



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN
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PRESIDENT JOHN CAWDELL**

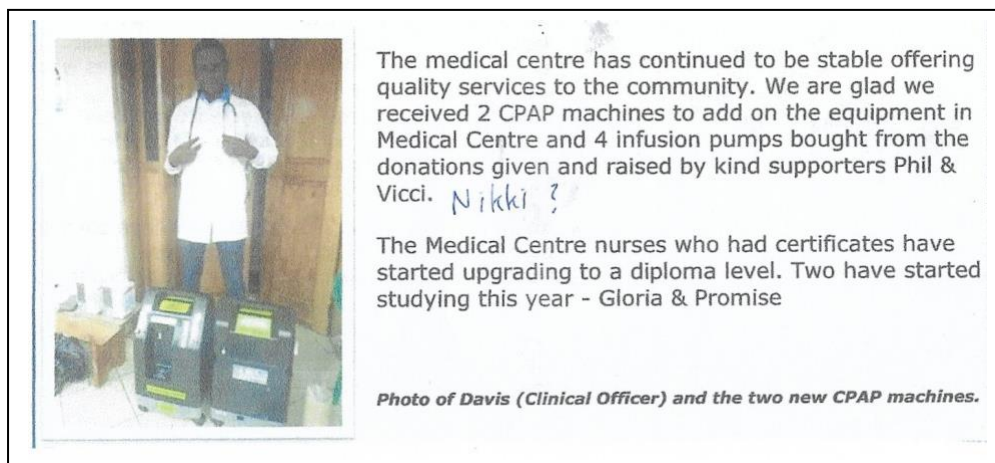
On Monday 6th November, the day of our Special General Meeting, President John welcomed another new member, Simon Judge. See photo left. In the meeting which followed the new team for the next Rotary Year was elected. We elected Dennis Bambridge to become President and Patrick Forbes-Ritte to be President Elect. The post of Vice President is still vacant and hopefully a member will be elected shortly.

20th NOVEMBER TALK BY ROTARIAN PHIL GODFREY (SOLIHULL) "A UGANDAN ADVENTURE"

The location was Potters Village, Kisoro, Uganda. There is a Children's Medical Centre and a Children's Crisis Centre there. Rotary has given financial support to the Centre for some years and it was after an occasion while Phil was asking them what they needed most, that a visit was discussed and eventually arranged.

The Resident Doctor of the Medical Centre, known to Solihull Club, was Dr Nikki Maxwell. Her time in office ran out in April and she then returned to England but continues as a supporter. Together, she and Phil established the urgent needs of the Centre and were able to purchase equipment, some of which is shown on the photograph which follows.

Phil also informed us that there is a school on Mutanda Island which was built by four Rotary Clubs and he and Dr Nikki visited and were impressed by the standards and that all the children could speak English. They did not leave without arranging gifts in the form of books and pencils.



Extract from the Potter's Village Newsletter written by "Friends of Potters Village" based in Marple, Derbyshire.

Phil enlarged on the living conditions of the population and the influence of wildlife. He said law enforcement is severe and food for prisoners depends largely on their families to supply it. He finished by explaining that there is need for 9 nurses to complete their training to earn their Diplomas. He and Nikki aim to raise £9000 to cover the cost of this.

Proposing the vote of thanks, I congratulated Phil on his exceptional Rotary Service. We all try to serve others at home and abroad. (Later we voted to send £250 to their cause).

SANTA AND HIS SLEIGH, FIRST OUTING OF 2023

On 23 November, Daid McKee and I took the sleigh to the Showground and set it up for the coming Food and Gift Fair at the week end. We collected the sleigh from Paul Killingsworth's workshop where it has been for a while receiving his attention, bringing the lighting up to date and refurbishing and rebuilding parts of it and giving it a sparkling new coat of paint. Paul has fitted a new battery and it ran the lights for nearly the whole week end, and we used mains only for the last hour or so.

Starting on Saturday we had the following Santas:-I took the first slot followed by Peter Hill, and Patrick Forbes-Ritte. On Sunday Patrick was on first then I had a slot followed by David McKee. Santa's helpers were as follows:-Saturday Audrey Manton, Nigel Harrison, Lochan Manandhar and Allan Orient (Bailgate) . On Sunday Nigel Harrison, Lochan Manandhar and myself along with Allan Orient who was on site the whole time.

We had good footfall much of the time and there was a clue to a children's quiz on the sleigh which attracted more to stop and talk. Our total collection over the two days was almost £400 which will go half to the Air Ambulance and the rest to a children's charity. The fund raising is not the priority, we enjoy giving joy to children, many whose parents could not afford to pay a set fee to see Santa.

COMING EVENTS

4th and 5th December Waddington visit.

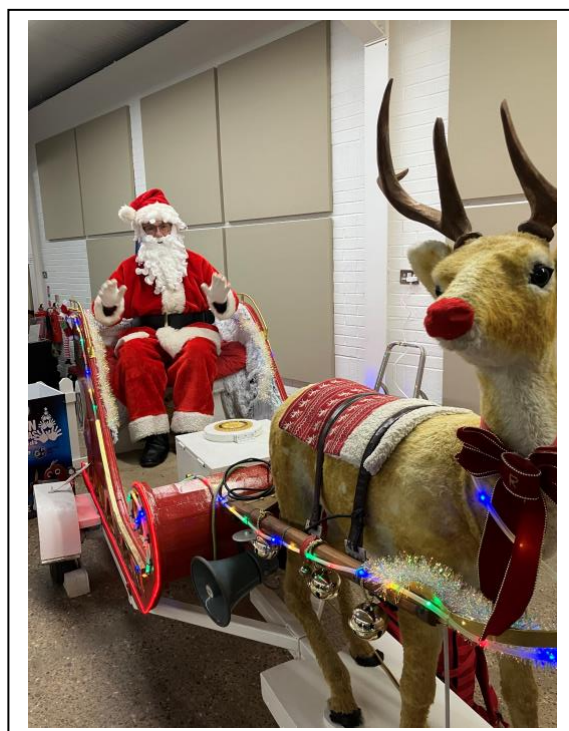
8th and 9th December Waitrose collections

10th to 15th December sleigh to Branston

14th December Age UK drivers to and from Christmas Party on Park Street.

18th December Christmas Lunch

11th /12th/13th December, Carol singing at Care Homes with members of Inner Wheel. Details David McKee.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE DECEMBER 1st 2023

New member Simon Judge was inducted on 6th November. This was my fourth induction in the year as we continue to rebuild the club with quality. It was good to see all 4 recently appointed members present on the day. The meeting also put in place a good team of officers and team leaders for 2023/24 year to help ensure the continuity of the club. Dennis is considering candidates for the position of Vice President for the final piece of the jigsaw.

I spoke at our daughter Club the Inner Wheel of Lincoln in early November, Hospitality was excellent thanks to President Margaret Miller. She is President for the third time as is your own President, I think I got away with an ok speech.

I represented the Club at the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial in Lincoln High Street on 11th November. Terry Coffey and the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Band gave another professional and evocative musical performance.

Marcia and I helped to celebrate the Nepalese New Year on 14th November. It was a gastronomic delight. Thank you Lochan.

December is the Disease Prevention and Treatment month. Who knew that? I have had my flu jab. When I joined Rotary in 1994 the target was to eradicate polio by 2000. Tremendous success has been achieved in reducing cases to a few each year, Total eradication seems elusive. Millions lived in fear, a fear which paralysed the soul. Now it is a very rare disease thanks to Rotary International and the Bill Gates Foundation.

When you read this I shall be in southern Brazil. I hope to be back for the Club Christmas lunch on 18th December. P.E.Dennis and V.P.Patrick are in charge in my absence.

Rotary the world over,

President John Cawdell

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