

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2021



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

Finally we meet again in person



At our first face-to-face meeting in July, outgoing President Colin handed over the chain of office to incoming Joint Presidents David and Susan. As Rotary is trying to lose some of its formalities, the chain is rarely worn nowadays! As a club, we have become more informal. Gone are the days when gentlemen were expected to wear suits and ties—and have to wait for permission from the President to remove jackets in warm weather! Formal toasts and speeches are kept to a minimum and a friendly welcome awaits newcomers.

Eco-Greenhouse for All Hallows Primary School

The build was completed before the end of the 2021 school year and an "Opening Ceremony" held. Club member Ken Leach was delighted to have the honour of formally opening their Memorial Garden by ceremoniously cutting the ribbon. Ken is a former pupil at All Hallows and has worked with them over many years.



In the photo are Councillors Jenny Hollingsworth and Jennifer Hemingway who kindly donated money for the greenhouse frame kit. Also club members Ted White, David Styles and Ken Leach.

First Social Walk

August saw our first social walk for 2 years. Mike Harvey led us on a great route around Oxtan and we enjoyed a meal afterwards, joined by others, at Ye Olde Bridge Inn.



Shoeboxes for Eastern Europe



We have a stock of empty shoeboxes we usually fill in October / November. Contact Mike Hall via carltonrotary@gmail.com if you would like one to fill. You can choose from 4 types of content: CHILD (toys for boys or girls); BABY (babies up to 12 months plus new mother); TEENAGER (for 12-18 year olds); HOUSEHOLD (for older folk & families). A full list of suggested content will be provided.

A trustee of the charity, Colin Ince, from the Rotary Club of St Helens, is coming to speak to us on Zoom on Thursday 14 October. He will update us on how the Rotary Shoebox Scheme operation has grown and has "spread a little happiness" to recipients in Eastern Europe.

Carlton Fundraiser—Christmas Cards for sale

Pack of 10 cards of 2 different designs for £5. Proceeds will be split between Carlton Rotary charities and the Friends of Gedling Country Park. Order from our website: www.carltonrotary.co.uk or email David Hurst via carltonrotary@gmail.com



Collecting Towels for



Carlton Rotary has supported Aquabox over many years. Their HQ is housed in a small business unit near Cromford in Derbyshire. Originally the brainchild of Wirksworth Rotary, it is a charity which puts together and dispatches aid and manual water purification pumps to worldwide disasters, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti.

The charity was formed in 1992 and has since distributed more than 110,000 boxes to over 50 countries around the world at times of humanitarian need. See : www.aquabox.org for details of their work.



Carlton Rotary is responding to Aquabox's appeal for clean towels (hand towels, bath towels, tea towels), with a bit of life still in them. These towels are used for packing purposes—and then can be useful to the end recipients.

Mike Hall is organising our collection. Contact him via carltonrotary@gmail.com before the end of October if you have towels to donate.

A RECENT SPEAKER

During the height of the Covid pandemic, the St Georges Centre in Netherfield prepared and distributed over 30,000 meals to local people in need. An amazing achievement!

Tina Simpson, a trustee of the Netherfield Forum and St Georges Centre, came to tell us how they did it. A truly inspiring story. They were often preparing over 100 meals a day for collection or delivery.

They also organised a shop where people could go and collect a stock of dry products to keep them going, and had emergency parcels with toiletries, tea, coffee, cereal and basic food to see people through a couple of days until they could receive more targeted help.



Tina explained how Morrisons supermarket in Netherfield helped with a regular supply of their unused stock and just how important the Carlton Rotary donations were over the whole period, together with the Rotary4foodbank initiative.

Christmas Meal Invitation

We extend a warm invitation to our Friends of Carlton Rotary to join us for our Christmas Meal on Thursday 16 December at Ramsdale Park Golf Centre. We have exclusive use of their upstairs room—and a full Christmas menu with plenty of choice too. A fun evening to enjoy good food together and celebrate the Christmas season. All for £25 per head. Interested in coming? Let us know by mid November—carltonrotary@gmail.com—you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Christmas Planning ...



... is well underway. Collection routes around Gedling, Netherfield, Carlton and some supermarket slots too.

HAVE YOU A FEW HOURS TO GIVE IN DECEMBER?

Could you use your car to tow the float? Could you offer to be a collector for a 2 hour slot in the daytime or evening?

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

An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities planned for the next 3 months

Meetings are 7pm on Zoom or 6.30pm at Mapperley Golf Club with a meal:

01-02 October : VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE : See www.1220conference.co.uk for details.

07 October : SPEAKER at Mapperley Golf Club : Jayne Seagrave - Criminologist & Author. Jayne is visiting from her home in Vancouver, Canada. She was sponsored by Carlton Rotary back in 1984-5 on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to attend the University of Ottawa for an MA in Criminology. She says: "Carlton Rotary changed my life." We look forward to hearing how.

14 October : SPEAKER via Zoom : Colin Ince - Rotary Shoebox Scheme Colin is one of the trustees of this not-for-profit charity we have supported for many years.

21 October : SPEAKERS at Mapperley Golf Club : Judith Byrnes & Natalie Mellor from local charity WeRHere An update on their work supporting local families in need with practical help, counselling and a listening ear. Their mantra is: "Making a difference, one life at a time."

11 November : SPEAKER on Zoom : Sheila North from Parkinsons UK. A light and upbeat talk about living with Parkinsons.

24 November : Provisional date for Carlton Hill Light Switch on with Santa's Sleigh

25 November : SPEAKER on Zoom : Ann Norris—Albania, Land of the Eagles A brief history of Albania and a deeper look at the last 25 years. In this period Ann has personally been involved in the country's progression in the field of disability working with NGOs, including Rotary.

2 December : SPEAKER at Mapperley Golf Club : David Skillen—Knitters, Nailers & Traitors A talk about Belper in the Industrial Revolution.

9 December : SPEAKER on Zoom : Jayne Hopkins—Friends of Long Eaton Rotary Jayne will tell us about some of the projects they have initiated since the Friends group was formed.

16 December : CHRISTMAS MEAL at Ramsdale Park Golf Centre Come celebrate the Christmas season.

Litter Picking event—w/c 1 October

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

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