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Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

December 2009 - Mail News and Events

Club Visit to John Deere at Langar

On the 2nd November Rotary club members and friends visited the John Deere depot at Langer. The history and the story of the company was presented to us. After the presentation we went to the workshops and had a close up veiw of the large tractor units they sell.

Rtn Richard Travarthen introduced Peter Leech customer support manager, explained that John Deere was a pioneer blacksmith who developed the first commercially successful, self cleaning plough in 1837. He also forged the beginnings of Deere & Company, which has grown to become the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural and forestry equipment.

After the presentation we were taken to the workshops to view the large tractors on display. The largest unit was started up by Neil Macer training centre manager and moved outside with Maureen Dreier in the passenger seat to her sheer delight on the experience.

Barry is in the driving seat. We all think it might be too big to pull the Santa Sleigh!!

Is that Tractor wheel taller than Shirley?

Events and speakers for December 2009 - January 2010

6th - 13th December	**Santa Sleigh Week.** This is our major fund raising event for our charity account and is a big commitment for all Club members. Past members and Rotary friends are welcome to help with either standing during the day, or walking with the Sleigh in the evening. Details can be obtained from a club member towards the end of November.
12th - 14th December	**Christmas food parcels for the needy in Melton**, done jointly with other service clubs. Saturday 12th Collecting donations at Melton Supermarkets Sunday 13th Packing the parcels at Peter Pan House Monday 14th Distribute all the parcels (400+ last year)
14th December	**Dr Peter Miles M.Sc.** "Rotary in the Phillipines"
21st December	**Rotary Christmas Party** at Quorn Lodge Hotel.
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4th January	**Sylvia Sanders.** Open Door Leicester, a charity which works with teenagers who have problems
11th January	**Alison Smith.** Leukaemia Research
18th January	**Alison Thompson.** Melton Scouts

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.

Anti-drugs campaigner wins Leicestershire First award

An anti-drugs campaigner who has helped teach more than 3000,000 children to live healthier lives has won a award.

David Brown who is a Rotarian with The Wreake Valley club, has worked with children for 16 years, is to use his £3,000 prize to help more youngsters understand the damage done by drugs, alcohol and smoking.

David was awarded Leicestershire First's Community Builder Award 2009 for his voluntary work as founder and a trustee of Leicestershire Life Education Centres.

The trust operates two mobile classrooms, staffed by trainers, which tour primary schools in Leicestershire. Every year an average of 25,000 pupils aged 4 to 11 receive lessons.

The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir, extends its congratulations to David on his award.

Two new members inducted on the 9th November 2009

President Tony Wallis introduced:

David Brown

David Brown married to Carole for 43 years with one daughter, Lynne and two grandchildren. He was born and grew up in Sheffield and trained as a Draughtsman.

David moved to Melton in May 1971 to work for Petfoods Ltd.(now Masterfoods) where he worked in manufacturing division for almost 25 years in various management roles; Engineering Design, Maintenance, Installations and finally as Project Manager. For many years he was Chairman of the Days Safety Commmittee and for his last four years there, Chairman of the Sports & Social Committee.

David retired in July 1995 and took up the position of National Secretary of the English Indoor Bowling Association, playing an active role in the committees for the English, the British Isles and the World Councils for Indoor Bowls.

In 2002 he left to help set up the Melton Accident Repair Centre with his son in law and has looked after the admin of the business since then. M.A.R.C. is one of the premier bodyshops in the area and they are the approved repairer for both Honda and Suzuki for North Leicestershire.

In 1984 David was a member of the committee whose aim was to provide an Indoor Bowling Centre for Melton. He was asked to take on the role of chairman in 1986 and in 1987 he created a project proposal to build the centre which is now based on Leicester Road. He personally raised 98% of the funding for the project (some £550,000), negotiated the purchase of the land and project managed the building work. The centre opened for business on Christmas Eve
1987, and from 1989 for seventeen successive years, was the home of the English National Championships, bringing many visitors to the town for one week each year. He ran the business as chairman of the Board of Directors until 1995, when he resigned to avoid a conflict of interests with his position with the English Indoor Bowling Association.

David enjoys participation in fishing and bowls. He also enjoys watching cricket and tinkering with old cars, owning two MGB GT sports cars, one a 1972, the other 1980. The 1972 is just a shell at the moment awaiting paint before being rebuilt, the other he uses when the sun shines.

From the left, President Tony Wallis, Rtn Jenny Barnes, Rtn. David Brown and Rtn. Barry Cragg

Rtn Barry Cragg introduced:

Jennifer Ann Barnes - Known as Jenny

Jenny has lived in Melton Mowbray for 32 years and is a very proud mother of two daughters, Natalie who lives and works in Rwanda and Claire who lives and works locally.

Once her daughters were of school age she returned to the 'work place' and was offered a position with Dickinson and Morris and working alonside Stephen Hallam, re-establishing the Pork Pie Shoppe in Nottingham Street, which had been destroyed by fire.

In 1998 with her former husband Jenny set up the Richard Barnes Funeral Directors in Wilton Road, Melton Mowbray. She managed a staff of 16 and oversaw the day to day running of two further funeral homes. Her job brought her into direct contact with families from Melton and the surrounding areas. Through her many contacts she is able to combine charity and voluntary work which gives her great personal satisfaction.

Jenny is secretary of the local branch of the British Heart Foundation and helps raise money for this charity. She is also involved in local schools.

Her hobbies include gardening, visiting stately homes and travel. She has visited many countries including Canada, America, China, Thailand, Iceland and recently South and East Africa.

Four new members inducted on the 30th November 2009

Rtn Graham Madeley Rtn Martin Hart, President Rtn Tony Wallis, Rtn John Bartley and Rtn Mic Hurst.

Rtn Kim Kettle introduced:

John Bartley

John Bartley is married to Carole and have two sons. Was born in Nottingham, but moved to Melton Mowbray at the age of four. He attended Brownlow Primary School, Sarson High School and then King Edward VII until the age of 18. He then went to Brunel University to study Mathematics and Statistics and Management from 1992 to 1996 and lived next to Heathrow Airport during the IRA bombings of 1994, which he describes as 'eventful'. Following graduation, John joined Bowker Davies IFA in 1997 and studied for his Financial Planning Certificate whilst helping to push the business forward. In 1998 he was appointed to the board and sold that company in 2000 to concentrate on corporate business. He set up Charlesworth Hunter in 2000 and moved back to Melton Mowbray in 2006 following the acquisition of an IFA firm in Worksop. In 2007, he was asked to set up a new national mortgage division within the Oval group which is where he is today.

As regards to hobbies and other interests, John likes most sports but his main passions are Notts County Football club and cricket (both playing and watching). He currently plays for Great Dalby 1st XI as a bowler and occasional batsman! John also plays chess to a reasonably high standard and competed in the European Student Championships in 1995 and 1996 amongst other various county and British Squad events throughout out the country. John likes fo practice chess for approx two hours per day to ensure his world ranking doesn't reduce. His claim to fame is beating Alexey Dreev who at the time of beating him was world number 16. His other major passion is competing the bi-annual "tough guy" event which is billed as the hardest one day survival ordeal in the world. He runs this for a children's charity and has competed in the last six events.

Rtn Ken Eggleston introduced:

Martin Hart

Martin has been married to Moira for over 30 years, and has two daughters, Victoria 26 and Rebecca 22. He has quite a menagerie including 4 horses, 1 dog and 3 chickens.

Martin graduated from Southampton University in 1976 with BSc Hons in Mechanical Engineering, and is now a chartered engineer with the European Engineering Council.

He is a mechanical and electrical building services consulting engineer and a partner at D.H.Squire Consulting Engineers, based in Nottingham, for the last 25 years. He has clients in Health Care, Education, Commerce and Industry. He also acts as expert witness in legal matters. In the past he was president of University Mountaineering Club and president of the East Midlands Branch of the Institute of Plant Engineers.

For recreation he goes mountaineering and rock climbing, enjoys sailing and skiing. Martin climbed three peaks in the South American Andes, including Bolivia's highest mountain (21,486 ft) and raised over £3,500 in sponsorship which was donated to Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation.

Rtn John Sanderson introduced:

Graham Madeley

For most of you Graham Madeley needs no introduction, others may not be so well informed. I would therefore like to reflect on Graham's past history with our club.

In 1983 when the club was formed he was elected our first president, a roll he held for two years. It was under his presidency that the ethos of the club was established, an ethos that is the envy of all other clubs and visiting Rotarians.

He honoured the objectives of Rotary, threw away the straight jacket of the rule book and through fellowship and fun created a club that we are all proud to be members. He established the bottle banks, the first example of recycling in Melton Mowbray. We reintroduced the Christmas tree in the Market Place and we pulled an articulated lorry the 8 miles from Lericester Town Hall to Cossington.

Sadly for personal reasons he resigned as a member to devote more time the his numerous businesses.

Now that he has more free time, he feels that he wants to rejoin the club and contribute to the benefits that Rotary brings to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Rtn Eric Sylt introduced:

Mic Hurst

Mic was a teacher at Mary Linwood School in Leicester until, in 1972, he moved to Soar Valley College where we first met.

In his time Mic has been involved in the teaching of woodwork, maths and careers. He became a senior teacher and until his retirement participated in college management.

Mic has a very useful pair of hands and has shown an affinity with wood that has to be seen to be believed. A skillful wood carver, silversmith and furniture builder he has produced many individual items which are as good as, if not better than, anything that can be purchased in up-market outlets. Mic recently had a bungalow built to his own design and his roof-space workshop and office has to be seen to be believed. A club visit could be justified!!

Mic and his late wife Joy, through their ability to grow shrubs, flowers and vegetables, proved themselves to be very proficient and knowledgeable gardeners. They were both active and long-standing members of the Brooksby Gardening Club. The garden, like Mic's workshop, is always worth a visit!

Mic is an active member of Probus and an avid investor.

From left to right: Rtn John Samderson, Rtn Graham Madeley, Rtn Ken Eggleston, Rtn Martin Hart, President Rtn Tony Wallis, Rtn John Bartley, Rtn Neville Whait, Rtn Eric Sylt and Rtn Mic Hurst.

25th Anniversary Charter of the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir on Monday 16th November

170 Rotarians celebrate their silver anniversary in style with a dinner at Brooksby Hall. Guests included the Mayor Elaine Holmes, District Governor Dick Parsley, eight founding members and representatives of 22 neighbouring Rotary clubs, all joined President Tony Wallis and his wife Christine for the celebration. Other guests included the presidents of the Lions Club and the Round Table. Also the president Hubert Ruthman of the twin club of Coesfeld brought greetings from his club in Germany.

Guests enjoyed a four course dinner before the toasts, including an address from former district governor John Hockin who was present at the club's inaugural charter dinner in 1984.

The principal special guest speaker was Sheila Dibnah, widow of Fred Dibnah MBE, the late steeplejack, steam traction engine enthusiast and TV personality. She gave an hilarious account of 'Life with Fred' by the bride who faced an unharnessed climb up a 250ft chimney before going on honeymoon to Wigan Pier on a steamroller!

Cake made by Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

District Governor Dick Parsley giving his address

President Hubert Ruthman giving greetings from Coesfeld

President Tony Wallis and cutting the cake former District Governor John Hockin

Sheila Dibnah the guest speaker giving her hilarious account of 'Life with Fred'

The Mayor Elaine Holmes and President Tony are bit concerned with the heavy spanner Sheila is wielding

Rtn Alan Raynes and Rtn Dennis Hurst

Rtn John Sanderson and Rtn Marshall Pobjoy

Rtn Mike Rowe and Rtn Gerry Short

Rtn Jenny Barnes and Rtn David Brown (red bow tie) two latest members to join Rotary club Melton Belvoir

Rtn Richard Holton and Sheila Dibnah

Youth have their say

The annual public speaking competition, Youth Speaks, organised by the two Melton Rotary Clubs took place on saturday 21st November at John Ferneley College.

Teams from Melton Young Farmers, John Ferneley College and King Edward VII School impressed the adjudicators with their confident, persuasive and often humorous presentations. Topics ranged from Generation Y, Archie's menagerie to freedom and the right to vote and the image of young people in today's society.

The winners in the senior competition were the John Ferneley College team of Antony Walker, Kimberly Anderson and Aimee Barratt. The runners-up representing the Interact team from King Edward VII were Jessica Wing, Natalie Grindey and Ralph Hardisty.
In the intermediate section the winners were the Melton Young Farmers team of Sarah Lovegrove, Archie Herrick and Charlotte Hammond.

The teams now go forward to the next round of the competition to be held early in the new year.

Kimberly Anderson
Antony Walker *Aimee Barratt*
John Ferneley College team

Archie Herrick
Sarah Lovegrove
Charlotte Hammond
Young Farmers team

All Youth Speaks teams and adjudicators

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Wilton Road Car Park	**Melton Mowbray**
Bradgate Lane	**Asfordby**
Walford Close	**Bottesford**

Sandy and Maggie's Wedding 28th November 2009

Many Rotatians and friends witnessed the memorable day for Rotarians Sandy and Maggie's when they were married at St James Church Burton Lazars. They only expected approx 70 people to attend the service, but over 200 came and filled the church, with many standing through out the service. After the ceremony we all went over to the Village Hall for a cup of tea and to congratulate the happy couple.

The following week Maggie and Sandy attended the Rotary meeting and announced they were going to Zambia in April 2010, to help at the Itala Project. This is a school the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir have supported and provided electricity to. Maggie intends to help with the teaching of the children and Sandy to help in the nearby health clinic.

President Rtn. Tony Wallis and President Ros Eggleston
Wish all Rotary and Inner Wheel members
of Melton Mowbray Belvoir and all Rotary friends

Merry Christmas

and a

Peacefull New Year

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23rd Charter Night - 6th November

On the 6th November we met to celebrate our 23rd Charter at Sysonby Knoll Hotel with members and partners. The guest speaker Anne Jones, whose subject was 'Colour in your life'. A very amusing subject.

At this meal we inducted Joyce Gunby as an Honorary Member. Joyce has been associated with the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir since its inauguration 25 years ago. She has ensured the smooth running of the meals at all the various venues the Rotary Club has used. She has been on several of the Club's events and is highly regarded as a valued member of the Rotary Family.

Inner Wheel Members from left to right:
New member Joyce, Wendy, President Ros, Gill, Margaret, Audrey, Elizabeth, Ros, Maureen and Hanne.

Visit to Dove Cottage Cafe and Charity Shop

On the 21st November a group of members made a visit to the newly opened cafe and charity shop at Dove Cottage. We enjoyed a meal together and a browse round the shop. After the meal we went over to Dove Cottage Hospice and had a look at the garden.

Events and Speakers for 2009 and 2010

Mon 6th to Sat 12th December	**Santa Sleigh Week -** This is one of the major fund raising events for Inner Wheel and as many members and friends as possible need to be present for walking with the sleigh or standing at the various locations during the day.
Tues 26th January 2010	**Geraldine Page** - 'Life and Midwife
Tues 23rd March	**Debbie Hutchinson** - Where am I?
April	**"Shirley's Stroll"** - A charity walk. Date to be confirmed.
Tues 27th April	**Overseas Meeting -** The Phillipines
Tues 22nd June	**Chris Gatfield** - Dove Hospice

Visitors are welcome at any of the 2010 meetings listed. If you wish to attend please contact any member of Inner Wheel.