

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN, OCTOBER BULLETIN, 2021....PRESIDENT PETER MANTON

Fellow Rotarians and friends, we start with the sad news that our longest serving member, John hunt, has passed away. John joined Rotary in 1967, was President in 1978, and was District Treasurer of our old District 122 from 1979 to 1982. I am grateful to John Cawdell for his personal memories of John as follows:-

I had known John Hunt for over 50 years. He was an outstanding Rotarian. I was his Articled Clerk at a large Lincoln Firm of Chartered Accountants. He, in recent years , has referred to me as his star pupil, which proves that he had a sense of humour !

He was a very astute and commercially aware accountant. Many business people in the Lincoln area have reason to be grateful for his advice. He was brilliant at mental arithmetic. Beyond his business activities he was full of kindness and humanity. He was a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow of our club. He was a Freemason. For many years he was a City of Lincoln Magistrate.

As well as a massive work ethic he was a devoted family man . He adopted four children which was not only an act of compassion but also a huge responsibility.

He was lucky to be married to Charmian who was very caring and supportive. Sadly she died approximately 30 years ago. He put a brave face on her terminal illness but confided in me that he would go to the City Arboretum , close to his house, to weep. There is no shame in that.

He was then lucky again to meet up and marry Dr Elsie Fox .They enjoyed their life together, not least as committed Christians.

More senior members of our Club will have much longer memories of John Hunt and may wish to send their thoughts to be published in future newsletters. I am certain a large community will have been touched by the life of John Hunt and will be saddened by our loss . Certainly I would not be where I am today without his guidance.

John Cawdell, PP, PHF. October 2021

4th OCTOBER MEETING – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Following an enquiry from Richard Whittaker, the Membership Manager of the Lincolnshire Co-op, I called members of the Concert team to meet him and we were pleasantly surprised to hear that as the Co-op have not opted to run their usual Carol Service this year, they would be pleased to merge with Rotary in a capacity to be agreed.

We have since had a second meeting with Richard and with Lesley Kirrage at the Cathedral and accepted Richard's suggestion to add the St Hugh School Choir to sing in what would have been the interval. We have also agreed to charge entry and that will pay the costs and hopefully some charity money as well. We are currently having a poster prepared which can be circulated and will be on the Co-op members information distribution as well. Tickets will be on sale by mid November. Further meetings will be held with the Co-op and the performers.

6th OCTOBER DISABILITY GAMES ZOOM. Simon Kalson added yet more notes to the charts as the project developed. I have asked members of our Club to volunteer for running the Boccia event and received two positives but sadly I lost the message during the scam of my computer along with other vital items. Will the members who said yes please remind me and any others who wish to help please say. I will arrange some training before the event.

14th OCTOBER- CHRISTMAS CONCERT MEETING. The Membership Manager of Lincolnshire Co-op Richard Whittaker had approached us asking if they could join us in the festivities and we held the first of several meetings to plan the event and were pleased to hear that the Co-op were keen to include the St Hugh School Choir which always attracts family members to see their loved ones sing in the Cathedral. We have reached the stage where we have agreed that an entrance fee will be charged, that the Co-op will provide refreshments afterwards and the cost will be included in the ticket price. Tickets will be sold at the Theatre Royal Ticket Office , on line , by telephone and live visits starting in the middle of November. Members of the four Rotary Clubs will not have to pay. Three of us met Lesley Kirrage at the Cathedral to discuss the new arrangements and the Cathedral requirements and more discussions are taking place in the coming week.

18th OCTOBER LIVE LUNCH. This was a live Business and Fellowship lunch and the main discussion was about the Membership proposals and the District's proposal to start a 5th Rotary Club in Lincoln. The proposed new club would be of 30 to 40 year old men and women and not run on the traditional lines which we have maintained over the last century. The consensus of the 14 members present seemed to be to stay as we are ! We hoped to discuss our proposed membership evening at Council on the following evening.

19th OCTOBER COUNCIL. There were only four people on the Council Zoom and no information available about the proposed Membership Recruitment evening to be held on 28th October, only 8 days ahead ! Consequently we had to postpone the meeting and a new date of 22 November was later agreed when I was able to contact Patrick . I informed the District Governor of the change.

23rd OCTOBER MEETING WITH TOWCESTER ROTARY CLUB. As they were in Lincoln on a week end visit, President Dawn Denton and a party from Towcester Rotary Club contacted us to invite our President and senior members to have dinner with them at The Lincoln Hotel on Saturday 23rd October. Audrey and I, along with Dick and Elisabeth Denby, attended from our Club , Allan Orient from Bailgate, and Steve Bartle and Ted Hands from Lindum. We had a splendid evening with them and all the usual Rotary Fellowship. It was good to meet without serious issues to discuss !

28th OCTOBER MEETING. The District Governor refused to accept my postponement of the membership meeting and insisted on attending for one hour with Presidents, President Elect's, AG James Wood and DG Elect Steve Howe. We had a long discussion about the proposed new club and insisted that Lincoln Rotarians do not want a 5th Club and wish to create a Satellite Group instead. We received an email on the Sunday telling us that they are proceeding with the new club and the Satellite Group will be "plan B".

PRESIDENT PETER