

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



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 keen to welcome 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. Do contact us, too, if you have a community project or particular need you feel we could help with.

Successful Quiz Night raises £1,000 for Maggie's

Well done! To all 91 rotarians, friends and visitors who participated in our annual Quiz Night at Burton Joyce Village Hall on 9th March. A massive £1,000 was raised that evening for Maggie's cancer centre at the City Hospital. Neil Kendrick and his team tested our brains with some varied and sometimes difficult quiz questions and, as with every quiz, we soon learned what we didn't know! Especially the questions about Nottingham villages!



Burton Joyce Fish & Chip shop came up trumps again, delivering boxes of fish and chips and we are grateful for sponsorship by Nexus Fostering and to Complexions Beauty in Daybrook, Marks & Spencer, Nuffield Gym, Savoy Cinema and our Carlton members for providing some wonderful raffle prizes.



Royal British Legion



On 13th March some of our members attended a joint meeting with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary as they had invited Sharon Clay, Regional Manager for Royal British Legion to speak. For the past few years we have joined with Mapperley & Arnold to sell poppies in Sainsbury's, Arnold for the appeal.

This year £13,933.75 was raised in Sainsburys, part of the massive £42.9 million raised in total for last year's appeal.

Sharon spoke about where this money goes and how it is spent. Everyone agreed it was a worthwhile cause to support and a pleasure to take part in their collection.



Official Handover of Eco-Greenhouse

On 9th February **Carlton Rotary** had an official “hand-over” of the Eco-Greenhouse and new raised beds which had been completed at **Stanhope Primary School** in November. Assistant Head, Amy Messom, thanked the 8 members of Carlton Rotary and 3 volunteers from the school who had worked over two days to complete the project. She thanked the pupils and parents for their wonderful collection of over 1,000 2-litre bottles and their work cutting the bottoms off in preparation for the build.



Rotary organiser, Colin Gell, presented the school with a “starter pack” of seeds and pots ready for planting. The children and teachers are keen to get started and grow some vegetables.



This is the third Eco Greenhouse **Carlton Rotary** have provided and built – we are happy to talk to any local school who might wish to consider one. Contact: carltonrotary@gmail.com

Collecting Tools for Africa



Carlton member, **David Falkner**, and also Honorary members **Keith Stafford** and **Mick Ellis**, are part of a voluntary group in Southwell called “**Tools for Africa**” which meets twice a month to refurbish tools. These are then packed into tool kits for various trades. They supply these to the charity “Tools for Self Reliance” and also “Tools with a Mission” where they are sent on to various African countries. The tool kits enable the recipients to learn a trade and thus provide and income for their family.

The group is always on the look out for donations of tools for trades such as carpentry, building, electrical and car mechanic plus sewing machines for making clothing. They will then upcycle them and sort into designated trade kits based on the particular charity’s requirement.

If you have any unwanted tools you could donate, just let us know and you could either deliver or we can arrange to collect.



Helping local school readers

Some 15 years ago the Carlton Club participated in a Rotary initiative to go into local Primary Schools and assist young children to help them improve their reading skills. A number of our Club members became involved in this activity with weekly visits to some local schools. One of the schools was Burton Joyce Primary, which we are delighted to say still benefits from the help of two of our former members, namely **David Hurst** and **Barry Parr**.

They both were involved at the start and are still visiting the School once a week helping Year 5 and 6 children with their reading. They both stress that their involvement is not just only about listening to pupils reading, but additionally assisting them to develop their comprehension and presentation skills too.

With such a long relationship at the school they have become a part of the weekly activities and are welcomed by staff and children alike. So much so that they get involved with school trips, SATs exams and school plays, all of which make their roles satisfying and enjoyable. One other highlight is that every 2 years as part of the school curriculum the Year 5 & 6 children are given detailed lessons on World War 2. As part of this learning process, David and Barry give a talk on their experiences as children growing up during the War. These talks, which are interactive, are very well received by both children and teachers, with lots of questions which sometimes are quite humorous. Once David was asked if he has ever met Hitler!!!!

These days, with so many distractions from social media, children's appetite for reading books has diminished. David and Barry's view is that if they can help to rekindle a reading desire in as many children as possible, then their efforts are worthwhile.

("Well done" David and Barry for so many years of volunteering!)



Visit to Nottingham Panthers

On Wednesday 6th March we had a club outing to see Nottingham Panthers Vs Guildford Flames at the Motorpoint Arena. 31 members and friends of the club enjoyed a meal before the match which had been arranged in the Green Room and we were honoured there to be introduced to Omar Pacha, the Chief Executive Officer of Nottingham Panthers who called in to say "hello". We were the first Rotary club, to his knowledge, who had booked en bloc to support the Panthers at a game.

During one interval our name was put up in lights and a mention made of our visit!

It was the first time most of us had been to a Panthers Elite League game. The skill and speed of the players was awe-inspiring and a 6-1 victory in front of a full house was brilliant. Thanks go to **Tony Sherwood**, for organising this event.



Thank You's from Ukraine children



Our Rotary District has now sent 600 toy boxes to Rotary partners in Ukraine and we have had several “thank you’s” posted back to us which have been shared around the clubs. These are in the form of cards, letters and handmade dolls called Motanka.



These traditional Ukrainian guardian dolls are handmade, not sewn, and made without needles to avoid hurting their bodies. They don't have faces so as not

to appear judgmental or convey any emotions that might be misinterpreted. It is believed that the doll acts as a protector of a household and brings happiness, prosperity and good health.

There are children in Ukraine who would like a “pen pal” from the UK. We can put them in touch if your family would like to take part.



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 |
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| Thursday | 04-Apr | MGC | Meeting to discuss Float Report and plans for December 2024 |
| Thursday | 11-Apr | MGC | SPEAKER: Dr Mark Paul-Clark—Pharmacology |
| Saturday | 13-Apr | E Hall | District Assembly at Eastwood Hall |
| Thursday | 18-Apr | Social | Walk exploring Southwell—meet 11am Hearty Goodfellow Pub with meal after |
| Thursday | 25-Apr | MGC | Annual General Meeting and Business Meeting |
| Thursday | 02-May | MGC | SPEAKER: Stuart Robinson—Prostate Cancer |
| Thursday | 09-May | | No meeting—bank holiday week |
| Thursday | 16-May | MGC | SPEAKER: Lord Colin Bristeir |
| Thursday | 23-May | Social | Crazy Golf |
| Thursday | 30-May | | No meeting—bank holiday week |
| Thursday | 06-June | MGC | Club Assembly—plans for the next Rotary year |
| Thursday | 13-June | Zoom | SPEAKER: Tony Waldron—“Things that go bump”: Personal tales of ghostly encounters |
| Thursday | 20-Jun | MGC | SPEAKER: Mike Newbold—“My Extra Life” - Experiences in TV and film |
| Thursday | 27-Jun | MGC | HANDOVER MEETING— guests invited |

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

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