

# NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2022



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

**We are always on the look out for new members, so please pass this on to any friends or family who might be interested in joining Rotary—to have fun and make a difference to our world. Our Club needs some fresh impetus going forwards in order to continue to serve our local area.**

### Handover for start of new Rotary year 1st July

Paul Hicking has now been passed the baton as President for our current Rotary year.



Our Handover evening at Mapperley Golf Club was a really enjoyable occasion. It was great to see so many wives and friends there plus our special guest, Gedling MP, Tom Randall.

Susan was presented with flowers as a "thank you" and the chain passed over to Paul, along with the Charter Certificate.



### Two Summer Walks and a Bowls Competition



We've had fun at our "once a month" socials. In July we had fair weather for our Bowls Competition at Conway Road, followed by a meal at Amores. Ken Leach won the trophy.

Our first walk in August saw us go from Morton to Rolleston and then back alongside the Trent. Then we were delighted to



meet up with some of our past

members for a meal at the Full Moon Inn. We hadn't seen rain for what seemed like months - until half way round our walk! Still, that didn't bother us and we had a good day out.



Mike Harvey's walk in September took us from Burton Joyce, along the Trent valley and up high through Bulcote with superb views and then on back down to a welcome meal at the Wheatsheaf Inn.

## Christmas Cards for Sale



Last year's fundraiser made a profit of £625. We have a few packs left which can be ordered by email via [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrotary@gmail.com).

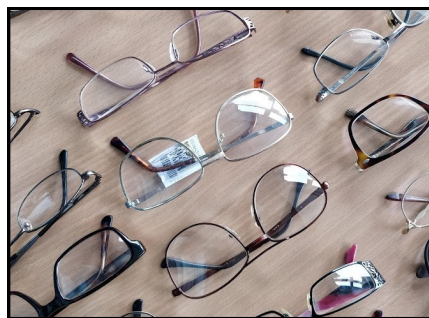
They are in packs of 10 cards of 2 different designs for £5. Proceeds will be split between Carlton Rotary charities and the Friends of Gedling Country Park.



We are collecting used spectacles in support of the work of York Ainsty Rotary.

Rotarians there sort, wash, measure and individually bag each pair of spectacles. They are then placed into libraries of 1,000 pairs, ready for shipment to charitable organisations in Sri Lanka, Kenya and Ghana who have the necessary expertise to ensure the spectacles end up on the right noses and are fitted correctly.

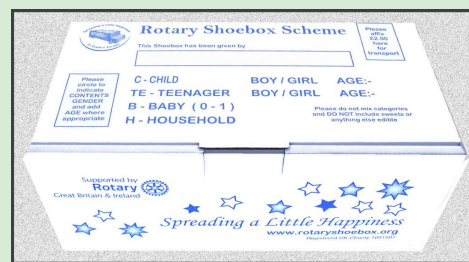
Let us know if you have some lying around in a cupboard or drawer that you would be happy to pass on to us. - [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrotary@gmail.com).



## Shoebboxes for Eastern Europe

The Rotary Shoebox Scheme is a registered charity, run by Rotary volunteers in the Oldham area. Started over 25 years ago, the operation has delivered over 1 million boxes to recipients in Eastern Europe. The boxes are distributed throughout the year, and so far this year over 30,000 have been sent in 3 shipments to Moldova and Romania.

Photo shows boxes being opened in Chisinau, Moldova where distribution was managed by Chisinau Rotary, some of the recipients being refugees from neighbouring country Ukraine.



We have a stock of empty shoeboxes we usually fill in October / November to send on to Oldham. Contact us via [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto: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 is provided.

*"Spread a little Happiness"*

## “Empowering Girls” Initiative

This initiative was started last year when Rotary districts globally were encouraged to develop projects to “empower girls”.

District Governor Martyn set up a project with Past District Governor Val Leivers of Sherwood Sunrisers Rotary who he knew visited Secunderabad in India on a regular basis. Over the years Val has taught and fundraised for the Sri Sai Vidyarthi School as well as other projects in this poor area of the country. Martyn and Val initiated a scheme to enable girls in their last 3 years in the school to take part in a



tailoring course which would include the purchase of a sewing machine to then become their own at the end of their school journey. The project got off to a great start last year and so far over 30 girls have been sponsored and two qualified tailoring teachers contracted.

The students are receiving a good academic education alongside a vocational education which provides them with valuable employment skills for the future.

Funds are still needed to sponsor girls who are waiting to be included on the course and the project continues during this current Rotary year.

Carlton Rotary has been pleased to sponsor Annie. Just £300 has supplied her with a sewing machine and covers lessons in tailoring during her last 3 years at school.



## Christmas Meal Invitation

We extend a warm invitation to our Friends of Carlton Rotary to join us for our Christmas Meal on Thursday 15 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](mailto: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 Colin Gell would be pleased to hear from you. Contact him at: [colinrotary10@gmail.com](mailto:colinrotary10@gmail.com)



## How our money is given

The Christmas Float is our main fundraiser which enables us to give to those in need in our community and also a portion overseas. **If YOU know of a cause locally which could do with some help, please ask via [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrotary@gmail.com), and our Community Service Committee will consider your request.** This last year we have given a helping hand to a local young gymnast to enable her to progress to European competitions, provided an Elfin kitchen for the Loco Centre in Netherfield, donated to therapeutic support charity WeRHere, sent an Aquabox with water filters and emergency supplies to Pakistan, contributed to a specialised wheelchair, supported NetherFest, organised a trip to Go Ape for local young carers, to name but a few.

## 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:

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	06-Oct	MGC	<b>SPEAKER</b> – John Holmes: BBC presenter talking about his book BBC Holmes Service
Thursday	20-Oct	Zoom	<b>SPEAKER</b> – David Hastings: RNLI—“Wooden boats and iron men”
Thursday	27-Oct	SOCIAL	<b>PUB SKITTLES</b> and a meal at the Royal Oak, East Bridgford
Thursday	10-Nov	MGC	<b>SPEAKER</b> – Malcolm Darrock of Wollaton Park Rotary talking about numbers - a fun night with plenty of audience participation!
Thursday	17-Nov	SOCIAL	<b>MEAL OUT</b>
Thursday	01-Dec	MGC	<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>
Thursday	08-Dec	Zoom	<b>SPEAKER</b> – Jenny Mallin—A grandmother’s legacy: my ancestors’ professions in the British Raj
Thursday	15-Dec	SOCIAL	<b>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MEAL</b> at Ramsdale Golf Centre
Thursday	22-Dec	Zoom	<b>SPEAKER</b> – TBC

If you are interested in joining in with any of the above, email [carltonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrotary@gmail.com) to book in.

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