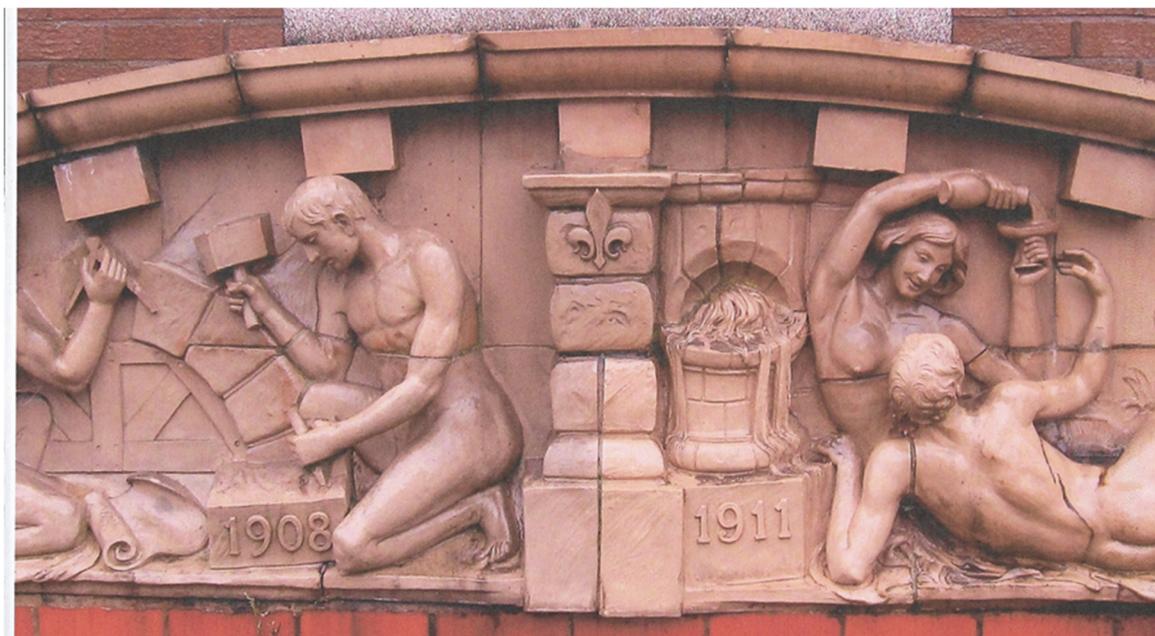


## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN BULLETIN NO 3, 28/09/20

### PRESIDENT PETER MANTON



During this frustrating period of shutdown it is good to be able to report on a Rotary project which is actually in progress ! On Monday last, Anglian Water's contractor A R Siddans of Fulbeck took over the site and began excavations of the footing which will support the Frieze which we are going to mount on the wall between the Water Tower and Westgate School. Trevor Pacey and I attended a site meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and the concrete base was already in place and paving slabs outlining the site were under construction. There will be a delay for a few weeks before the facing bricks arrive and after they are laid, Rotarian Steve Pope will erect the frieze from the pieces stored in the water tower.

I have shown the above photograph again in the hope that someone will see it on our website or Facebook page and tell us who designed and manufactured it, could it have been a Lincoln firm ? The building contractor was based in Nottingham so it is likely that the artist was one of the Terra Cotta specialists based in Nottingham at that time.

**THE BENCHES :** Work on the second (larger) bench has progressed and Malcolm Miller has made a second visit to help with the sanding down. It is good to see that the major repairs we made some years ago are holding good. Members may recall that a gang of vandals smashed the bench into two by jumping up and down on the back. I manufactured several metal brackets and a fifth leg to restore it and make it stronger.

Malcolm is a great help and we should be into the repainting phase next week. When the work is complete I will ask for another volunteer to meet me at St Mary le Wigford Church and help unload and refix the bench.

**NEUSTADT ROTARY CLUB** Alfred has been in touch with Philipp Rosendorfer and he will join us on zoom at our 19<sup>th</sup> October meeting. Philipp will give us an update of their club's achievements over the last few years and their future plans .It would be good if we could send greetings to the club, and to those who hosted us during our several visits.



When I opened the curtains on my birthday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, I saw this outside our bedroom window. Audrey had arranged the Indian Runners and some other birds to hold the banner. It was the beginning of a memorable day organised within the regulations. Having hit the age of 80 I remembered the poem I used to recite ten years ago when I was DG, in the style of “Albert and the lion”

It was all about getting a potential new member to work on a Rotary project before being asked to join the club.

**Now Albert had heard about Rotarians**

**How they was benevolent and kind**

**And some were Octogenarians**

**And he said, well I take as I find !**

Needless to say I am not the only 80 year old in our club and was sorry to discover that we have not congratulated two members who have celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays during lockdown, Len Curtis and Len Drew. Peter Hill voiced our belated congratulations at our zoom meeting on Monday last. We know that Alfred will soon be 80 and John Hunter will be 90 shortly. If anyone knows of other significant birthdays please let me know.

**PANDEMICS:-** As we all know our freedom has been delayed once more and a live meeting may not be possible before Christmas. The team organising the Disability Games for April 2021 have been told that the school have had to call it off . It is still possible that we will be able to take Santa and the sleigh to Waddington provided we comply with the rules but Carol Singing in care homes and our Carol Service are definitely off this year .Further cancellations may be reported at our Council meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**ENVIRONMENT:-** In one of my other roles, as Environment officer, I “attended” a district zoom meeting last week and was impressed by the organisation and content. Concern for many conditions was expressed including plastic in the oceans, sustainability (recycle when you can), Tree planting (every club should plant at least one tree this year), increase ponds for wildlife, and sustainable living:- lifestyle adjustments to reduce personal use of the earth’s resources. Eg replace light bulbs with low energy bulbs. There is also an opportunity to purchase electricity generated by solar and wind power only !

**KEEP SAFE- YOURS IN ROTARY- PRESIDENT PETER**