

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023



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.



President Paul Hicking writes:

A Happy New Year to everyone. The picture was taken as we said goodbye to 2022 with our last event of the year, our Christmas party. It shows me welcoming our newest member, Maxi Leigh.

I remember my own welcome to Rotary many years ago, which was also very friendly but, in those days, very formal. How Rotary has changed! And for the better. We still support local and national charities, we still react to international crises but these days, we are so much more relaxed and with very few formalities. If you would like the opportunity to help others whilst at the same time have fun with like minded people, you should give Rotary membership a try.

As you will see as you read through this quarter's newsletter, we have just completed our main charity fundraising event of the year, and a great success it was too. Through the generosity of the people of Carlton, Gedling and Netherfield, and with the help of so many friends of Carlton Rotary Club, the annual Christmas float has raised sufficient funds for us to continue to the help many individuals and groups in need of our support.

Our next fundraiser will be a quiz in aid of Maggie's, Nottingham - the local charity cancer support centre. It's always a good night out with fish and chips, plus questions that aren't too hard (at least most of them!). Everyone is welcome, so check with our Facebook page or website for ticket details.

I'm looking forward to a varied programme of events in 2023 and for another enjoyable Rotary year.

Some of our achievements Oct-Dec 2022

- ◆ Our 66 volunteer hours by Carlton Rotarians and friends at Sainsbury's Arnold, together with members of Mapperley & Arnold Rotary, raised a record amount for the Royal British Legion in November.
- ◆ We sent 82 pairs of used spectacles to York Aisty Rotary for their SpecSort programme— Rotarians there sort, wash, measure and individually bag each pair before sending off to partners in Africa.



- ◆ We filled 25 Shoeboxes for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme ready to be dispatched with gifts to spread a little happiness in Eastern Europe.
- ◆ December saw us out and about in Gedling, Carlton & Netherfield with Santa
- ◆ We were pleased to have 40 members and friends join us for our Christmas meal.
- ◆ Recent donations have included to The Ark Community Café and Advice Centre, Gedling; WeRHere—supporting families in crisis; four local primary schools; St Georges Community Centre, Netherfield; YMCA; Samaritans; foodbanks

Christmas Success



Well done! To all Rotarians and Friends who volunteered in December to keep Santa's sleigh on the road and outside supermarkets. We brought Christmas cheer to young and old. Children were delighted to have photos taken with Santa and tell him their hopes for Christmas.



262 volunteering hours on the rota, filled by 41 Carlton Rotarians and supporters! Plus of course those behind the scenes who kept the generator topped up, provided sweets, re-wired the lights, touched up the paintwork, washed the Santa outfits, liaised with the supermarkets, applied for licences, designed posters, organised the banking, the music, kept the rota and Facebook up to date, etc etc. A great team effort. And **thanks** go to Lowdham Caravans for again servicing the sleigh for us.

But most of all, **thank you** to the kind residents of Carlton, Netherfield and Gedling who donated so generously, given the present economic climate. The fantastic amount of £8,010 was raised and will be used to give out to deserving causes during this coming year.

If you know of a cause worthy of help or a donation, please get in touch: carltonrotary@gmail.com

An OPEN INVITATION to join in with any of the meetings or activities below
Meetings are 7pm on Zoom or 6.30pm at Mapperley Golf Club with a meal.

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	12-Jan	Zoom	SPEAKER: Chris Leworthy— Battle of Britain 80 years on
Thursday	19-Jan	MGC	Committee Meetings
WEDNESDAY	25-Jan	MGC	Joint meeting with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary—SPEAKER: DG Martyn Bye
Tuesday	31-Jan	Zoom	Club Council
Thursday	02-Feb	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	09-Feb	Zoom	SPEAKER: Ken Robertshaw—Dog sled across Norway, Sweden & Finland
Thursday	16-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER: Mark Barron—Carrara marble—Michelangelo's greatest love
Thursday	23-Feb	Zoom	SPEAKER: Jenny Mallin—A grandmother's legacy—my ancestors' professions in the British Raj
Thursday	02-Mar	MGC	Speaker: Ben Talbot—The Friary drop-in Homeless Charity, West Bridgford
Thursday	09-Mar	MGC	Speaker: Jessica Spencer—Spring Lane Farm & Shop
Thursday	16-Mar	MGC	Speaker: Graham Miller—Preserving Britain's Railway Heritage
SATURDAY	18-Mar	BJ	Quiz Night Fundraiser in aid of Maggie's Cancer Care at Burton Joyce Village Hall
Thursday	23-Mar	Zoom	Speaker: Neil Kirby 'Blood, sweat and gears' - around the base of Mount Kenya
Thursday	30-Mar	MGC	Committee Meetings
Thursday	06-Apr	Zoom	SPEAKER: Stewart Hayter—'Lawrence of Arabia'

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

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