

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN 2024 THE ROTARY CLUB
OF LINCOLN

SAD NEWS:- We recorded the passing of Bob Bennison in our last bulletin. Bob's funeral is now booked for 11am on 2nd October t Our Lady of Lincoln RC Church, Laughton Way, LN2 2HE.

We have also been informed that a past member, Dr David Beer, has also passed away. David joined the Rotary Club of Lincoln in 1999 and retired when we moved to District 1070 in 2017. David's funeral will be at Lincoln Crematorium on 3rd October at 1pm.

DISTRICT COUNCIL, 4th SEPTEMBER AT GREETHAM VALLEY.
This was not a hybrid meeting so the distance may have reduced numbers. 58 members were there, from 34 clubs. I was unable to attend and have no record that any others from our Club attend notes which follow are taken from the minutes of the Council meeting.

DG Chris Knight, in his opening address, reminded us that he can be booked for a Club visit.

With regard to the review of DISTRICT AREAS our district 2, headed by DAG Colin Scott, will join area 3 with immediate effect. Colin will run the amended area as area 2.

Glenis Robertson will take over on July 1st 2025.

MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN.

A Club Review is being organised. Club forums to address this important issue are being arranged, dates will be on the District Website.

ROTARY DIRECT MEMBERSHIP-SEE SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS HUB PAGE 174 OF DISTRICT HANDBOOK

A volunteer can join Rotary as a Direct Member (DM) without being linked to a specific Club. Barry Hackett has been appointed as lead for the Direct Membership Group in our district, a group called South East Midlands Hub. See <https://rotarygbi.org/membership/forum>.

JASMINE HARRISON APPEAL

A young Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Thirsk is going to circumnavigate the world in a 5.8 metre yacht. She aims to raise substantial funds for End Polio Now and promote Rotary world-wide on her voyage.

PUBLIC IMAGE AND ENGAGEMENT

A presentation about Public Image and Engagement was given by Bob Braidwood. A monthly news sheet has been created for external publicity. See Rotary 1070 website.

NORTHAMPTON CLUB

The Club have procured anti-burn mesh beds for Ukrainian hospitals. To assist, contact Alan Jukes



PHOTOGRAPH OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED FOOD FOR THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY LARDER

9th SEPTEMBER, ALICE CORRIGAN

Alice began by saying that her first visit to Lebanon was in 2015. In 2018 she returned and began working for a charity, discovering the needs of the refugees.

There are 6 million refugees between Israel and Lebanon. The charity relieves poverty for families living in the Bekka Valley, Lebanon.

There are many settlements in tents, often with 2 or 3 families living in one tent! Those lucky enough to work can only find seasonal jobs at 3-400 dollars per month. Their rent can take 100 dollars of that. Medical care is Private only, so can not be afforded by the 25000 who need it every year.

Artifacts supplied include clothes, food, wheelchairs, walking aids and medical aid, particularly during childbirth. There is a team of helpers in Lebanon and 3 officers in Lincoln. The Charity is recognised by the Charity Commission and Arabic language is used. E-mails to operations@thefreeshopllebanon.org.

www.thefreeshoplb.org. UK Charity 1194346.

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**23rd SEPTEMBER LUNCH. SPEAKER DAVID HARDING PRICE
WITHAM RADIO**

David began by explaining that Witham Radio will be replacing Siren Radio, which was run by the University but closed down on 13th June this year. Only last week, the licence was transferred to Witham Radio.

The catchment area is an 8 mile circle centred on the Cayhedral. The intention is to increase contact with the community. Contact with local schools will be one object. No commercial advertising is intended.

Running costs are about £50,000 pa for the website, plus Accommodation and staffing costs of £150,000 pa.

David talked about support and we discussed the possibility of the four Rotary Clubs taking part.

CLUB COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING , MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

There were ten members present with President Dennis in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. It was noted that the treasurers had been asked to work out how much money was available for charity and how much is reserved for future events. After some discussion it was agreed that we have approximately £5000 available for charity at the present time.

We then agreed the following:- President Dennis asked us to leave Lochan's request for aid to Nepal for later .

We voted to pay £100 to the Lebanon charity referred to on page 3.

We agreed not to support Witham Radio at the present time.

The President reported a joint effort between the four Lincoln Rotary Clubs to give a £1000 donation to Green Synergy, contributing £250 each. We agreed to support this.

On Projects, PE Patrick suggested that we start planning our Christmas Events. He and President Dennis were pleased with the amount of material the Club have donated for The Community Larder.

With regard to Membership, PDG Richard Long has been elected to re-join the Club.

The meeting confirmed that Branston Village may borrow the Sleigh from 10th to 12th of December.

It was agreed that our Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 23rd December.

The next meeting of Club Council will be on Monday 21st October.

EDITOR- PETER MANTON

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