

Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

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Sunday 28 June at Brooksby College Reunion and Presidents Handover

25th Anniversary Reunion

70 past and present members, with their partners, attended the celebration, including 10 founders members. All enjoyed a presentation of pictures and memorabilia and a resume of the club's current plans.



Past and present members and partners enjoying Sunday lunch and fellowship



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Presidents Handover

Incoming Rotary club and Inner Wheel presidents Tony Wallis and Ros Eggleston. With outgoing president Shirley Morley and Gill Sharp



left to right

Rtn Paul Dickinson President Elect,
Gill Sharp Inner Wheel MMB Past President,
Ros Eggleston Inner Wheel MMB President,
Rtn Tony Wallis President,
Rtn Shirley Morley Past President.



Paul Harris Fellow presentation

Alan and Elizabeth Raynes receive their awards for dedicated commitment in service to Rotary and Inner Wheel.



Events and speakers for August 2009

3rd August 2009	Sylvia Sanders	Open Door Leicester <i>Young people's information and counselling service</i>
17th August 2009	Lesley Tyers	Friendship Exchange

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.

STREET PASTORS™

Making a positive difference in the lives of young people

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue.

It was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Rev Les Isaac, Director of the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable results, including drops in crime in areas where teams have been working. There are now over 100 teams around the United Kingdom.

Each city project is set up by Ascension Trust and run by a local coordinator with support from Ascension Trust and local churches and community groups, in partnership with Police, Council and other statutory agencies.

The Rev. Peter Hooper came to our club meeting and talked about Street Pastors in Melton Mowbray. It was agreed unanimously that all Churches wanted the Street Pastors in the town.

Peter took on the role as coordinator for this project, with the help of the Ascension Trust. In aprox 12 months volunteers were trained, clothing and equipment purchased, and they started operating in Melton in December 2008



Rev. Peter Hooper and President Tony modelling the Street Pastors uniform



Joliba *working to restore livelihoods*

A very interesting presentation was given by Debbie Hutchinson who is Chair of the trustees of the Joliba Trust.

Debbie has been a lifelong friend of Caroline Hart, and the project started with Caroline's £80 gift for one village to buy seed in 1984. The villages insisted that this should be a loan. When Caroline returned to the village a few months later they wanted to repay the loan with interest. Caroline and the villagers agreed that this should be used to establish a self help fund which became the Joliba Trust in 1992.

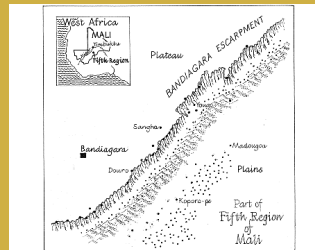
Joliba is now working in over 200 villages with more than £300,000 capital.

Debbie and Charles on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, donated funds for the construction of a well.

Well done Debbie for an excellent power point presentation to the Club.

If you wish to make a donation to the Joliba Trust please go to the web site or contact Debbie for more details.

Information taken from the web site
www.jolibatrust.org.uk



Where the Joliba Trust is working



A Dogon Village in Mali



One of the completed wells



Tree nursery

Work for sustainable development to help restore livelihoods in Mali.

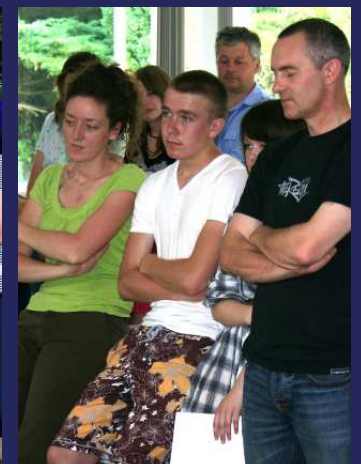
A large part of our resources are used as revolving micro-credit: lending people the funds they need to start their own enterprises. Most of this goes to women, who are the poorest members of society.

Joliba' is the local name for the River Niger, and means 'riches of life'

Agroforestry: Improving agricultural production and crop yields

Our work is one of the most marginal farming areas of Mali. Crop production is becoming increasingly difficult as soils have become more impoverished, resources have been over-exploited, and as rainfall has become less reliable with climate change. We are working to reverse these problems through careful natural resource management schemes, and through regeneration of trees that are valuable to daily life in crop fields. Acacia albida trees drop their leaves before the rainy season to form compost. This increases humus and water retention in the thin, sandy soils, and allows crops to better-withstand gaps in rainfall and periods of drought.

Rotary Young Designer awards (*local heats*) at King Edward School VII Melton Mowbray



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Life Education



...helping children make healthy choices



At the June meeting of Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir, two of the educators from the Leicestershire Life Education, Tim Gilbert and Nimixa Mistry came to talk to us and explain what Life Education is. Tim gave a very informative power point presentation.

Life Education provides a mobile classroom which visits primary schools throughout Leicestershire. They give talks and demonstrations on how an individual child is enabled to deal with problems such as bullying, drug abuse and having a healthy lifestyle in general.

The Rotary Life Education Melton was formed in order to enable the Melton Mowbray Primary Schools to receive the mobile units in their schools. The Rotary Life Education Melton group comprise of representatives of the two Rotary Clubs in Melton Mowbray and the Sir Richard Raynes Foundation. This means that the schools receive a contribution to the £5 charge of £4 per child. This leaves only £1 per child for the school to pay.



latest type of mobile being used

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM TRIP - 15th AUGUST

The Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray are planning a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, near Lichfield, on Saturday 15th August 2009. There are still some seats available on the coach if you would like to come along. The entry into the National Arboretum is free of charge. The coach is due to leave the Council Offices on Nottingham Road at 9.00 am to enable us to arrive in good time for the memorial service at 11.00 am. This is an open invitation to all Inner Wheel and Rotary friends. For further details please contact Ros Eggleston on 01664 820368, or Gillian Sharp on 01664 562945. There is a restaurant on site, or bring a picnic if you prefer.