

**APRIL BULLETIN, 2024. THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN
PRESIDENT JOHN CAWDELL**



**7th APRIL DISABILITY GAMES AT RATCLIFFE COLLEGE
AT RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE**

Picture shows Jason Curtis at full speed in the Wheelchair Slalom. We took 12 competitors this year, and they were accompanied by four carers. Two competitors have their own transport and made their own way to and from the college. One competitor knew she would be delayed by a nurse who gives her an injection each morning, so Malcolm and Margaret Miller agreed to take her all the way to the college once she

had been injected. We hired a 16 seat bus which collected the rest of the team at Ashley Court and we were on our way by 8-30am. Drivers who collected the passengers from their homes to the bus were David McKee, Peter Hill and myself. The three Brennan competitors made their own way to the bus with their driver.

On our arrival, we were disappointed to be told that the gale that was blowing had made Archery impossible. 9 of our team had booked to take part. The effect was to shorten the day even though alternative events were arranged.

As I have difficulty walking unaided, I took my trusty walking frame and was able to tour the extensive grounds between events during the day and had my own seat when I stopped to watch. I may have been mistaken for a competitor occasionally.

Boccia, Kurling, Darts and Table Tennis were knockout events so any competitor who won a round would play again, and the last couple would play for the trophy. The photo shows two of our team, Joanne and Michelle, playing against each other. They both played well and had come through several rounds. Michelle won this one but sadly was out before the last round. Joanne was more successful in the table tennis and won the senior female category.

Those on the bus arrived back at Ashley Court at 5 pm and we took them home from there. **ED**





CLUB MEETING 8th APRIL, INDUCTION OF JOHN HERRICK

John Herrick is welcomed back to the Club by President John.

We then had a talk about the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance by Julia Parker and presented them with a cheque for £1000.

22nd APRIL "ME AND MY JOB" TALK, JOHN HERRICK.

Some of the members present remembered John when he joined our Rotary Club for the first time in 1991 when the late Dennis Berryman was President. John stayed with us for about 8 years and at that time was serving as Fire Chief in Lincoln. We enjoyed several Christmas Lunches at the fire station during those years.

John's talk was about 40 years of Fire Service. He began by amusing us by recounting a few events where he met famous people. The Tiller Girls were mentioned and a meeting with Vera Lynn in her local when he was able to buy her a drink and have a chat. Other names were Pans People, The Duke of Westminster, Elizabeth Taylor, Led Zeppelin and Tommy Cooper.

The Duke of Gloucester was National Chair of the Fire Fighter's Charity Fund and John was with him one day visiting fire stations and presenting a Steiff Bear to each one. They met the Queen and Prince Philip at one of the stations and presented a bear to the Queen. Not surprisingly the Duke had something witty to say about it.

John's career in the Fire Service began in 1962 in Lincoln. He enjoyed the training and experienced some interesting situations, one being a Vulcan bomber which crash-landed, on fire, at Scampton aerodrome. This was during the "Cold War" when one Vulcan was always in the air with nuclear armament! The Air Force Fire Service took over that one! He recalled a problem when a fire broke out in the abattoir on Monks Road and several beasts broke for freedom into the City.

John moved to Staffordshire and worked in Fire Prevention. His next move was to Burnley where some of the old cotton mills presented a fire risk with their wooden floors which were soaked in oil from the machinery.

He recalled one particular fire in the middle of winter in one of those factories.

The situation required illumination and 4 generators and flood lights were set up , one on each corner of the building. While the firemen were trying to put the fire out, the generators were stolen!

The next move was to Lancashire to the Fire Service College and some advanced teaching for two years. Props included an Oil Depot and a 1000 tonne ship floating for trainees to learn working on the more difficult sites.

After 2 years the next move was to Wiltshire but he was soon on his way to the Home Office where he was seconded for two years and he enjoyed vetting 16 Fire Services. There was only time left for one more memory, of a fire in East Sussex where 6 fire engines were destroyed.

Giving the vote of thanks, Patrick Forbes-Ritte thanked John for his memories of dangerous work and some amusing interludes. He said the Club are pleased to have him as a member once again.

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Thanks for the cheque presented at a meeting on 8th April for £1000. One of our members, however, added a personal £20. Thanks Bob.

CLUB COUNCIL (ZOOM) 29th APRIL 2024

The Treasurers were pleased to report that last year's accounts have been approved by the Auditor, Emma Murray. Recent difficulties with bank arrangements have now been resolved.

It was agreed that funds will be built up for a future visit from our friends in Neustadt and a gift (value £40) will be presented to Emma in appreciation of her hard work.

PROJECTS:-

Dennis reported that a 4 club meeting will be held on the coming Friday. He will raise the issue of the Kids Out event which we usually share with Lindum.

MEMBERSHIP:-

Patrick was unable to attend the meeting. He has a possible new member in mind and will invite him to a meeting.

PRO:- President John reminded the meeting that the website is being considered for an upgrade.

The next Council meeting date was agreed, Tuesday 28th May 20th.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE MAY 1ST 2024

Fellow Rotarians.

May is the Rotary Youth Service Month. Who knew that?

This is my penultimate President's Page for the Newsletter. The Rotary Year has flown by, and we can be proud of our achievements.

A special welcome to John Herrick who was inducted on 8th April and gave us an impressive talk on 22nd April.

The Disability Games were this year held in Leicestershire. Despite the logistical challenge we sent a team, thanks to the sterling efforts of Peter Manton and helpers on the day.

There are now 3 Club meetings before I pass the President's chain to Dennis.

Rotary the world over,
President John Cawdell

EDITOR Peter Manton