

Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

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Leicester Charity Link

At the club meeting on 5th July, Susan McEniff gave a presentation of the work of the Leicester Charity Link. Of how it finds different funding bodies to suit different scenarios. She gave examples of the different funding bodies such as there is a charity specifically for the retail trade, where someone previously employed in the retail trade but had fallen on hard times, could claim from this fund. There are several funds of this kind. The charity dealt with people who had been discharged from the care of mental wards and had to cope with being alone in an empty flat, without the support of family or friends. With wives and children who had escaped domestic violence and only had the clothes they stood up in. They are able to react within a day in the case of an emergency. Giving food vouchers and any other help that may be required. In 2008-2009 they had distributed in the region of £724,000 to their clients.

They have a 6 page application form which the social worker, or person referring the client would help the client to fill in. Obviously the recipient would have had to receive all possible funding from the state before the charity became involved, as they are a last resort. They helped in 2008/9 over 5000 vulnerable people and children.

Please go to the web site www.charity-link.org for more information.

Revd Kevin Ashby

Revd Kevin Ashby is the Rector for the Parish of St Mary Melton Mowbray, he gave a presentation, the subject being "This Is Me".

Kevin gave an interesting talk on how he came to be a minister in the Church of England and his challenges and experiences in his training, and the positions he has held in the life of the church. One or two controversial questions were put to Kevin, such as women bishops, and whether he considered it preferential to have been in industry before entering the church to. To the first question he answered with the observation that there were several things in the anglican church that he does not agree with and that all the apostles were Jews and he is not a Jew. The fact that Jesus did not include any women in his ministry, does not mean that in today's society they would have been excluded. On the second question he answered that this depended on the individual person, and when they received their call to the ministry.

Hallaton Village

On the 26th July club members and partners went on a guided evening walk around Hallaton Village in Northamptonshire. We started from the Fox Inn. The local guide Carol Kirby walked us around the village pointing out the historical cottages and explained to us what trades and professions occupied them. The parish Church was opened especially for us, also the Hallaton Museum which we were able to visit as Carol is on the Museum committee. The Museum has won two awards for the best exhibition and also the best Museum of the Year. We finished the guided tour at The Green near the Buttercross, and completed the evening with a meal at the Fox Inn.



Presidential Citation Award 2009/10

The Presidential Citation is awarded each year to those clubs that attain a certain standard of achievement that reflects the 4 Avenues of Service (Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service) as well as a membership growth target. It is therefore a recognition of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all the club members over the last year. Well done.



Events and speakers for August-September 2010

- 16th August **Eric Ward:** Work in Aviation
23rd August **Business Meeting**
30th August **No Meeting:** Bank Holiday
- 6th September **Yvonne Iwanczuc:** "MENCAP" the voice of learning disability
13th September **Philip Cooper:** Sahara Marathon
20th September **Emma Lovegrove:** Rainbows Hospice (presentation of proceeds from the Summer Ball)
27th September **Club Visit to Soar Valley Rotary Club:** Venue Rothley Court Hotel
- 4th October **Shirley Morley:** "Is it really me"

Please note: If you would like to attend a meeting as a guest, please speak to either a Rotarian or the secretary, Rtn Gordon Wells on 01949 842804. All meetings are on a Monday Evening 7pm for 7-30pm meal. Other venues and visits will be indicated in the programme.

Pakistan Floods

The Club has agreed to send a donation to cover the cost of a Shelter Box (£500).

The Shelter Box charity assures us that donations go to purchase more boxes. These may be used in the current crisis or used for stock piles for use elsewhere, provided they are not needed in the immediate situation.