

The Rotary Club of Lincoln

April 2025 Newsletter



Tribute to Peter Manton Deceased.

Peter joined Rotary in 1981 and was a stalwart in Rotary service activities. He was President of our Club in the 1990s and District Governor in 2008/9.

For many years he organised the BHF bike ride, and of course the Santa Sleigh. He was a regular at the Disability Games and regularly maintained the benches donated to St Mary le Wigford church. In recent years he has also written this monthly newsletter.

His contribution to our Club and Rotary International was immense.

We shall miss him.



Peter as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Heslam Trust with other City dignitaries proudly unveiling the statue of George Boole at the entrance to Lincoln station.

George Boole was a renowned Lincolnshire Mathematician famous for developing Boolean logic upon which the modern computer age has been built.



Peter also seen here with local school children celebrating the unveiling.

Meetings in April.

On **2nd April** eight members attended the 4 Club meeting at the Lincoln Hotel, which encourages working together.

On **April 14th** we had a splendid presentation by Alice Carter of Lincoln City Foundation. The charity is closely connected with the football club and well placed to assess community needs.



Its provision for young people includes:

- Football development programs for 3–16-year-olds,
- Special Educational Needs and disability (SEND) football programs
- Holiday clubs and after school clubs
- A range of Sports education

For older members of the community, the foundation's Healthier Communities team provides inclusive healthier living programs. These programs include physical activities for all abilities (e.g. walking football) as well as social activities/hubs to connect people and enhance peoples' mental well-being.



<https://www.lincolncityfoundation.com/>

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On **27th April** the Disability Games took place at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire. President Dennis, David McKee and Malcolm Miller all contributed to ensure its success.

On **28th April** our AGM passed smoothly, and the budget prepared by Neil Curtis and Barry Dean was approved. Membership fees for next year are held at the same level as the current year. ADG Colin Scott gave a talk on Coats4Kids after the AGM. This is a charity favoured by District officers.

On **30th April** Richard Long's funeral at the Lincoln crematorium with a reception at the Bentley hotel was very well attended by the wider Rotary community.

Minutes of Council meeting 22nd April

1. Present; DB, DM, JAC, BB, NC, MM, PF-R.

2. Apologies; LM, PH.

Missing in action; BD, MC, JH.

3. Declarations of Interest; Nothing not previously declared.

4. Minutes 17/3; Agreed.

5. Matters Arising; 8 members attended the 4 Club meeting.

6. President's Report; Invitation to RAF Waddington Annual Reception received. Disability Games driver volunteers MM and DM.

7. Secretary's Report; None.

8. Treasurers Report; Circulated and approved. Foundation donation agreed to in future add Foundation box proceeds. £500 to Lincoln City Foundation agreed. Subs to be held at £140 next year.

9. Membership; PF-R disappointed at PETS session. New member application to go before information committee of DB, PF=R and BB. Visited LC who is being well looked after in Care Home.

10. PRO Report: None but PF-R reported that Facebook page is to be developed by MC.

11. Projects;

Kids Out- Funding clarified. Our share £650 approx.

Santa Sleighmaster; PF-R will now take the lead.

12. AOB; Box of badges to be retrieved from Assembly Rooms by PF-R. District Assembly to be attended by MM, DM and hopefully JH. Canapés in the cloisters to be on 18/7 at IBCC probably. DM is to propose AS as an Honorary Member saving his subscription.

13. Next meeting; Tuesday 27th May.

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Fellow Rotarians,

One of the many privileges of being your President during the last year has been representing the Club at high profile events in the City. This included the Remembrance Day service on the High Street, speaking at an Inner Wheel meeting and interacting with the Mayor at events.

In June I was invited by the Station Commander of RAF Waddington (the wonderfully named Group Captain “Dutch” Holland) to the Annual Formal Reception in the Officer's Mess . This was followed with a flypast (twice) directly overhead with colours streaming of the Red Arrows now stationed at Waddington.

Surprisingly many pilots now based at Waddington fly remotely unmanned aerial vehicles all over the world, without leaving Waddington. This includes bombing missions in the Middle East for which they are now allowed to be awarded campaign medals despite not being in the theatre of war.

The Group Captain sends his greetings to the Club. He is aware of the good work we do locally and internationally. He knows that our Santa Sleigh visits the base as a treat to children, particularly those whose parents may be serving overseas at Christmas.

We are invited to events such as these in recognition of our status in the local community. It is important that we are represented as another way of promoting our Club. This was not mentioned at Club Assembly, but I am sure the incoming “chain gang” are well aware of this.

Rotary the world over,

Immediate Past President

John Cawdell July 2024.



This article was held back because of IT difficulties last year