

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022



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

Litter-pick for World Earth Day in Netherfield

We arranged a joint event with Amy & Ella Meek from *Kids Against Plastic* on Saturday 23 April and were pleased to have our MP Tom Randall plus Councillors Mike Adams, John Clarke and Michael Payne also join us. Before we started, Amy and Ella took the opportunity to have live interviews with them during the regular Saturday 9 am catch up they have with their KAP Club members – children of all ages and from the UK and abroad.



Along with 20 other Rotarians and Friends of Rotary we collected 1,776 items and logged them onto the Kids Against Plastic website.



Challenging the golfers with Pirate Golf in April



One of our monthly social activities.

We have many golfers in our club, and yes, of course, a non-golfer won!



45th Birthday Celebration!!

WHAT A GREAT EVENING !

So nice to be all
together this year.



The tables looked lovely thanks to Rosanne's floral decorations, Ramsdale did us proud with a superb meal and Paul Hopkins excelled as our entertainer.

Kids Against Plastic win Rotary Young Citizen Award

Carlton Rotary nominated sisters Amy and Ella Meek for a national Rotary Young Citizen Award. They were successful and received this at Volunteer Expo in Birmingham in May. Martyn and I were proud to accompany them.



The sisters from Redhill are exceptional girls with a passion for helping the environment - long before this became a

hot topic in the news. They founded a charity, *Kids Against Plastic*, with free on-line resources and a KAP Club to inspire and empower others into action. See: www.kidsagainstoplastic.co.uk

Their "Plastic Clever Schools" initiative aims to encourage the current generation of school children to take action against unnecessary and often harmful single-use plastics. Over 1,300 schools have signed up so far, and Amy and Ella have set a particular challenge for Nottinghamshire schools to smash the Government's 2022 plastic target.

See: www.plasticcleverschools.co.uk.

Susan Bye

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Rotarian Ken Leach and his wife Gill kindly hosted us in their garden for a celebration party and picnic on 5th June.

Despite the threat of rain and unseasonal cold weather, Carlton

Rotarians, together with Friends of Rotary and many from the Gedling All Hallows Church congregation, enjoyed a very sociable afternoon.



Visit to the Holocaust Centre

Our visit to the Holocaust Centre and museum at Laxton enabled us to step into the life of Leo, a young German Jewish boy growing up in 1930's Berlin. Everything changes for him under Nazi rule. Eventually, his family makes the brave choice to send him to safety in the UK, as a child refugee on the Kindertransport.

The story of "The Journey" is well researched, informative and obviously thought provoking for our members who praised not only the exhibits themselves but also the wide ranging educational programmes in place to teach about a very tumultuous period of recent history.

Well worth a visit!

David Styles



Treat for Young Carers in May

As part of our commitment to "youth", I was given the opportunity to fund and organise a treat for some young carers living within our locality. As our previous experience at Sherwood Pines 'Go-Ape' was such a success, I put the idea to Coral the co-ordinator for young carers in our area, who applauded the idea.



The Tree Top adventure was booked along with a mini bus for the return journey from Carlton for the 12 excited youngsters. All signed in and, agreeing to the conditions, they were harnessed up and given a thorough health and safety lesson. Then the eager team, perhaps with a little apprehension, climbed up to the daunting 'hit and miss' rope walk in the tree tops, progressing to more

difficult challenges through the course. I was invited to join them, but I thought that my skills were best left at ground level !!

After the thrills were over, we had welcome refreshments with debriefing and general chat with the team, who readily agreed that it was all great fun. I must congratulate Coral for taking part in the activity herself, absolutely suited to her role, with respect from the young team.

David Falkner—Community Service & Youth



Club President, Paul Hicking, writes:

The new Rotary year starts in July with me taking over from Susan and David – a hard act to follow. During this last year we have raised money for local, national, and international charities plus we have been involved in local community and individual projects, as well as responding to international crises and disasters. That we have managed to do all this speaks volumes for the generosity of the community we serve, plus the help we receive from the Friends of Rotary.

In my year as President, I hope to see Carlton Rotary continue to help those in need here, within the Carlton, Netherfield and Gedling area, and further afield – in fact, wherever we can help. The community committee is investigating a number of ideas as to how we can help locally, and the international committee has plans to help targeted, disadvantaged groups around the world.

I will be continuing the tradition of helping the club enjoy their Rotary membership. We have had some great fun nights away from our regular meeting venue and next year's programme should be no different. The social committee is busy booking a variety of nights out which I'm sure will prove very popular. After all, Rotary membership should be fun – and I think it is.

An OPEN INVITATION to FRIENDS of CARLTON ROTARY to join in with any of the meetings or activities planned below

| Day | Date | Venue | Topic |
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| Thursday | 07-July | Zoom | SPEAKER—Clive Trott: Russian Invasion of Georgia |
| Thursday | 14-July | Zoom | SPEAKER— David Simmonds: Treasurers of the National Trust |
| Thursday | 21-July | SOCIAL | BOWLS at Conway Road, Carlton followed by meal at Amores |
| Thursday | 04-Aug | MGC | SPEAKER— Rhiana Lakin: Headway |
| Thursday | 18-Aug | MGC | SPEAKER—Tony Sherwood: Launceston Rotary experiences |
| Thursday | 25-Aug | SOCIAL | Walk & Pub meal at the Full Moon Inn at Morton |
| Thursday | 08-Sept | Zoom | SPEAKER— Chris Leworthy: Battle of Britain 80 years on |
| Thursday | 15-Sept | MGC | SPEAKER— Mark Barron: Carrara marble—Michelangelo's greatest love |
| Thursday | 22-Sept | SOCIAL | MEAL OUT |
| Thursday | 06-Oct | MGC | SPEAKER— Ben Talbot: the work of the Friary, West Bridgford—a charity for the homeless |
| Thursday | 20-Oct | Zoom | SPEAKER— David Hastings: RNLI—"Wooden boats and iron men" |
| Thursday | 27-Oct | SOCIAL | PUB SKITTLES and a meal at the Royal Oak, East Bridgford |
| Thursday | 10-Nov | MGC | SPEAKER— Malcolm Darrock of Wollaton Park Rotary talking about numbers - a fun night with plenty of audience participation! |
| Thursday | 17-Nov | SOCIAL | MEAL OUT |
| Thursday | 01-Dec | MGC | QUIZ NIGHT |
| Thursday | 08-Dec | Zoom | SPEAKER— TBC |
| Thursday | 15-Dec | SOCIAL | CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MEAL at Ramsdale Golf Centre |
| Thursday | 22-Dec | Zoom | SPEAKER— TBC |

NB—for programme amendments, see our website: www.carltonrotary.co.uk

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