NEWSLETTER Winter 2025



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.

Fundraiser for End Polio Now

Colin's fundraising event in October for World Polio Day was a great success. Colin went out of his comfort zone and had his hair dyed purple. Thanks go to Keith Hall in Arnold who did this FOC. We all enjoyed a meal out at Chung's in Mapperley with the prize for the best dressed in purple going to David Falkner.





Colin's sponsorship raised a fantastic £739.80 which has been sent as Carlton Rotary's contribution to the Rotary campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.





Collecting for Royal British Legion



We joined again with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary to collect for the Poppy Appeal in Sainsbury's Arnold.

We say a big "Well Done" to all the collectors who filled our part of the rota in October and November.

A massive £14,504 was raised from the generosity of shoppers in Sainsbury's for this very worthy cause.

It was a pleasure to have helped in this way and to hear stories from those who stopped to donate.

Fundraising for our Defibrillator and Bleed Kit installations

Our first major fundraiser of the Rotary year was the Fashion Show in November.

We certainly had "fun" fundraising. A fantastic £987.35 was raised by the sale of tickets and the raffle proceeds.

Some great raffle prizes were kindly donated by Lindleys Autocentres, Spring Lane Farm Shop, Dexters in Arnold, Peacocks in Arnold, Portobello on Carlton Hill, Pistachio in Sherwood, Keith Hall Hair Salon as well as our own Carlton members.

We had 10 volunteer "models" ranging in age from 18 to 70. They were the real stars of the show.

Many thanks go to SOS Fashions of Nottingham for providing the show for us.











Defibrillator and Bleed Kit project update

Carlton Rotary has been successful in applying for a District Grant for this year's project. We have been awarded £1,275 towards our first 2 installations. Along with our own fundraising, we also have been given a wonderful £1,000 donation from one of our Honorary Members.

Our first kit is now installed and will be commissioned in January at the 1st Gedling Scout Hall. The hall has been recently upgraded and our box is on the outside and will shortly be available for use by the public in the local community.



Donations for this project can be made via our website here:



Santa's Sleigh



A record £9,195 was raised this December. The funds will be distributed throughout the year as requests for help come in.

The sleigh was towed to Carlton Hill Light Switch on and had 9 evening routes around the Gedling/Carlton/Netherfield areas. The sleigh also made 5 appearances at Supermarkets. Our new Rotary "pod" with music and lights was used at our other supermarket collections. As less members have tow vehicles this year, the pod enabled us to fulfil all our supermarket slots.



The re-painted sleigh with battery powered LED lights was much admired and thanks go to Lindleys Autocentres for sponsoring this refurbishment.









Friendship Boxes for Ukraine Children

Carlton members and friends rose to the challenge of filling Toy Boxes for children sheltering in refuges in Ukraine. This project is organised by our Rotary District. It is good to report that a total of 33 boxes were collected from Carlton Rotary in November for onward transport.

Our Honorary Member, Kenneth, who is currently President of his home Rotary Club of Edjeba in Nigeria, asked his Club to join in too. His Club funded 10 boxes and the WI group Breaston Belles also donated 2 full boxes and extra toys. Fantastic joint effort!



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	09-Jan	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	16-Jan	MGC	SPEAKER: Carrie Bird—Flying High Expressive Arts
Thursday	23-Jan	MGC	SPEAKER: Maxi Leigh—Support for Survivors
Thursday	30-Jan	Playhouse	Visit to the Playhouse for a backstage tour—11am
Thursday	06-Feb	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	13-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER: Alan Boulton—Belper Nailers
Thursday	20-Feb	MGC	SPEAKER: Andy Smart—the three Nottingham theatres
Thursday	27-Feb	Sher. Obs.	Visit to Sherwood Observatory
Thursday	06-Mar	MGC	Business Meeting
Thursday	13-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER: Gordon Jeffrey—Railways of Nottinghamshire
Thursday	20-Mar	MGC	SPEAKER: TBC
Thursday	27-Mar	Veolia	Visit to Veolia Re-cycling facility, Mansfield—2-4pm

Date for your Diary—Charter Night—Thursday 1st May 2025

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

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