

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021



Welcome to our first Newsletter - aimed to update our new group of "Friends of Carlton Rotary" with activities undertaken, and those planned. We hope you enjoy!

Highlights from the Rotary year 2020-21

Covid has restricted what we could do during the year; we could not meet indoors or do our usual outside activities, but it has not stopped us meeting together by Zoom. The Club continued to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm by Zoom and we had good attendance (often 100%). Was it because there was no-where to go?! Some evenings were just for fun—sharing our favourite music tracks, bringing book recommendations, showing objects of interest, etc. Speakers zoomed in from as far and wide as New Zealand, Scotland, Australia, Florida, NY and also other parts of the UK without the need to travel. We held committee meetings, and used the poll facility to record votes. We often finished a meeting by going into break out rooms to enable more conversation. We are very much looking forwards to being back at Mapperley Golf Club from late July.

Eco-Greenhouse for All Hallows Primary School

One activity we undertook as lockdown eased was the construction of an Eco-Greenhouse which had been delayed from the previous year. Unfortunately restrictions still did not allow us to involve the children, other than ask them to collect bottles. Two sunny days in the Easter holidays enabled a few members to start the build.



Reading the instructions

Cutting the ends off the bottles



Roof done...



Feeding bottles onto canes and fixing to the frame



Litter Picking Activity

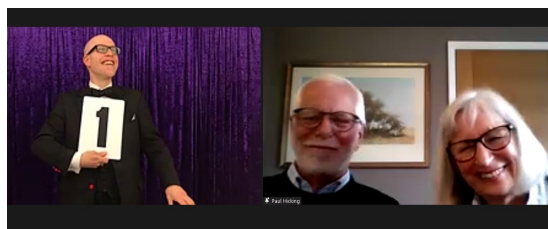
Only managed once in 2020—but regular events are being planned for 2021— w/c 2 August and w/c 6 September



Club Birthday Celebration

May was the 44th Anniversary of the start of Carlton Rotary and we celebrated on Zoom with entertainment from magician Steve Price.

“How did he do that?” was the question most asked. There will be a chance to see him perform again during the District Conference on Zoom on Saturday 2nd October—bring the family. You won’t be disappointed.



Rotary 4foodbanks District 1220

Support was given throughout the year to two local foodbanks in Carlton and Netherfield.

Carlton Rotary applied for a matching grant from Rotary International via the Rotary 4Foodbanks project which enabled us to donate over £3,000 worth of food.



Who benefits from our donations?

Fundraising activities were rather curtailed due to Covid, but amongst others we supported:

- Local families at Christmas with vouchers
- 26 toy boxes for children in refugees
- 19 Aquafilters providing clean water
- WeRHere helping families in Arnold
- Sharewear clothing in Daybrook
- Samaritans and Childline
- Friends of Gedling Country Park by the sale of our Calendars
- Hope Community Village in India

What is Rotary? It is one of the world’s leading membership and humanitarian service organisations.

Members of Rotary volunteer their time to make a difference in their local communities and around the world through projects which support education, fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water and much more.

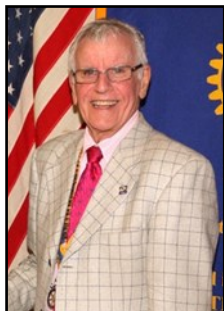
How does Carlton fit in with the bigger picture? Our club is part of a District of 67 clubs within Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, South Yorkshire and part of Lincolnshire. The Rotary year starts on 1st July and many positions within clubs and districts are annual appointments. Many members are also part of a District Team and this coming year Carlton is honoured that our member Martyn Bye will be leading the District for 2021-22. The Districts are part of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RGB&I) which in turn is part of Rotary International (RI). Total membership world-wide is 1.2m. The President of RI this coming year will be Sheka Metha from India whose theme “Serve to Change Lives” will be at the forefront of our work.

As a club we are keen to continue supporting the community and welcome requests for support, monetary donations, ideas for fundraising etc from the general public.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Our “Zoom star” Mike Storr...



£36,000 and counting!.....

At the time of writing that is the amount that Carlton Rotary member Mike Storr has raised in support of Asthma UK over the past 6 years presenting his whimsical talks ‘Masters of Mirth’ and the follow up talk cleverly entitled “Masters of Mirth::The Sequel’ to over 580 clubs including Probus, U3A, Women’s Institutes, Townwomen’s Guild, and of course Rotary Clubs.

Mike has been an active member of Carlton Rotary for 43 years serving the club as president on 2 occasions (1992/3 and 2016/7) He has also been active in District 1220 as the District Sport Co-ordinator for a few years and as the District 1220 Quizmaster for the past 11 years.

Mike is a lifelong asthmatic and in these testing days of Covid, asthmatics are very much in the high risk category..... he had to cancel numerous ‘live’ presentations in 2020 but he has not been wasting his time as he remains shielding, but is entertaining Rotary Clubs (plus other organisations) on ZOOM and between September 2020 and May 2021, he will have ‘visited’ 185 Rotary Clubs all over the United Kingdom with many weeks doing 4 or 5 talks.

From Tim Creed: President, Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis, January 2021

“Just a quick thank you for your presentation given to us last Wednesday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even to the extent that straight after the event, the club decided to double its donation to your charity.

You have a great talent and put a smile on everyone's faces.

The beauty of Zoom is that some Carlton members have also taken the opportunity to join Mike to hear his talks (again!) around the country.

Well done, Mike!

Christmas Planning



Yes, we know Christmas is ages away—BUT we are busy planning routes and supermarket slots to bring some good cheer to our locality and to raise funds for good causes. December is a busy month for Carlton Rotary and we really could do with more help this year.

HAVE YOU A FEW HOURS TO GIVE IN DECEMBER?

- ♦ Do you have a tow bar and might be willing to give some time to pull the float for us?
- ♦ Would you offer to walk with a collecting box and follow the float on one of its routes?
- ♦ Or would you do a 2 hour slot standing outside a supermarket accompanying Santa?
- ♦ Do you know of any storage / garaging we could use to house the float in the Gedling/Carlton area?

IF SO— Float Co-ordinator Paul Hicking would be pleased to hear from you. Contact him via: carltonrotary@gmail.com



Joint Presidents of Carlton Rotary 2021-22



David Styles and Susan Bye will be leading the club this coming Rotary year. We are planning an exciting programme embracing the chance to meet face to face and continue Carlton's presence in the community. We are not saying goodbye to Zoom yet—as it offers the chance to bring in speakers from far and wide and is a good alternative for a short meeting with no travel at other times. We are very



much looking forward to socialising again on a Thursday at Mapperley Golf Club where we will be meeting fortnightly for a meal and either welcoming a speaker or holding committee meetings.

An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities planned for the next 3 months 7pm on Zoom or 6.30pm at Mapperley Golf Club with a meal:

08 July : SPEAKER via Zoom : Barbara Meyer - Freelance Wildlife Photographer. *"Stories behind the photos."*

Barbara started her professional photography career more than 12 years ago and is dedicating a large part of her work to raise awareness and funds for endangered big cat species and also for British wildlife.

15 July : SPEAKER via Zoom : Pat Fenton - Foster Carer. Pat is speaking about her work as a foster carer of asylum seeking children and her volunteering with the Refugee Youth Group.

22 July : SPEAKER via Zoom : Dave King - Editor of Rotary Magazine. *"Telling Rotary's story in a post-Covid era."*

Dave is a journalist by profession, and is now Head of Journalism at a London university. He lives in Portsmouth but is a passionate Notts County supporter from the halcyon days of Jimmy Sirrell.

5 August : SPEAKER via Zoom : Nick Thorley –Charity worker. Nick is registered blind and took up marathon running to raise money for RNIB to give back to the sight loss charity that supported him throughout his life. He is speaking about his Ultra Marathon challenges and his current role as fundraising manager for the international peace-building charity Cord.

19 August– Join us for a walk of under 4 miles and a meal afterwards in a restaurant.

26 August : SPEAKER at Mapperley Golf Club :Tina Simpson—Trustee of Netherfield Forum. *"Feeding the 5,000—an update from St Georges Centre"* When St Georges Centre closed during lock-down, Tina and her team continued to provide take away hot meals and food parcels for many families in need in the area.

9 September : SPEAKER at Mapperley Golf Club : Val Green - Chair of Carlton Hill Community Action Group Val will be speaking about Gedling Memorial Woodland Project—a special place to remember those lost to Covid.

16 September—Visit to a local place of interest and meal afterwards.

30 September : SPEAKER via Zoom: Amy Meek— Kids Against Plastic. Local sisters Amy and Ella founded the environmental charity Kids Against Plastic to "do their bit for the planet". They have achieved nationwide recognition for their campaigns. Their 'Plastic Clever' scheme has been adopted by over 1000 schools, as well as by cafes, businesses and councils around the UK.

2 Litter Picking events—w/c 2 August and w/c 6 September

If you are interested in joining in with any of the above, email carltonrotary@gmail.com

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