



Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

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Melton Mencap & Gateway

At the 6th September meeting Yvonne Iwanczuc, a part time manager, gave a presentation about Melton Mencap & Gateway, which is a small voluntary organisation, affiliated to National Mencap and because of this they are often thought to be a part of the huge organisation but are not.

They are a very small hard working body with a huge heart, a thinking brain, stacks of enthusiasm, motivation and commitment to support the lives of people with learning disabilities.

WHAT IS A LEARNING DISABILITY?

It is caused by the way the brain develops. There are many different types and most develop before a baby is born, during birth or because of serious illness in early childhood.

It is lifelong and usually has a significant impact on a persons life. Learning disability is not a mental illness. People find it harder than others to learn, to understand, and to communicate. Some have profound and multiple learning disabilities. Some have health care needs, epilepsy, sensory impairment and physical disabilities. Some need full time support with every aspect of their lives, including eating, drinking, washing, dressing and toileting

LIKE ALL OF US

People with learning disabilities are individuals

Every person with a learning disability no matter how severe can make choices about how they want to live. They just need the right support.

Melton Mencap support people from the age of 4 up until old age. Their aim is to promote the well being of people with a learning disability in all areas of their lives.

Their quality of life can so easily be very low but for Melton Mencap it is of primary importance. Many of the members live with their families, some live independently, some independently but with support, some live in residential care.

They support the families and carers too, aiming to prevent crisis, give information and advise, and to provide valuable respite that enables families to stay together. The carers group meets monthly and people find strength from each other.

Yvonne is a part time manger. They have a part time administrator, 4 group leaders, 4 assistant leaders and 2 care assistants who all work with the various groups on a partime basis.

Support staff are employed in accordance with the needs of the members and work with individuals to give them the quality care they need to enjoy and gain benefit from the clubs.

VOLUNTEERS

Where would Mencap be without them. They are so often brilliant. They are fully supported to become a valued member of the team and the group's aim to give back to them as much as they give to us. Yvonne said they can never have enough because the bottom line is the more voluntary support they have the more support they can provide.

FUNDING

Every penny to fund Melton Mencap's activities to cover the resources and staffing comes from fund raising. The one and only grant from our commissioning agreement that funds Yvonne's position is at risk. They continually search for funding and huge amounts of time are spent applying for grants. They receive donations, legacies, and continue to fund raise.

More information go to www.melton-mencap.org.uk



Events and speakers for October-November-December 2010

11th October	Shirley Morley: "Is it really me"
18th October	Ken Egglestone: Itala Project
25th October	John Budulis: Speed Awareness
1st November	Steve Hill: Farrier
8th November	District Governor Visit: Roger McDermott
15th November	Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir 26th Charter
22nd November	Ian Vernon: Rotary Extension
29th November	SGM and Business Meeting
4th December	Carol Service: Baptist Church Leicester Road Melton Mowbray (Saturday)
6-12 December	Santa Sleigh Week
20th December	Christmas Party

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.

Rotary Paper Banks

Please note the paper banks at TESCO have been removed

The reason is we believe TESCO are having an intergated high tech recycling unit fitted

From the first week in December 2010 new Paper Banks will be installed and serviced by Smufit Kappa. These banks will accept **paper** and **cardboard**.

The contract with this company will increase the value per tonne, this will help to alleviate the loss of TESCO banks. We hope to find new sites on which to place more paper banks.

Addresses of the Rotary Paper Banks

Morrisons, Melton

CO-OP, Melton

Bus Station Car Park, Wilton Road, Melton

Tamar Road Car Park, Melton, LE13 0HA

Badgate Lane, Asfordby, LE14 3YD

Walford Close, Bottesford, NG13 0AN

It has been an amazing year for Rainbows, as they have completed a fantastic new facility to provide more care, in age appropriate surroundings, further enhancing the quality for children and the young people they support.

The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir and Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir are proud to have contributed a donation to Rainbows to help fund this project. The formal handover of the donation of **£13,000** was handed over to Emma Lovegrove, Rainbows funding manager, at the club meeting on 20 September 2010. The summer ball raised in excess of £10,000 and thanks go to Barry Cragg, Graham Madeley, and Ros Egglestone, who were the project co-ordinators. This was a great event and enjoyed by all those who attended.



Tony Wallis
Past President
Rotary Club Melton Mowbray Belvoir

Emma Lovegrove
Funding Manager of Rainbows

Ros Egglestone
Past President
Inner Wheel Melton Mowbray Belvoir

At the meeting Emma explained to members and guests the fantastic facilities at the Rainbows unit, enhanced with power point photos. Her enthusiasm and commitment as she explained the different areas of the hospice was evident. A group of members went over to visit and were welcomed by Emma who showed them round the new facility. There was also an open day on Saturday 25 September to which anyone could go along to view the fabulous new facilities for themselves. David and Gill Sharp took advantage of this invitation and duly went on the Saturday. There were volunteers and staff stationed at

every room in the old and new facility, to explain what the rooms were used for and they were able to answer all questions. The hospice showed a wonderfully high standard of respite care. The children were obviously very happy to be at Rainbows and the staff were all very dedicated. The new area is for young people in the teenage years and the facilities are geared to their interests.

Almost £1,000,000 of glass blocks have been sponsored in the Wall of Celebration. A wonderful tribute to so many different organisations who have sponsored events. There will shortly be two glass blocks in recognition of the donations by the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir and the Inner Wheel Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir.



Multisensory Room



Hydrotherapy Pool



PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO EMMA LOVEGROVE, THE FUNDING MANAGER OF RAINBOWS



The presentation of the cheque took place at the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir meeting on Monday 20th September. The cheque was made up of proceeds from Shirley's Stroll, the Santa Sleigh collection week and various other fund raising activities by Inner Wheel, amounting to approximately £1100. This together with the proceeds from the Summer Ball and other Rotary events, gave a total of £13,000.

The following Saturday was an open day for Rainbows Children's Hospice. Elizabeth and Alan Raynes went and so did Gillian and David Sharp. Although surprisingly we did not meet each other. The facilities for the young people were absolutely fantastic and the respite care and dedication of the staff was wonderful to behold.

Rainbows cares for 250 life-limited youngsters in the East Midlands every year. It covers Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and part of Northamptonshire, a very large area. The annual running costs for Rainbows amounts to about £3,500,000. The government gives only 9% of this and the rest comes from donations and grants.

PORK PIE MAKING

On 24th August, members of the Inner Wheel club and a group of friends visited Dickinson and Morris to try their hand at making a pork pie. Stephen Hallam, the manager, gave us a talk on the history of the pork pie. He then demonstrated how to make it - it looked so easy!!! We were then let loose to make our own. They were then left to be baked the next day and when collected there was quite a selection of shapes! They tasted very good though.



Listening to Stephen before we started making the pies.



Didn't we look good with red hair nets and plastic aprons. Very fetching!!