

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN, JULY BULLETIN 2024

### **FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Sadly our new President Dennis Bambridge was unable to attend due to an urgent appointment at the dentist. Immediate Past President John Cawdell was not available so Past President Bob Bellamy took the chair.

MARGARET MILLER, President of Lincoln inner Wheel, was present and gave greetings. Margaret said that the links between inner Wheel and Rotary should be strengthened and hopes that we can do more work together on projects and enjoy more events.

PETER HILL then gave an account of his and Lydia's attendance at the Veteran's Badge Presentation held in Sleaford on Armed Forces Day by North Kesteven Council. The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day was marked by the presence of D-Day veteran Les Budding who complimented the Council for all it does for the community and those who served or still serve in the British Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Merchant Navy.

There was a dinner to celebrate the occasion and Peter was lucky to be seated next to the D-Day veteran who told him about his experience of leaving the landing craft and approaching Sword Beach under fire and reaching a safe refuge before moving on. It was a delight to meet him. Peter completed by saying how much he appreciated the work that NKDC do for the community.

### **Speaker: Lochan Manandhar**

Just back from Nepal, Lochan described how life is different for women in Nepal, living in a patriarchal society. It is particularly difficult for women who are poor and disabled. In 1998 the Disabled Women Association was established, a Centre was built by the community and volunteers, not just for women but also for young people from 11 to 22 years old, with many forms of disability.

The area has a major problem in lack of drinking water, where aid is also required, a cost of £40,000 has been quoted for that!

Lochan's sister works there and reported that the Association has started to teach Ladies to help run it and hope to establish small

businesses to raise money. Marketing of products is one idea being considered.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Jackie thanked Lochan for a thought-provoking talk. The Club need to consider what we could do to help.

## **CLUB MEETING ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY**

Before introducing the speaker, President Dennis asked if any member would like to become Vice President or who could recommend one. He also asked members to support an indoor sport event which we could organise, ideas by 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### **Speaker: Marc Jones, the Police and Crime Commissioner.**

To illustrate the progress of police work Marc first described a crime which occurred in 1805 in Lincolnshire . It was a murder which took place on November 4<sup>th</sup> of that year. The murderer was a known villain, notorious, always cruel to animals. His name was Tom Otter and he came from Nottingham to the Saxilby area. He met a girl called Mary who took his fancy. The relationship lead to a pregnancy and when that was realised by the local parishioners they insisted on a “Knobstick” wedding. Tom had tried to flee but was “persuaded” to marry the girl. After the wedding in the Sun Inn in Saxilby Tom and his bride set off on foot towards Disney Nook and in a wood he killed her and left the body among the trees.

The body was soon discovered and Police soon apprehended Tom and interrogated him in the Sun in. They found blood on his clothes and arrested him for the murder. He was found guilty and within one week sentenced to death by hanging, his body to be “gibbeted”. A wire cage was hung at the murder scene with his body in it. It hung there for 44 years and the wood is now called Gibbet Wood.

As the Gibbet disintegrated the locals collected souvenirs, it is umoured that the head rests in Doddington Hall! Andrew Arden explained that his company are currently building a house on the site.

Marc quickly made the point that modern policing is totally different. Today they try to anticipate crime using AI, their first aim to prevent crime happening.

They need to know about people and who are likely to offend.

In the East Midlands 5 Police Forces work together to prevent major crime, particularly gangs who work the drug trade. CID concentrate on murder with exclusive group working on homicide- a pool of experts.

Smartphones are a friend and an enemy for the police, it can give the location of a user- can check time spent at a particular location, on the down side the digital footpath is a vast source of information.

The old reliance of finger prints is reduced due to criminals wearing gloves. Digital forensics have become a major aid to solution of crime.

Scamming has become a major source of crime . The Police have issued a “Fraud and Scam Pack” hand out  
Which advises the public of the risks. We are advised to avoid doorstep callers.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Dick Denby applauded the modern police force. There are many instances abroad where victims of crime do not report the incident for fear of retribution.

### **CLUB COUNCIL JULY 29th**

Your Editor was not able to join the council meeting due to zoom problems with new computer. Notes given by Secretary David as follows.

£500 to be paid to Rotary Foundation, Malcom Miller aware.

£500 to be paid to Langworth Ward hopefully at a lunchtime presentation.

Presentations planned as follows;

**SEPTEMBER. FOOD BANK**

**OCTOBER: BEDDING AND CLOTHES for Women’s Refuge**

**NOVEMBER:-Bric a Brac for St Barnabas**

**JANUARY:- Spectacles**

**FEBRUARY:- Tools for self reliance**

**MARCH:- Mobile phones**

District suggested we support Rainbows hospice, we support St Barnabas and St Andrews

Possible quiz night to be arranged at Nightingale.

Outing to Daisy May, Skellingthorpe crazy golf and afternoon tea.

