



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN
SEPTEMBER BULLETIN 2021 PRESIDENT PETER
MANTON**

Fellow Rotarians and friends, what you see on the left is the fence for the Elkesley Frieze under construction at my house.

**31st AUGUST VISIT TO LINCOLN CHRIST'S
HOSPITAL SCHOOL BY DISABILITY GAMES TEAM**

Having been their Architect for many years . I was pleasantly surprised at the extensions built since I was there and am sure the accommodation will suit our games admirably. Malcolm Webb attended as the Registration Officer and Sheila as Health and Safety officer. Our involvement will be to take our team as usual but also to run the Boccia event. We need help from our club to run

the boccia event and I will be asking for volunteers shortly.

1st SEPTEMBER TOM GUMP TALK. The District Governor sent details of a zoom presentation by an American Rotarian called Tom Gump who has earned a reputation as a membership recruitment wizard . I thought it would be good to hear what we need to do to recruit new Rotarians and decided to watch it.

Tom started by repeating what Shekhar Mehta said , “each one bring one”. That’s a great idea if you are 30 something. As an Octogenarian all my friends are either dead or suffering the ravages of old age like me. Needless to say Tom then explored the ways of setting up a new club of younger people , working in a different way to existing traditional clubs , and being project based, corporate, cause based, Alumni Based, interest based, even international. (In the USA there are 2 Spanish Speaking Clubs !) Tom suggested that we should study our Communities needs and focus on their requirements. (Bill Huntley gave us almost the same words in 1994 !)

Nevertheless it was an inspirational talk and gave me some hope.

6th SEPTEMBER PATRICK FORBES RITTE TALK. Patrick kept us waiting for a title until the last minute. He gave us an interesting history of “zooming” suggesting that it all began in optics long before the internet showed its ugly face.

The vote of thanks was given by Malcolm Webb.

8th SEPTEMBER DISTRICT COUNCIL This was a Hybrid meeting, ie some people there live and some on zoom. I was on zoom . The meeting did not run as smoothly as it might and many presenters appeared as legs only and some drifted off screen as they talked.

There was a presentation by Alex Lambert of Happy Dog Marketing (who had prepared our Linked-in account) . She described all the social media alternatives and believes Linked-in is our best bet. Eye catching “postings” on Facebook etc are recommended, content is key !

The problems of running the hybrid meeting were noted by a past President of RIBI who said if it had been visited by a new member they would not be coming again ! Personally I enjoyed the experience having made our hybrid meetings almost as chaotic.

9th to 18th SEPTEMBER EVENTS:- On 8th September I introduced myself to another “client” in my duty as a Telephone Responder for Age Uk. They told me the 93 year old gentleman lives in Spalding and had worked in the shoe trade for much of his working life. I was intrigued because my step brother had worked in the shoe trade in Spalding from the end of the war and wondered if my new client had ever met him. To my amazement he said he worked with my brother and took over his shop when he moved to Leicester, He described my brother very accurately saying he was the only one who could reach the top shelf without the steps ! **10-11-12th COLCHESTER** Audrey and I went to Colchester for a re-union with some of our fellow DGs from 2009/10 and caught up with a lot of Rotary news. On the **14th SEPTEMBER** I attended Simon Kalson’s District Games Zoom and on **18th SEPTEMBER** Audrey and I celebrated my birthday with a taster lunch at the Old Bakery in Burton Road.

20th SEPTEMBER ONWARDS .Our second live meeting this year was well enjoyed and Dick Denby gave an account of his trips to Europe and his development as a French speaker. Peter Morrison gave the vote of thanks. The rest of the month was busy for us getting the Frieze ready for the opening on October 1st. Trevor was always there and Audrey came to help on one occasion. I also went to Northampton with Paul Killingsworth and Patrick Forbes Ritte for a Membership evening where they recruited 9 new members. The other news is that we now have Digby Military Wives with us for the Christmas Concert.



1st OCTOBER OPENING OF THE FRIEZE. This event was something our Club has worked for over several years. Sadly, for a variety of reasons, the opening was only attended by Trevor Pacey and Maureen, Audrey and I and Neil Curtis from Rotary. There were two representatives from The Civic Trust, the Mayor, some Councillors and several staff from Anglian Water lead by Paul Valleley . Before the unveiling, Trevor was allowed to talk about the history of the water supply and the origin of the Frieze. I then recorded our thanks to the Civic Trust for their support , to Barry and Trevor and to the late John Rose without whom, I suspect, our relationship with Anglian Water would not have materialised. The future work

of Anglian Water was then announced before the Mayor pulled the cord assisted by Trevor at the other end. It was a very happy meeting and I am sorry if you missed it.

FINALLY:- Congratulations to Peter and Nora Morrison on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.