

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021-22



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

Helping the Royal British Legion in November



Carlton IW President Jen Crosby and
Carlton Rotary President Elect Paul Hicking
- masks removed for purposes of the photo!

We joined with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary to support the poppy collection at Sainsbury's in Arnold. It was an honour to be able to help and we were gratified at the generosity of the customers. *THANK YOU* to the *Friends* who helped on the rota too. Total sum raised was an outstanding £13,618.95.



Joint President David Styles was proud to lay a wreath at the Gedling Memorial on 14 November following a service at All Hallows Church.

A fantastic first evening out at the Carlton Hill Lights Switch-on in November



Santa was well received by young and old alike, and a total of £6,180.16 was raised which will enable us to give back to good causes within our local communities.

Tom Randall MP stopped to speak to Santa at Tesco in Carlton just before Christmas

Santa's Sleigh 2021

How great it was to be out and about again!

A Big THANK YOU to the many *Friends* who helped with towing and collecting. We could not have done it without you!



THANK YOU

to the *Friends* and club members who filled 36 shoeboxes, now bound for Eastern Europe



and to those who bought our Christmas Cards which raised £615.



Sponsored Walk in aid of End Polio Now

Joint President Susan, District Governor Martyn plus 2 grandchildren and their dog completed the sponsored walk organised by Sutton in Ashfield Rotary on Sunday 26 September 2021. They walked 5 miles along the Teversal Trail to Pleasley and back. Why End Polio Now? Rotarians have proudly helped to reduce polio cases by 99.9% since 1988. Bill Gates is “on the case” too and doubles the amount Rotary raises. We’re nearly there! But vaccines need to continue for some time to come to ensure the world is free of this awful disease.



Recent Speakers



What an inspiring talk in September from **Amy Meek** of “Kids Against Plastic”! After reading the UN’s study on the impact of plastic waste on the global environment, Amy and her younger sister, Ella, decided to take action. They have done a remarkable job so far and are clearly making a difference. They are joining with Rotary in a District initiative for World Earth Day on 22 April—watch this space!

Jayne Seagrave returned to Carlton Rotary in October to bring us up-to-date on her remarkable career. A former pupil of Carlton-le-Willows School, Jayne was sponsored by Carlton Rotary to study post-graduate criminology in Canada. She went on from there to gain a PhD and write a number of academic books and then travel books, before embarking on yet a another book genre, fiction. “The Games Women Play” is her first novel. She has travelled the world, giving talks on a number of topics, but has never forgotten the small but important part Carlton Rotary played in her career.

In November Rotarian **Ann Norris** gave us a fascinating talk about Albania, a country she has spent so much time in. She first went there in 1995 with VSO, in her capacity as a teacher specialising in working with handicapped children. Since then she has worked with Medpac, an Albanian NGO, on improving the education and lives of hundreds of handicapped children. In recognition of her outstanding contribution she was awarded honorary citizenship of Librazhd in central Albania. Our thanks to Ann for introducing us to a country that she dearly loves and yet we in Carlton Rotary knew so little about.

Rotarian **Peter Montgomery** talked to us via Zoom about the work of Mercy Ships - a global Christian charity that brings hope and healing to those suffering from disability, disfigurement, and disease. They deploy hospital ships and partner African nations to transform surgical systems and provide free surgery to those most in need. Peter was able to tell us about some of the amazing and heart warming stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by surgery and medical intervention. Without Mercy Ships, these people would never have had the opportunity to live a normal life even in their own communities.



Successful re-cycling!

Re-cycling is a win-win situation. A chance for a good clear out and our discards used to help others.

In the last few months we have donated 86 towels of various sizes to Aquabox who will use them for packing purposes in their disaster aid boxes. The towels can then be useful to the end recipients too.



Thanks to the *Friends*, club members and Mapperley Golf Club, we collected 195 pairs of shoes which were given to the Variety Club charity. Some will be distributed to developing



countries around the world, others will be recycled into insulation materials.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WERHERE ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

**“Making a difference—
one life at a time.”**



From small beginnings on Woodborough Road in October 2011, WeRHere has grown as a charity, now based in offices in Arnot Hill Park.

They have helped thousands of individuals and families to rebuild their lives after the impact of significant trauma, such as domestic abuse. Carlton Rotary have been proud to support them over many years and send best wishes for the future! In October we were pleased to hear first hand from two of their support workers, Judith & Natalie, who came to update us on the work of WeRHere and the counselling they offer.

HELP FOR THE YMCA

We responded to an appeal from the YMCA in December and supplied over £200 worth of Christmas presents so their residents can wake up to a gift on Christmas morning.



David Falkner handed over the presents to Andy from the YMCA

How have we spent our fundraising monies over the last 3 months?

* We donated to the DG's project – Empowering Girls in India – to give a girl in her last 3 years of education a sewing machine and the training in tailoring. See: [DG Martyn Empowering Girls Project](#)

Donations to: * YMCA Christmas gifts * Parkinsons UK * The Samaritans * Childline

* We supported the Rotary Kids Out toybox appeal so children in refuges in NG4 will receive Christmas gifts.

* At Christmas time we donate Food Vouchers for local families in need—the following “thank you’s” say it all -

- ◇ *THANK YOU SO MUCH to the Rotary Club for the lovely gift of a Tesco gift card that my daughter received at School today! It is very much appreciated and will go towards our Christmas Day dinner.*
- ◇ *Dear David and the rotary club of Carlton, thank you so much for our voucher and Christmas card, you have made our Christmas. Wishing you all a lovely one and a happy new year.*
- ◇ *Thankyou for my Asda voucher David keep up the good work.*
- ◇ *Thank you ROTARY CLUB its been a tricky few months caring for our disabled son.*

An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities planned below
Meetings start at 7.00pm on Zoom or
from 6.15pm at Mapperley Golf Club with a meal.

Day	Date	Venue	Topic	
Thursday	06-Jan	MGC	SPEAKER	DG Martyn Bye brings his message for the year
Thursday	13-Jan	Zoom	SPEAKER	Gordon McGlone – past DG of District 1220, now a Yorkshireman – “The History of Liverpool”
Thursday	27-Jan	Zoom	CONFERENCE RE-VISITED	
Thursday	10-Feb	SOCIAL	MEAL AT THE HIMALAYAN INN	
Thursday	17-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER	Karen Alderton – from Sutton in Ashfield Rotary – retired Optometrist – “My New Life”
Thursday	24-Feb	Zoom	SPEAKER	Tony Waldron – President of Belper & Duffield Rotary “Pictures in Glass – the history of stained-glass windows”
Thursday	03-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER	Dr Roger Summers – Forensic Scientist – “What are they? What happened?”
Thursday	10-Mar	SOCIAL	VISIT to the Museum of Timekeeping, Upton & meal out at The Cross Keys	
Thursday	17-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER	Stella Herbert from Sherwood Forest Rotary – Registrar & Ceremonies Officer - “In this place in which we are now met”
Tuesday	22-Mar	Event	WORLD WATER DAY – Event linked with Aquabox	
Thursday	24-Mar	Zoom	SPEAKER	Matt Hancock – Burton Albion Community Trust
Saturday	26-Mar	SOCIAL	QUIZ	by Mike Storr - Burton Joyce Village Hall – a fundraising social event with raffle by Inner Wheel
Thursday	07-Apr	SOCIAL	VISIT to the National Holocaust Centre & Museum, Laxton	
Friday	22-Apr	Event	WORLD EARTH DAY - Rotary and Kids Against Plastic Earth Day Clear Up	
Thursday	28-Apr	SOCIAL	ADVENTURE GOLF at the Ramsdale Park Golf Centre	
Thursday	12-May	SOCIAL	CHARTER - the Club's 45 th Anniversary – Ramsdale Park Golf Centre	
Thursday	19-May	MGC	SOCIAL	Social evening without a speaker
Sunday	05-Jun	SOCIAL	DINE AROUND “Best social event of the year”	
Thursday	09-Jun	Zoom	SPEAKER	DG Martyn Bye reviews his year
Thursday	23-Jun	Zoom	SPEAKER	TBC
Thursday	30-Jun	MGC	HANDOVER	Joint Presidents David and Susan hand over to Paul

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