

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN , BULLETIN- OCTOBER 30/ 2020. PRESIDENT PETER MANTON

Fellow Rotarians, I hope you are all managing to survive the limitations and frustrations of the Covid 19 problem. We are living through a unique and difficult time and I, for one, am disappointed that the incredible technology which we possess these days is still struggling to deal with it.

As we can't carry out the regular events that we normally enjoy I thought that joining Age UK to help with the lonely people whose lives are much worse than they already were, would be one service that we older generation could carry out from our homes.

At least two of our members have already signed up

Peter Hill told me that the signing up procedure can be a bit daunting for our generation and we may be able to deal with it in the old fashioned way. Peter will advise shortly.

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:-** This meeting is important because the officers who are elected will be active during our Centenary year and we hope to celebrate a century of community service and fellowship. We have nominations for most of the officers now but ENVIRONMENT is still vacant. Rotary is becoming more interested in the environment and it is becoming an important aspect of our service. I have already attended a District meeting on Environment and was impressed by what I saw and heard . Please remember, you do not need to hold committee meetings , the Environment Officer will report to the club through the Projects committee and teams will be elected for any projects which the Environment Officer will then coordinate.

**ARMISTICE DAY.** The procession and wreath laying ceremony of the Civic Party had already been cancelled before the new lockdown became law. I am not sure now what the procedure will be for wreath laying but will be ready for whatever opportunity arises. Thanks to Bob Bennison for procuring the wreath.

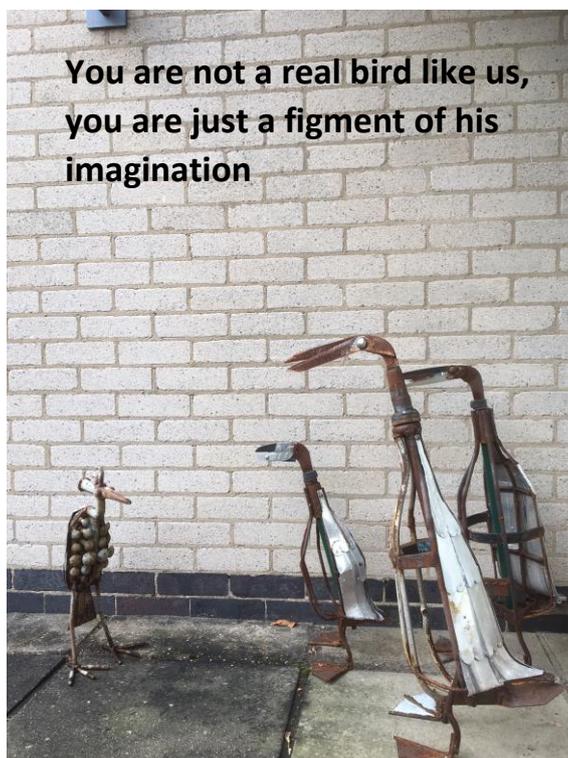
**THE FRIEZE:-** We are still waiting for facing bricks. In the mean time we were planning to help Steve Pope to prepare and clean the pieces of the frieze which is necessary before they can be re-laid. I have received a quotation for supply of the shrubs from Richard Pennell and will store them myself until they can be planted, hopefully with the help of some of the school children who attend Westgate school just over the wall.

**ENVIRONMENT:-** As our current Environment Officer I have been enquiring about opportunities for tree planting. This may be a project just for our club or could be a joint scheme with the other three Lincoln Rotary Clubs .Both our Farmer members are looking for suitable sites and we would be interesting to hear any suggestions from other members.

**LATEST LOCKDOWN:-** I was already half way through this bulletin when the new Lockdown was introduced and am not sure yet how much it will affect our plans, but there will obviously be a lot of problems for us to deal with. Not the least of these is the use of the sleigh. I hope to speak to Waddington again shortly to see if they still want us to drive around the camp.

Members will recall that we lend our sleigh to Branston village for three nightly tours of the village. This year , with the restrictions, they are considering Santa having a distant conversation with children using the microphone from his seat on the sleigh. The only problem with this is that there is feedback from the equipment when the mike is used in close proximity to the amp which is near Santa's feet. We hope to solve this problem and might be able to use it in Waddington if that visit is still on.

Finally, given the current uncertainties (particularly the expected length of the lockdown) we need to have a few ideas on how we could use the sleigh at short notice to collect a few pennies and treat the children. The idea of Christmas without Santa is sad indeed.



Clearly the Indian Runners are getting ideas above their station. Little do they know, the Jubjub Bird has a fine pedigree, being one of the creatures in the famous poem "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll.

Sorry about all this nonsense, it is my way of coping with lockdown.

**Keep safe, President Peter**