help on cloudy days; the origins of the magnetic compass around 1200 AD; and the various crude instruments that preceded the sextant for measuring the elevation of the sun, such as the astrolabe, cross staff, and back staff.

Ted explained that the wrecking of Sir Cloudsley Shovell's fleet on the rocks of the Isles of Scilly not only brought about the development of Harrison's chronometer, but also an accurate instrument to measure elevation – the sextant, first manufactured by Birds of London in 1757.

Ted's great grandfather, Joseph Boaz, set sail on his first ocean voyage at the age of 15 on a trading ship bound for the Caribbean in 1853. He showed us a picture of a model of that ship carved by the ship's carpenter and given to Joseph on his first voyage and now in Ted's possession.



They would have carried a sextant, a chronometer, a Mercator chart, a magnetic compass, and a trailing log. Exactly the instruments Ted had dreamed of using while looking in Cooke's window over a hundred years later.

Ted showed us the sextant he had bought in the 1980s and learned to use in anticipation of cruising adventures later in life. By 2010, when he eventually set sail in his yacht bound for the Caribbean, satellite navigation was available to all, and although he carried his sextant just in case, they never had to rely on it. He concluded that, despite the dreams and adventures that his sextant represented, it had to go on eBay!



Misterton Plant Craft and Food Fair

On Sunday 15th May 2022, the Rotary Club of Lutterworth with the kind permission of Mrs Craven held the 15th Annual Plant, Craft & Food Fair at Misterton Hall. The weather forecast for the day suggested that our visitors and stall holders might get a little wet, but on the day we were treated to warm sunshine until just after lunchtime when I'm afraid the families enjoying the warm weather and Mrs Craven's gardens were showered with warm drizzle. There were approximately 1,000 visitors to the fair with the usual mix of plant, craft and food retailers who all reported brisk business with enthusiastic visitors. Lutterworth Town Band treated the visitors to a little musical entertainment and there were old country fair favourites such as horse shoe throwing and field skittles where many



participants walked away with a prize.

Around 55 classic, vintage and vehicles of special interest attended the fair enthralling the visitors with their presentation and on the day, a 1933 Green Morris Minor Saloon owned by Mr Yates was deemed to be best in show.

Its was a brilliant day, and the organisers would like to thank all of those people that came out to support us, the stall holders for offering such a great retailer experience, the vehicle owners for a super show, the volunteers without whom this would not have been possible and Mrs Craven whose garden and grounds looked spectacular.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year at the usual time of year, put the date in your diary, 14th May 2023.

Farm Walk 17th May

When David Haynes organised a farm walk we were not prepared for this!!!



Thank you for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Little Faces—Kenya

Sally Searle came and gave us an update on what has recently happened at the school in Mombasa which I have given below.

Great news – hard work pays off and brings super exam results. All our Year 8 children have taken their final exams with Little Faces before they go on to their secondary schools. All but two reached the academic level to go on to great schools. That is exceptional and we are extremely pleased with the results. The two lower grade students will go to local secondary schools whilst the remainder have been offered places in excellent establishments.

Omar, our Head Boy, managed to score so highly in his exams that he has been accepted into a National School. It is a very long way from Mombasa, is a boarding school and is considered one of the absolute best in Kenya and that is why it was chosen for him. We wish him good luck in his educational journey as his dream is to be a surgeon.

Omar's Little Faces journey has taken him from being a child from a poor, single parent upbringing to a high-achieving, personable and confident young man. He was also Head of Scouts for the school and encouraged others to go into the scouting movement – brilliant for gaining leadership skills. He has transitioned from that original rusty tin shack to the stone-built 4 classroom school and on to the brand new school in Bombolulu. He is now heading for an excellent school with many thousands of academically accomplished students. What a journey for this lad. He has worked hard for this achievement. His schooling at Little Faces was supported by an amazing sponsor who has continued his contributions for many years.



Child sponsorship – sadly the costs are escalating – can you help please? The cost of food has escalated massively in the past couple of years. Teachers' salaries have also increased in line with government salary scales. Both result in the cost of feeding and educating a child increasing considerably. Realistically, it now costs between £15 and £20 per month to cover the full cost of a place at Little Faces, depending on whether the child is in kindergarten or primary school. This represents just £180 to £240 for an entire year, including two meals a day. The older children need a lot more space and eat a lot more!

New Playground

Our potential playground. We have been fundraising long and hard in order to fund the purchase of a playground for the children. Government regulations now mean we must have a playground and the rented land we use immediately behind the school is no longer available to rent. The cost to buy the land is in the region of £30,000. This seems a lot but is the going rate for this size of plot and realistically we have little choice. It is ideal as we have already cleared it and erected a temporary security fence at the back. Many people have helped to raise this amount and particular thanks go to East Midlands Reactive Maintenance for their contribution raised from a team taking on the Three Peaks Challenge and Dave Morton's virtual Canoe Challenge. Also from the Northwick Trust whose donation also makes this purchase possible.

School improvements

We have recently installed ceiling fans into the 3 classrooms and aircon into the offices as the rooms were all getting too hot for working effectively. We received a ringfenced donation of £1,000 to carry out this work. Without this donation, we would have been unable to hold a medical camp. We have also installed a very large bookcase and obtained many reading books from Just Be A Child, a charity that provides free books to charities, particularly in Africa. This is the start of our embryo library and is the first time that we have had sufficient reading books for our children to be able to take them home.

New Honorary Member

May we welcome Robert Eggleston (owner of the Greyhound Coaching Inn) as our new Honorary member of the Club.



Thank you Val

May I, on behalf of the Club, thank Val and her team for a very successful and memorable year under her leadership.

May I go on and wish Roger (our new President) and his new team an equally successful coming year.

With Covid (hopefully) over we look forward to re-erecting events that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and the problems it caused.

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