

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN

JUNE 2024 BULLETIN

3rd JUNE CLUB ASSEMBLY

President John handed over to President Elect Dennis Bambridge. Dennis set out his plans for the coming Rotary year. Most of our regular events will be repeated but Dennis also wants to include some outings and Club events. A trip to Gunby Hall with afternoon tea in the garden may be his first event. There was then an address by AG Colin Scott followed by greetings from District Governor David Kendrick.

11th JUNE ROGER ATKINSON'S FUNERAL

The Club members who knew Roger, a member of Bailgate Rotary Club, will agree that he was a most approachable person and served the community in many ways. He served as a Coroner for many years. Roger was a member of St George's Church, Swallow Beck and the Church was full when they held his funeral. Roger's family gave a great account of his life.

17th JUNE IVORY ARDEN TALK ON CHICKEN FARMING.

Those members of the Lincoln Rotary Club who accompanied their Neustadt guests around the Arden Potato Unit on 24th September 2023 were expecting the Chicken Farming to be equally high tech and Ivory left us in no doubt that the Egg Units are just so.

She began by informing us that they have four separate units with a total of 120,000 free range egg laying chickens.

Eggs are classified as Morrisons Class A, which are boxed for the supermarkets, and Class B which go to wholesale processing.

The farm buy in their chicks from other farms who specialise in breeding.

The units are sheds fitted with Auto Feeders and nest boxes on a multi tier arrangement. The nest boxes are at the top and the chickens are encouraged to lay their eggs there and then come down to the floor. Controlled lighting is used to help the birds get used to the routine.

Collection of eggs is not automated and staff start collecting at 7am every day. An average yield per day can be 28,000 eggs from one unit, and up to 500 of these may be collected from the floor.

The hand collected eggs are then laid on a conveyor belt which packs them in boxes and stacks them ready for transport.

High standards are set, with Salmonella testing every 12 weeks.

RSPA check that their welfare standards are maintained. There is a monthly audit of the whole system.

There is another product in the form of guano, the droppings are collected by mechanical scrapers on the floors at a rate of about 18 tonnes per week from each of the four units.

Ivory concluded by saying that they sell in the order of 400 million eggs per year!

Peter Morrison, proposing the vote of thanks, told Ivory that he had worked for many years in the animal food industry and in those days a 1000 chicken unit was very big! He thanked Ivory for her talk and congratulated the firm on their progress on this vital food industry.

JUNE 18th DISTRICT COUNCIL GREETHAM VALLEY and ZOOM

One good thing which came out of the COVID pandemic was the development of zoom meetings. These saved many miles of driving in every Rotary Club. Sadly our District has run many "hybrid " meetings- part zoom and part live with some problems in zoom, often from the speaker equipment. This was the main problem on June 18 and afterwards the secretary apologised and informed us that alternative arrangements are being investigated.

The main item was the District Governor,s report. David Kendrick gave us a list of the things he will remember from his years office.

He began with his appreciation of the four Clubs in Lincoln and the way we have worked together on membership. He said that we have shown District the way!

He had enjoyed the Loughborough Centenary where the President, Roger Barker is 90 years old and has been a member for 70 years.

A Himalayan energy project had met his approval.

He believes that the RYLA project is great and we need just 4 more candidates to make it viable.

David commended Corporate Membership in Area7 , Daventry.

He named Grantham Swimathon as a star for raising 1 million pounds in 35 years.

David listed the Disability Games held at Ratcliffe College as FANTASTIC!

He said the Rotary Service in Peterborough Cathedral was outstanding but sadly only 90 Rotarians were present.

David was sorry to report that three Clubs are closing this year.

David closed with a reminder that incoming officers need training even if they have been in that post previously.

His final recommendation was to "Change or die ". He thanked everyone who had helped him in his year.

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW 19/20 JUNE

This year our Rotary site was only referred to in the Show Programme as the Lost Property Office.

Our usual practice of providing private space for Breastfeeding and Baby Changing facilities was not advertised.

This year we did not exhibit a boat from the Sailability team.

Malcolm and Margaret Miller were on duty in lost property on the Wednesday and one of the highlights of their day was the recovery of a lost wedding ring! Talk about a needle in a haystack!

The show was a great success and the good weather helped.

KIDS OUT 2024

The object of the Kids Out Charity is to provide disadvantaged and vulnerable children with a positive and happy experience.

Rotary has supported the Charity over the years.

National Rotary Kids Out Day is the biggest single outing for disadvantaged children in the UK. Last year over 20,000 children took part at 73 venues. On the 12th June, along with Lindum Lincoln, we took 100 children, carers and teachers to enjoy a fun day out at Sundown Adventure Land.

We were reminded by the teachers that the children so looked forward to the day. Indeed it was described as one of the highlights of the school year.

It was a positive and happy experience for all concerned, children, teachers, carers and accompanying Rotarians.

We cannot wait for next year!

Malcolm

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S PAGE July 1st 2024

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