

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN, JANUARY 2024 BULLETIN

PRESIDENT JOHN CAWDELL

IAN HINDLE DECEASED

I am certain that we were all saddened to hear of Ian passing away on 20th January.

I would like to remember and celebrate his life and community service. He had been a high ranking Royal Air Force officer, A maxillofacial surgeon, a Trustee of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and a Trustee of the Bromhead Medical charity as well as a Rotarian.

I remember when he joined our club he explained to me what a maxillofacial surgeon was and how the RAF had great need because many pilots were injured about the face, neck and jaw when ejecting from aircraft.

In our own club Ian patiently collected the lunch money when we met at the Grand Hotel and later the County Assembly Rooms. For many years he helped collect money for the monthly raffle (for reasons lost in time it was called "The Windle").

As you pass to a higher service I say "God Bless you Ian".

President John February 1st 2024.

THE WINDLE:- I believe that the Windle was originally introduced by a member called Bert Damms and it eventually was shortened from “Berts Swindle” to the Windle. Our President Elect has now introduced a replacement to the Windle and we wait in anticipation for a witty name for it. ED

8TH JANUARY 2024- NEW YEAR MEETING

The Mayor traditionally always attends our first meeting of a new year and Councillor Biff Bean, our current Mayor, joined us for this meeting. Mayor Biff Bean is no stranger to us as he stood in for Councillor Jackie Kirk last year as she was unavailable.

Having the Mayor to speak at our first meeting began with our first New Year (the Club having started on 23rd June 1922). Bishop William Shuckburgh Swayne was one of the Founder Members of the Club and was the first to speak. (later, on 12 February 1928, Bishop Swayne ran an Evensong at Lincoln Cathedral which was broadcast to the Nation In the early days of Radio, and included a special address to Rotarians.)

President John arranged for some of our members to give a brief report about our recent projects. Dennis Bambridge spoke about the driving we did to take AgeUK members to and from their Christmas Party on 15th December , David McKee reported on the three nights of Carol Singing in Care Homes and I reported on the Food and Gift Fair at the Showground, the Santa and Sleigh visits to Waddington Air Force Base and the two days at Waitrose, and also the day that Audrey and I attended St Christopher School as Santa and his helper, at the senior school in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. The fundraising events of the above collected £2037 for the Air Ambulance and Children’s Charities.

The Mayor responded by congratulating us and telling us about some of the many projects he runs himself.

EXTRACT FROM THE FEBRUARY SHEEPWASH TIMES

Thanks from Father Christmas

Father Christmas would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who came out to meet him in Branston on 11, 12, 13, and 14 December 2023. Despite the pouring rain on the Tuesday visit Father Christmas was delighted to see so many people braving the rain to see him. He had a wonderful time and met so many fantastic Branston people over the four days. Father Christmas would like to apologise if he kept you waiting to see him but he had so many lovely children to chat to, and everyone was on the nice list!

The people of Branston raised a total of **£1,078** for charity which is simply amazing!



Father Christmas would like to thank members of Mr Murderies' Players, The Branston Community Group Good Neighbour Scheme, Graham Smith who drove the sleigh with Rudolph, George Tinsley and Robert and Sarah Nelstrop for their generous support, local people who did a brilliant job as stewards, Angie Carter for looking after the event social media, Joy and Brent Lintin for operating the Fast Action Response Team Elf Rescue Service, and Peter Manton and The Rotary Club of Lincoln who supplied a marvellous sleigh for Father Christmas. Thank you to you all.

Father Christmas has said he would love to come back to Branston this year so please watch out for further announcements. Have a happy and safe 2024. With lots of love from Father Christmas
Ho ho ho!

Thank you so much!

A cheque for **£539** each has been presented to The Salvation Army and the Linkage Community Trust, charities who do fantastic work throughout the year.

JANUARY 22ND “ME AND MY JOB” TALK BY SIMON JUDGE

Simon began his talk by informing us that he was born in Lincoln and is now retired here. In 1979 he left school and was given an Apprenticeship by Denby Transport. This began a career in Transport which lasted 48 years.

His arrival at Denby Transport coincided with their expansion into Europe. Success became possible only if return loads could be arranged. The ability to carry a wide range of goods was developed.

From 1992 to 1997 Simon worked for Murketts Transport in Peterborough, but returned to Denby Transport in 1997 when computers began to be used. The variety of loads increased and vehicles were developed to cope with chemicals transport and the movement of large machinery for firms such as JCB.

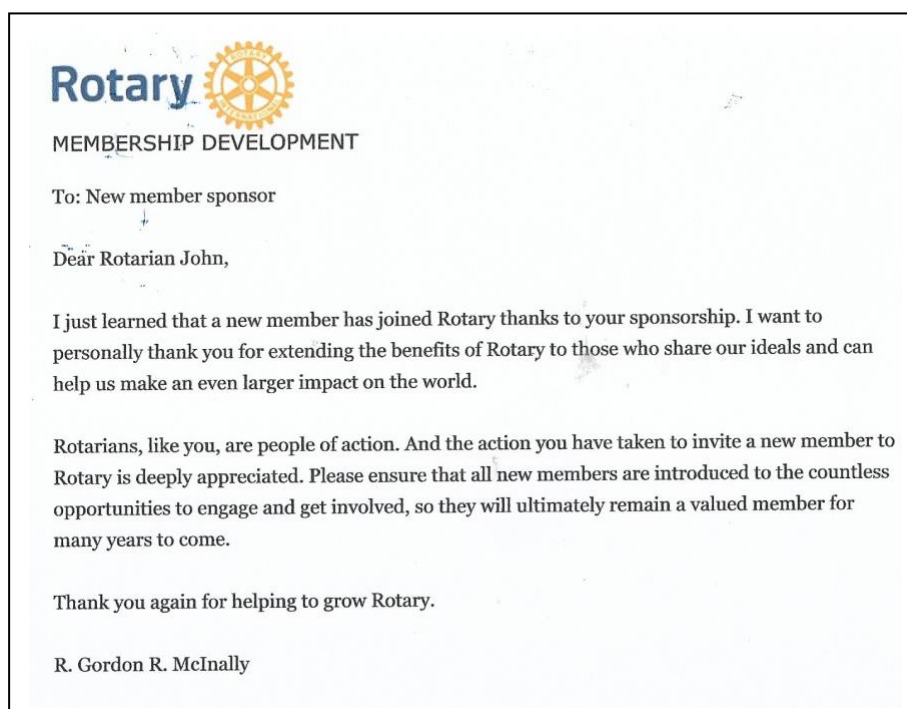
Denby Transport had an office in France and Simon learned to speak French and spent 6 months in Cherbourg to improve his spoken French.

It was during an event in Toulouse that they made contact with the Global company Airbus and that led to their extension into the transport of such loads as aircraft wings and other major components.

Giving the vote of thanks, Dick Denby recalled enjoyable trips he had made to France with Simon. He also recalled that he knew Simon’s father as well as his Grandfather! He thanked Simon for an enjoyable and interesting talk.



ANOTHER ACCOLADE FOR PRESIDENT JOHN DEC 3rd 2023



CLUB COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. The Club Website was discussed and Martin Curtis and Dennis Bambridge have agreed to look into the possibility of taking the design and management over from David Drury who has given great service over many years. They will look into the possibility of using the Rotary International Template and also Facebook.

SECRETARY. David McKee reported that he has asked Rotarian Phil Godfrey (Solihull) to address us at our next meeting. Members will recall that Phil gave a great talk on 20th November last about Rotary's involvement in a village in Uganda and the medical centre which Rotary has supported. This time the subject will be Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS) which we all know can cause blood clots in Arteries and veins and can be fatal.

TREASURERS REPORT. Neil Curtis was on holiday and Barry Dean in hospital that day. Neil sent a report which showed healthy sums in both accounts. It was agreed that the £2000 collected at Christmas should be paid, half to the Air Ambulance and the rest to Children's Charities as soon as possible.

PROJECTS:- It has been decided that the Club will support the Canapes in the Cloisters event, held between the FFN and Rotary , again this year.

SANTA:- It was agreed that the two Santa Suits should be Dry Cleaned before being handed over to Paul Killingsworth for storage. (Beards and wigs and Elves aprons have already been washed ready for storage.) Those who acted as Santa will have kept their wigs and beards for future events and should wash them if they have not already done so.

DISTRICT DISABILITY GAMES:- This year and next, the games will be held at Ratcliffe College , Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Cotes LE7 4SG on Sunday 7th April .

It was noted that the Lincoln team may be able to share transport with another team from Lincoln, possibly Lindum Lincoln. President Elect Dennis will discuss this with the other Lincoln Clubs. Peter Manton will explore costs of coach travel for one or two teams. It was noted that the Mayor may be able to travel with us, or drive to the games separately.

Peter Manton asked for a couple to attend the games with a view to taking over the management of the Lincoln Team for the future . He and Audrey have managed the team for the last 17 years. They will make arrangements and attend this year and hopefully introduce the members to their future Team Leaders.

MEMBERSHIP:- Patrick Forbes-Ritte reported that he has invited a former member, John Herrick, to lunch with a view to rejoining the Club. He is hopeful that John's son may also join.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:- President John said that the Christmas events have given a good impression of Rotary to the public.



PRESIDENT'S PAGES FEBRUARY 1st 2024

Fellow Rotarians,

The month of February is special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated Rotary World Understanding Month, The 23rd February is designated World Understanding and Peace Day, because that is the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International in 1905. Who knew that?

I received another personal email from R.I. President Gordon McNally which may be reproduced elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Club AGM is scheduled for 13th May and the Club Assembly will be on 3rd June. Just to remind officers and committee chairpersons that the AGM reports look back over the past year and the Club Assembly look forward with plans for 2024/25.

The New Year got off to a cracking start when the Mayor of Lincoln gave his address. He explained the challenges of being an active councillor but remaining apolitical as Mayor. He has pledged to attend the Disability Games in April. He was fascinated to hear of our community service activities in December, Homemade biscuits were sent to the Club by our friends in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse.

The second meeting of the month allowed new member Simon Judge to give an excellent "Me and my job" talk.

Our priority continues to be the recruitment of new members. Our Membership Chair Patrick is following up some really hot prospects.

President John Cawdell February 2024.

Rotary the world over,

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