

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN APRIL BULLETIN 2021. PRESIDENT PETER MANTON

I am sorry to start with bad news but we have lost a past Honorary Member of our Rotary Club, Bishop Bob Hardy. Bishop Bob joined us in 1991 (when Denis Berryman was President) and left on his retirement in 2001. Bishop Bob died on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>. He was a most approachable man and his company much enjoyed. Our thoughts and condolences are with Isobel and family at this sad time.

As we come closer to our Centenary Year I am reminded that The Rotary Club of Lincoln has had most of the current Bishops as members , or Honorary Members, over the last 100 years, starting with Bishop William Shuckburgh Swayne who was a founder member in 1922. We are delighted that the current Bishop, The Right Reverend Christopher Lawson has agreed to become an Honorary Member again after his recent respite.



### OUR CENTENARY LOGO

Members will remember the logo I showed in the last bulletin. I sent a copy to the District Public Image officer, Les Aldrich ,and he said it was a big NO NO. Apparently the use of the Rotary Wheel as a zero is not allowed and I agree we should keep within agreed parameters . Les gave me three alternatives on a similar theme to the one we had used and the one on the left was agreed by Council . It still incorporates the sunburst effect suggested by my friend and you will see that the centre motif is part of the official logo for Clubs celebrating their Centenary.

On the right is the official logo for Rotary Clubs to use when celebrating their Centenary. This will be useful as a letterhead etc.



### 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL TALK:- NEIL SIMMONS –ROVER GAS TURBINE CAR—BACK TO LE MANS

When I was enjoying my neighbour's hospitality one day long before lockdown, I learned that one of his hobbies is to help maintain an historic racing car. I can remember in the 1950s trying to do my school homework when I could hear the scream of the H 16 BRM racing car testing on the WW2 airfield at Folkingham, and frequently visited the site to see it in action. The car that Neil was talking about is a different animal, equally rare, the Rover BRM Gas Turbine Car, so when a convenient gap in our zoom presentations was available, I asked him if he gave talks about his experiences. The answer being yes, Neil entertained us with a fascinating story about his involvement which is centred on the gas turbine engine, Neil being a long serving member of the gas turbine industry. He gave an interesting insight

into the highs and lows of running a rare vehicle and the experience of keeping it running at Le Mans. I was pleased that we were able to get Paul Killingsworth to give the vote of thanks, being no stranger to fast cars himself. We were pleased to welcome Bob Alder from Colonia and Bob Fletcher from Lindum as visitors to the meeting.

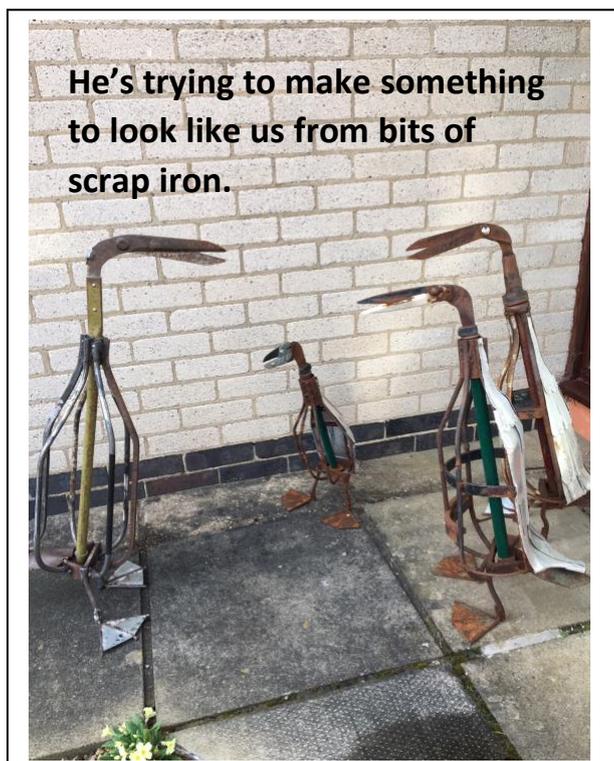
### **CLUB COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Paul Brewer has asked for his usual helpers for the Canapes in the Cloisters event which will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. I believe the team is now agreed and there is a waiting list as tickets are already fully booked.

I tabled a report from Patrick Forbes Ritte explaining why he will have to charge more for the lunch when we get back to live meetings again, and the new price he suggested was £20-35p. The meeting decided that this would have to be put to all the members for their consideration and Bill Lee later circulated a copy to all members, noting that after discussion Patrick had agreed to reduce the figure to a round £20-00 to make collection easier. Bill has given the return date as 30<sup>th</sup> April but has been re admitted to hospital again and at the time of writing, we do not know how long he will be away this time.

I have asked a friend at the University to tell me who leads the Journalism Departments so I can put the question to them about the possibility of a student writing the history of the Rotary club as a dissertation. In the mean time John Cawdell has written a draft layout and Richard Long has gone into overdrive in collecting information and has offered to write it up. I have asked all surviving past presidents to write up the important events of their year(s) which may save us missing out an important inclusion.

**On membership** Patrick has a potential new member, Michelle Bird has applied to move from Associate to full member and there is also the possibility of a joining member in a month or so.



**He's trying to make something to look like us from bits of scrap iron.**

**The Indian Runners** are not impressed with the fourth creation. Little do they know that two of them will shortly be sold off to raise money for Water Aid.

### **ZOOM MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

I volunteered to speak at our last Zoom in April on the subject of "Significant Moments" telling the Club that I had not planned all the changes in my career, some of the changes of direction were out of my control but I have no regrets.

I was pleased to announce that we were due to start cleaning the frieze sculpture on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and can tell you that that is progressing well.

Plans for the Centenary are progressing but there is still much to do and I will need the support of

you all if we are to make a success of it, so please watch this space. **PRESIDENT PETER**