

I just heard him say he is about to be president for the third time. He's been recycled more times than we have !



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN JUNE BULLETIN 2021, PRESIDENT PETER MANTON

Fellow Rotarians, I was sorry to hear that Phool Mithal has died. I have sent a letter of condolence from The Rotary Club of Lincoln to Avinash and family.

Following Mike Palethorpe's retirement I have sent him a letter wishing them well and asking for the reason for his retirement for our records.

Dick Denby has kindly purchased some tickets for the Pantomime at the Drill hall at 2pm on 12th December. If anyone would like some, please contact me. It will be on a first come first served basis.

On 7th June at our regular zoom meeting John Cawdell delivered his 50th talk to the club. The subject was Lord Cardigan. John began by stating that the man was insane, arrogant and extravagant. (Not the right material for a Rotarian !) . He lived in the time when you could buy a seat in Parliament or a rank in the armed forces and he tried his hand at both. After expensive failure in politics he bought a commission in the 15th Hussars and after 2 years was charged with bullying but managed to move to the 11th Hussars and was posted to India. He sailed there in his private yacht to enjoy a more comfortable journey. There he bought new outfits for the lower ranks at enormous cost to the government. It was at this time that he became Lord Cardigan. He fell out with fellow officers frequently and survived 12 duels which suggested he had an illegal advantage. Then it was discovered that his pistols, supplied by a gunsmith oddly named Manton, had rifled the barrels which made them significantly more accurate than the shot firing weapons of his opponents. The last duel was declared illegal but he managed to buy his way out of it and was soon in his yacht on the way to serve in the Crimean War. It was the Charge of The Light Brigade which was his undoing and John explained how the battle orders were misinterpreted which led to the disaster which followed. As the man, supposedly in charge, he was disgraced but later managed to die from an accident after falling from a horse. It was a great subject for a talk and we all enjoyed it. Thanks were given by Nigel Harrison on behalf of the Club..

SATURDAY 12TH JUNE: - Steve Pope and his bricklayer Sam were on the site of The Frieze at 8am again and this time Jon Wikins and I were the labourers. We helped the experts lay the upper course of Terra Cotta and were well satisfied with the results. At a later visit Steve and Sam put the copings on the top, bringing the Frieze closer to completion. The flashing and clean up should be completed in the next few days. There still remains the information boards to be fixed by Anglian Water and our planting of shrubs around the area to keep people out of reach of the artwork. We can not arrange dates for the unveiling and the Celebration Dinner yet. Trevor is communicating with Anglian Water to discuss the timing for the fixing of the information boards and the Official Opening and Celebration Dinner.

TUESDAY 15th JUNE :- Simon Kalson ran our regular zoom meeting to discuss arrangements for the Disability Games which will be held on Sunday 24th April 2022 at Lincoln Christ's hospital school. The games are a long way ahead but there is much organising to do.

I am concerned about the numbers of our own team of contestants as several have passed away in recent years. As the games are in Lincoln for the next two years I am optimistic of getting some more local contestants to swell our numbers. If anyone knows of a disabled person of any age who would enjoy the games please put me in contact with them. If they have a carer it is normal for their carer to accompany them to the games and help them as necessary.

CENTENARY MEETING :- On 16 June I held an outdoors meeting with the Presidents Elect of the other three clubs at my house. It was good to meet some Rotarians face to face for once. We discussed the plans for the Centenary in detail and I was pleased to hear that Lindum are now ok with the proposals for a Christmas Concert in the Cathedral. Allan Orient (Bailgate) brought the Rotary Imp to show us. We will have access to it for all our events provided that we book it in advance.

At this meeting we agreed that the date I had chosen for the Rotary Day of Service exhibition on the site of St Paul in the Bail would get better footfall if it was held on a week end, possibly a Sunday. Consequently I have changed the date to Sunday May 8th 2020. I have kept the original date (World Water Day) Tuesday March 22nd for our Call my Bluff event at the Assembly Rooms in the evening.

MONDAY 21 JUNE was the day when Richard Long showed us some of the pages he has created to record our Club Centenary. Sadly there was not time to look at the whole presentation. I am sure it will be a major part of our record of the Centenary and we will be able to exhibit it at the various events through the coming year and it will be available to all on our website and no doubt, social media, when the District appointed team get their hands on it.. John Cawdell voiced our approval of Richard's hard work in the vote of thanks.

TUESDAY 22 JUNE CLUB COUNCIL:- I raised my proposal that we look to organising a Satellite Group in our club and we decided that I should put the proposal to Club Assembly the next week . All members would have received a copy of the proposal and could make their thoughts known prior to the meeting if unable to join us on zoom.

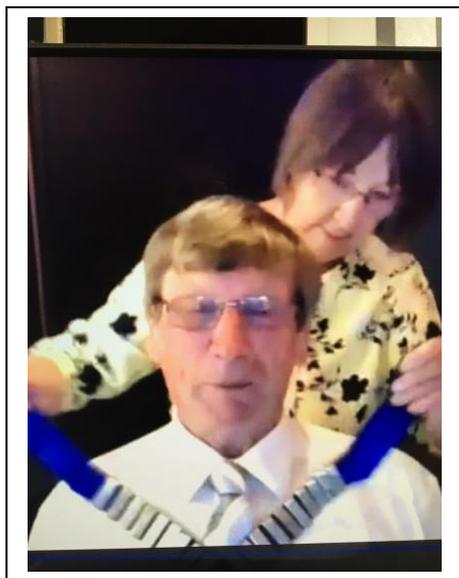
WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE DISTRICT COUNCIL:- This being the last District Council of an incredible year I felt very sorry for DG Peter Berry when he told us that he has only had three face to face meetings with clubs during his year. He confirmed that he will be putting his name forward at the next District Governor election, for a normal year.

FRIDAY 25th JUNE :- I was invited to talk to Melvyn Prior on Radio Lincolnshire about our Centenary Celebrations. I had the whole list in front of me but there was only time to talk about the Frieze and the Christmas Concert. However, it is a start and I promised to give them the full programme as soon as I can. I am hoping the dates of the Frieze events can be available before we start advertising it.

MONDAY 28TH JUNE CLUB ASSEMBLY AND HANDOVER :- I was sorry the numbers who attended the meeting were low, particularly because we discussed my proposal that we

start a satellite group within our club. The reports from all the project leaders and my Council report were sent to all members (with the exception of Health and Safety and Membership) before the meeting. The members present voted to accept the Assembly proposals and our ADG James Wood congratulated us on having a full set of proposals for the coming year.

We then moved on to the “Handover” but both Diane and Patrick could not be present. They are exchanging collars on Friday 2nd July. I was pleased to ask my wife Audrey to put my Chain of Office on as shown below. I then presented Audrey with the “President’s Lady” jewel, noting that this dates back to the days when there were no lady presidents (or members) in Rotary. We should rename it President’s Partner if it is to continue.



As I prepare to send this bulletin to our club members I am concerned that the future of our Rotary Club is at a cross roads. We are faced with reducing numbers and increasing years and find it difficult to recruit younger men and women to a meeting for a lunch every Monday.

I have suggested we form a satellite group but you might not agree with that. There may be other ways of changing our customs and procedures to attract a younger membership.

The coming Centenary Celebrations will be a great opportunity to advertise ourselves but that will not attract new younger members unless we can offer a regime which suits them . If anyone has a suggestion of how we do that I

will be pleased to hear it. In fact, I think it would be good if we had a frank discussion about this as soon as possible.

To this end I have decided that we will have a discussion on Monday 9th July. I will circulate a paper with some discussion points and ask members to comment and raise their own theories at the same time. I am sorry it may have to be a zoom meeting again and really sorry that half of the club do not attend but at least those who do not attend will know what we are going to discuss and can put forward their comments to me before the event. We can record the meeting for those who can access it afterwards.

WELCOME TO JOINING MEMBER BOB BELLAMY

CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER MORRISON AT THE START OF HIS 50TH YEAR AS A ROTARIAN and to remember that John Hunt starts his 54th and Len Curtis his 53rd this year.

Welcome to the Rotary Year 2021/22 PRESIDENT PETER