

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

Rotary
Carlton



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.

New President for Rotary Year 2024-5

Well, not so new! Martyn Bye is again in the hot seat and explains his plans for the next Rotary year:

I am excited to announce that Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick has unveiled the 2024-25 presidential theme: **The Magic of Rotary**. She encourages us to recognize and amplify Rotary's power to transform lives. Stephanie reminds us, "We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every £ donated, and every new member gained."

We are going to have FUN doing what we do.

Looking ahead, our primary focus for the upcoming Rotary Year will be on **membership growth**. I urge us all to concentrate on recruiting new members. We have an Open Evening scheduled for **18th July** at Café 1899 in Gedling Country Park. Flyers and posters are printed and are being distributed to local businesses and around Carlton, Gedling, and Netherfield areas.



This membership drive aligns perfectly with our major project for the year: fundraising for extra **Defibrillators & Bleed Packs** to be installed in Carlton, Gedling, Netherfield, and Colwick. These life-saving kits will be featured at our Membership Evening, with a demonstration by a community trainer. We plan to involve local businesses, community centres, and schools. Partnering with [Defib4Life](#), we have secured discounted prices and support, and we will be running a media campaign to raise awareness.

Also planned is our **Santa Sleigh conversion** to "go green", sponsored by Lindleys Autocentres, who generously donated £500 for the parts. The conversion work begins on 29th July, and volunteers are needed.

We are also hosting a **Fashion Show** on Thursday 28th November, at the Millennium Suite, Richard Herrod Leisure Centre, featuring SOS Fashion Shows. This event aims to attract at least 100 ladies eager to shop for new Christmas clothes. We will need models for the catwalk, and our revenue will come from ticket sales and the raffle. LADIES—SAVE THE DATE! Your participation will be crucial to its success.



Let's make this a FUN and magical year, sharing the Magic of Rotary together!

Sponsor a Child Programme

Following a talk by Tarporley Rotary, we have contributed to their initiative to “Adopt a Child’s Education” with the Knysna Education Trust. This programme benefits children from the most



vulnerable communities in Knysna, South Africa. It ensures that children who would otherwise be left at home can spend their time playing and learning with children their age. They also receive proper nutrition at their pre-

school which is important as their parents live below the breadline. Quality pre-school education plays a vital role in ensuring a child’s success in main stream school from the age of 7 and later in life. We have permission to share Mishkaah’s photo, our sponsored child who is age 5.

There is also a District initiative to collect unwanted currency which Tarporley Rotary use as fundraising for Knysna Education Trust. (See below)



Having a clear out? Remember Carlton Rotary

In addition to collecting **Tools for Africa** as mentioned in the last Newsletter, Carlton Rotary are also acting as a collection point for the following:



Spectacles for York Ainsty Rotary’s SpecSort programme for forwarding to partners in Africa.



Coins (and notes) you have cluttering up a drawer after a holiday, or old currency no longer in use (foreign or UK) which our District is collecting on behalf of Tarporley Rotary. They collect, sort, sell on, and use the proceeds to fund work with pre-schools for underprivileged children in South Africa. Working together with other Rotary Clubs means making a bigger difference—economies of scale etc.



Stamps which we pass on to the local collector for “Young Lives vs Cancer”.

Help us to help others. Every little adds up!

Christmas already?!

No, but the planning for our major fundraiser of the year—the Santa Sleigh—is well underway. Lindleys Autocentre in Carlton have generously sponsored a re-fit of our Sleigh. We are GOING GREEN by replacing the petrol generator with 2 large leisure batteries to power new LED lights and the music system. The components are bought and work will soon be underway!



New Member

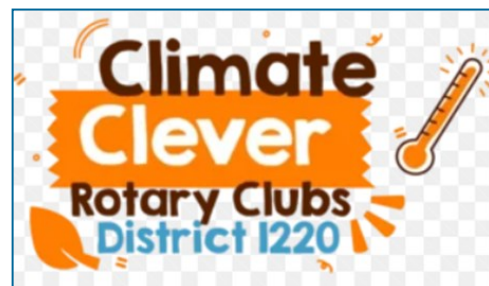
Charlotte Mitchell was welcomed into membership on 6 June. Charlotte was a parent helper at Stanhope Primary School when we worked on the raised beds and erected an Eco-greenhouse last year. She came to know Rotary and the work we do, helped on the Christmas float and is keen to get to know the wider Rotary initiatives and make a difference in our own community as well as world-wide.



Climate Clever Rotary



Earlier this year Amy Meek from the charity **Kids Against Plastic** gave an excellent talk about what we have to do to help mitigate the effects of Climate Change. We have taken the first steps in enrolling our club to become Climate Clever. YOU are invited to also take part by being a **Climate Clever Household**. See: <https://climateclever.co.uk/cchwelcome/>



Walk around Southwell



On Thursday 18 April a group of Carlton Rotarians took part in our spring walk. Due to the prevalent wet weather the walk was around the many hidden and secret footpaths that crisscross the ancient town of Southwell. The walk, which was about 5 miles long began and ended at the Hearty Goodfellow pub where the walkers were joined by other members and all enjoyed a hearty lunch

The undoubted highlight of the walk was the Bishops Palace Gardens where the walkers are seen enjoying the spring sunshine.



Thanks go to **Mike Harvey**, for organising this event.

Carlton Rotary Funds Local Food Banks

Our treasurer, David Styles, writes:

In late 2022, Carlton successfully applied for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to enable expansion of its ongoing financial help to 2 local Food Banks in Carlton and Netherfield.

The generosity of local people during our Christmas Float collection that year enabled the Club to add £1,500 making a total of £3,000 which was distributed to the Food Banks at £100 each per month over 15 months with the final payment being made in April 2024.

Our Club's funding undoubtedly helped feed many local people during unprecedented demand for the Food Banks' services.

The following "thank you" was received from Tina and team from St George's Centre in Netherfield: "You have all been amazing and we thank you for your input. Your fantastic donation has been spent well helping the elderly and young families."

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

Day	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday	04-July	MGC	SPEAKER: Neil MacLaren from the YMCA
Thursday	11-July	MGC	SPEAKER: Kate James—Wall Art
Thursday	18-July	GCP	OPEN EVENING at GEDLING COUNTRY PARK
Thursday	25-July	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	01-Aug	MGC	SPEAKER: Val Leivers—India Project
Thursday	08-Aug	MGC	SPEAKER: Mark Barron—We are going to the Pictures
Thursday	15-Aug	MGC	SPEAKER: District Governor Philip Wilbourn
Thursday	22-Aug	Social	Visit to Great British Car Journey—Ambergate
Thursday	29-Aug	-	No meeting—Bank Holiday week
Thursday	05-Sep	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	12-Sep	MGC	SPEAKER: Andy Bottoms—Health and Safety in Rotary
Thursday	19-Sep	MGC	SPEAKER: Dave Ashley—Travels in Nepal
Thursday	26-Sep	-	Scatter Week—members visit a different club
Thursday	03-Oct	MGC	Business Meeting—Sleigh Update

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

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