

He's gone to the study- it must be one of those ZOOM meetings



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Please excuse my friends on the left. They are the result of too much free time in lockdown .One of our neighbours is an artist and when lockdown started he challenged me to make one of my silly sculptures. Now I feel that I am being watched. They are supposed to be Indian Runners They fascinate me as they have wings and can't fly . Paddles but can only swim if we teach them ! Apparently they lay eggs wherever they happen to be when the mood takes them. ( no eggs found so far ! )

First I must apologise for an omission in my last bulletin, I had not welcomed our latest new member, Graham Hale and I have now sent him a welcome message and told him we all look forward to

meeting him again when circumstances allow. I hope Graham can join us on one of our Zoom meetings.

The DG's visit on 3<sup>rd</sup> August went well and he referred to the Rotary aim to add some "different" clubs to the current establishment with young people meeting, possibly on a Saturday, some with their children, not necessarily to have a meal, but to serve their communities and the wider world as we do.

It has to be said that we discussed this idea at this week's Council meeting and the majority felt it was not a good idea for Lincoln, where it might be better to reduce the four clubs to three. Some felt that if there are young people out there who share our ideals, they should join the existing clubs.

The DG was a little concerned about our attitude to social media and we need to look into that in more detail. There were some doubts about how to log on to RC Central and I hope we can work on that.

Our Assistant Governor James joined our Zoom meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August and he was surprised to hear me ask if anyone was known to be ill. That is how we did it before lockdown. The problem now is that there are several members who do not come to our zoom meetings and their absence means less people are there to pass on the information. Please let me know when you hear of a member's illness, whether you come to zoom or not.

We all received a joyful message from RI President Holger Knaak telling us that the African region is now free of the wild polio virus. He pleaded for Rotary Clubs to support the programme to help us finish the job. Secretary Bill is checking for the usual raffle in the hope that we can subscribe to that before Polio Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The usual Kids Out event has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. We have a request from Kids Out to support their Christmas box appeal. They purchase toys and gifts for children in care and are asking us to contribute £25 for each box. They have established 19 such children who are eligible in our area. We discussed this at Council and voted to send £500 towards the appeal.

I attended Simon's Disability Games Zoom meeting this week and was pleased to hear that we are making all the usual plans. We can not seek sponsorship from local businesses until we are sure that the event will take place in April. We agreed to make the decision to go ahead by mid- December.

At our last club zoom meeting I informed the Club that I had spoken to Rev Jeremy Cullimore about the benches which the club donated to the church many years ago. He is happy for us to redecorate the benches and I told him we will get on with it. He said it would be a good time to do it as the City are about to carry out some improvements to that area of the Church yard. Audrey and I collected the first bench on Thursday and that is now at 5 Chapel Road, Branston for some happy volunteers to help with the sanding and staining . I will send out a more detailed request when we have finished a few small repairs.

Keep safe **P**

