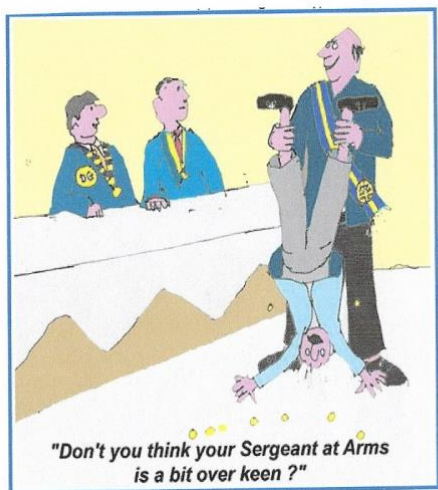


THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN

MARCH BULLETIN, 2023 - PRESIDENT BOB BELLAMY



I apologise for using a cartoon which I put in my DGs newsletter in December 2009 but it might be relevant today. At Club Council on 27th March our Treasurer reminded us that we have no fund raising events planned. Unlike some clubs we do not have a Sergeant at Arms who would regularly collect money from members and if we are not prepared to run fund raising events, should we consider asking for members contributions?

DISABILITY GAMES ZOOM MEETINGS. The meetings are now held weekly and there is much fine tuning taking place. Potential numbers are up to 157 so far. There is a good team of students at the school who are keen to assist on the day and they will be organised to carry out various duties. We now have 14 competitors in our team. Lincoln Club is in charge of the Boccia event with help from other clubs as before. A new rule has stopped competitors from entering both Boccia and Kurling in order to reduce the availability problem experienced last year.

6th MARCH SGM MEETING AND FIONA LUCAS TALK

The Special General Meeting was held first and Dennis Bambridge was elected as Vice President for the rest of the current Rotary year and Patrick Forbes Ritte was elected as Vice President for 2023/4.

Fiona Lucas was then introduced and she gave a whirlwind account of a busy life centred around cookery and pigs. Her career started as a farmer's wife in Yorkshire with three children and a pub to run. A divorce occurred and Fiona eventually married again to a man who also had children and a small holding. She developed a restaurant focusing on home cooked food and that led to her teaching cookery. The small holding was replaced by a farm in Bishop Norton with 350 piglets which eventually became a farm at Claxby with 1200 piglets.



Fiona started a cookery school in April 2021 and there is now a 4 month waiting list! She suggested we google "Ladies in pigs" where we will find information about the organisation which educates us all about pork butchery.

Fiona's closing remarks were focused on the supply problem of pigs which will lead to a shortage of pork products.

Diane Genders gave a very complementary vote of thanks.

CONTINUITY MATTERS

Clearly the appointment of a Vice President is vital to the future of our Club and it was fortunate that our Assistant Governor, Colin Scott, was present to witness it. He sent the following message to President Elect John and I have pleasure in repeating it here.

“Hi John, I very much enjoyed the meeting. You have now formalised the succession for the next three years, which means that the Club is free to get on with the real business of a Rotary Club, whilst your continuity team have the time to be able to consider and map out the future direction for your club, and consider the further succession in a more relaxed and unstressed environment. In addition to that, your speaker was an absolute cracker- one of the most interesting speakers I have heard at a Club meeting for some time. All told, I'm really glad I came!”

20th MARCH JOHN CAWDELL'S 55th TALK John has covered many interesting subjects but this one must rate as one of the most amazing. It was on the subject of Navigation. He began with our early explorers who navigated by plotting the movement of the sun and the planets, once they had realised that the world was a sphere! This progressed to greater knowledge and the plotting of meridian lines was a major development which made mapping more accurate. A much later development was the creation of postcodes.

The development of satellites and GPS came later but in the last two years an unbelievable system has been developed called the Three Word System. The surface of the globe has been plotted with the entire surface covered in 3 metre squares and each square has a three word code. It is likely that the postcode system will be replaced by this as it can pinpoint a location with far greater accuracy.

Dennis Bambridge voiced our thanks and amazement.

20th MARCH DISTRICT COUNCIL

The meeting was held at the Golf Club at Greetham and on zoom. There were 90 present, 50 of them on zoom so we were quorate.

I believe that Malcolm Miller and myself were the only Lincoln members present. The DG reported that his Polio fund raising photo shoot has raised £1800 so far.

The DG also reported that a new club Peterborough International will be chartered on 24th April with 31 members.

The minutes are available on the District 1070 website and I recommend that members should read them.

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