



Issue No: 83

Driving the wheel of fellowship
February '12 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

February

Monday	6th	Normal Meeting	John Wilson	John Wells
Thursday	9th	Council		
Monday	13th	Business Meeting		
Monday	20th	Normal Meeting	John Wells	Bridget Hunt
Monday	27th	Normal Meeting	Bryan Cooper	Ruth Tallis

March

Monday	5th	Normal Meeting	Tom Dalby	Barry Wiggins
Thursday	8th	Council		
Monday	12th	Business Meeting		
Monday	19th	Normal Meeting	Clive Weston	John Wilson
Monday	26th	Normal Meeting	Philip Duncan	Bernard Johnson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute
and tell David Haynes Tel: 01455 209285

www.lutterworthrotary.org.uk

Robert Eggleston of the Greyhound Coaching Inn kindly gave us the proceeds (£270) of their New Year's Eve raffle to Rotary's Eradication of Polio Appeal World Wide while the lucky winner received a jeroboam of champagne to celebrate the New Year in with their friends.

Profile of Ruth Tallis

Born 18th January 1968 – Ruth Mary Daly, I come from a large family of ten children, I was number 8, the youngest girl. Born in Leicester, I grew up at Kirkby Mallory and then moved to Ratby at the age of 14. My childhood was disciplined & structured.

My father was of Irish descendant and my mother Italian . My father went to boarding school from the age of 7, then did national service, worked as coffee shop manager and married the bosses daughter (Brucianis). He went on to a career in sales and set up his own telecommunication business in 1986

My mother's father (Nonno- Grandfather) came to England at the end of WW1, where he met Nonna (Grandmother) they settled in Leicester and with family help opened the first Brucianis coffee shop.

I was educated at St Martin Covent school, Stoke Golding and then English Martyrs RC school, Leicester. I learnt from an early age the work ethic from my parents. My first jobs were paper rounds, car washing and keeping chickens.

At 17yrs, I left school and got my first job as a wages clerk at Securicor. My father had started a small company 'Daly Telecoms' I helped with his books at weekends and then worked for him full-time.

1990 – saw me move to Lutterworth and meet Ian Tallis & family. I was working for a small marketing company.

1993- I had been made redundant and with the Tallis farm being sold , Ian & I were looking for new opportunities. Steve Tallis full of bright ideas, suggested we buy the derelict site of The Oasis Garden Centre. We duly did and Ullesthorpe Garden centre was born!

Seven years of success followed, with turnover growing to £2.2 million, 50 staff and numerous awards for success in business. Ian & I got married and Joe was born 1997.

With so many highs come some lows! 1999 was my 'Anas Horibulas'

A new millennium – I moved to Stoney Stanton, sold my interest in UGC and took time to restore my health. I was then introduced to a company 'York & Ford' who were looking for someone to develop their paper merchant business. The next four years were spent developing a national distribution business for a Germany company 'IGEPA' we grew from £5million to £35million turnover. I found myself travelling between, Germany, UK & Spain (very different from being in one place at Ullesthorpe!)

There are always turning points in life and in 2005 I was exhausted with travelling and managing single parenthood, so I finished work with a view to having a 6 month sabbatical and to find a job that fitted round Joe's needs. – 6 weeks later another of Steve's good ideas and I had bought a florist shop 'Whites' in Lutterworth.

I modernised the shop, trained as a florist, developed a web site, joined Interflora relay and grew the business by 24%. This was 7 years ago!! I have also during that period of time taken on consultancy roles assisting small business to develop, something I am very interested in and keen to pursue.

I moved back to Ullesthorpe in 2003, and met my current partner Ian Robertson in 2005. I have taken Joe to school every day which was a goal I had when I finished at York & Ford. In my spare time! I am also a cub scout leader, have an allotment and am now a member of the Rotary (another of Steve's bright ideas!)

Why did I join? Friendship, fellowship and making a contribution to your community is something I believe in, something that is relevant both in my private and professional life.

Thank you all for making me so welcome.

Do you remember

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about.

Ratings at the bottom.

1. Sweet cigarettes
2. Coffee shops with juke boxes
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
4. Party lines on the telephone
5. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning...
(There were only 2 channels [if you were fortunate]).
7. Peashooters
8. 33 rpm records
9. 45 rpm records
10. Hi-fi's
11. Metal ice trays with levers
12. Blue flashbulbs
13. Cork popguns
14. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older

If you remembered 7 -10 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 11- 14 = You're **positively ancient!**

I must be '**positively ancient**' but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

PAUL HARRIS AWARD

On Monday 23rd January Lutterworth Rotary Club had a celebratory lunch at the Enterprise Centre in Lutterworth as an alternative to the Greyhound Coaching Inn where the club normally hold their meetings. This was for two reasons – to celebrate the close ties with the Enterprise Centre and to present **Elaine Turner** with a **Rotary Paul Harris Award** for work she has done with them along with a legion of voluntary work she has done in the local community.

Elaine joined Lutterworth from Loughborough Carillon in 2000 and quickly became very active within the club taking on the role of treasurer and progressing to becoming our first Lady President in 2007.

Elaine has served on the Lutterworth Rotary fund raising committee in helping to raise many thousands of pounds and in addition to heading the Rotary Foundation Committee for the club.

She has organised the Annual Plant and Craft Fair at Misterton Hall over the past 5 years with the support of her husband George and friend Tilly. At the same time raising some £700 plus on a matching grant for Macmillan Cancer Support from Barclays Bank for whom she used to work.

Another project being the raising of money and participation in designing some of the gardens at Rainbows Hospice for children and young people in Loughborough.

With her love of seeing things grow she is at the heart of the project helping the Enterprise Centre run their gardening course training students in creating and tending gardens in the community at Church Close and Hazeland Court. This leads to an NOCN (National Open College Network) qualification for the students in the group. Food at the awards lunch was provided by the students to the Rotary members who attended made from vegetables and preserves grown and made by the students.

In Rotary's efforts to draw the public's awareness of our efforts to help Eradicate Polio World Wide she and George planned and



organised a crocus planting project last year in Lutterworth to draw attention to the work Rotary are doing to eradicate polio throughout the world. Success being that on the 13th January this year eradication of this disease was finally achieved in India.

In addition she took a very active part in the Club's Santa Fun Run held in November 2011 and has

now thrown herself into organising local knitters to knit teddy bears to be given and kept by traumatized children recovering in third world hospitals in war torn parts of the world.

Outside Rotary Elaine is just as active – being school governor at the Lutterworth College and a volunteer with the “Riding for the Disabled” and is still treasurer for the Gladiola Society after 17 years.

Teddies Galore

Elaine has been overwhelmed by the response to a small article in the Leicester Mercury and the Hinckley Times asking for knitters to knit teddy bears. The response has generated so much interest that Elaine wondered if knitters in Lutterworth and surrounding villages might be



interested. Whilst the first thought was to send the teddies to 'war torn countries' it has become apparent that many organisations in this country would be pleased to accept teddies for traumatised children.

Congratulations from District

The District has congratulated the Club in being one of those who have already exceeded their payment on Foundation and Polio Plus.

Well done to you all.

Sports Clubs/Events organised by the Rotary Club of Lutterworth

Inclusive Multi Sports Club (Boccia, New Age Kurling and other sports).

Thursdays 5.30-6.30 p.m. during term time at Lutterworth College
For 6+ and over 16 year olds run by a Qualified Coach
For more information contact Mark Beeby on 07889 321858

Boccia Club

Thursdays 6.30-7.30 p.m. during term time at Lutterworth College
For 6+ and over 16 year olds run by a qualified Coach
For more information contact Mark Beeby on 07889 321858

Table Tennis Club

An inclusive club for Children and Adults
Every Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lutterworth College
For more information phone John Roberson 01455 202425

Disabled Sports

Rugby Sports Day for the Disabled is being held on Sunday 6th
May at Ken Marriott Leisure Centre—Bruce Williams Way—Rugby
starting at 10 a.m. Support the team please.
For more information contact John Roberson 01455 202425

**The English Disabled Sports Team Championship will be held
in Coventry at the end of November.**

For more information contact John Roberson 01455 202425

Coffee Morning 19th January

What a wonderful start to the New Year. £130 was collected towards the next Shelter Box. Thank you Bob and your team.

PROPOSED FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd February

Skittles Evening at Wolvey Bowles Club in aid of Polio

Cost £10 which includes a Fish and Chips Supper

Should you wish to have a Vegetarian meal or need a gluten free meal

Contact David Toone in advance tel:-01455 220254 or 07970926037

Coffee morning—Thursday 1st March as usual at the Town Hall starting at 9a.m.

Thursday 29th March

Visit to Curve Theatre “Legally Blonde”

Saturday 14th April Poachers Supper and Frog racing Evening
Shooters Lodge—Glebe Farm—Shilton Lane—Kirkby Mallory 7 for
7-30 p.m.

Wycliffe Rotary have their 25th Jubilee Charter Dinner

on Monday 23rd April being held at the Wycliffe Rooms in
George St. at 7.00pm for 7.30 Dinner

Cost £27 which includes a three course dinner.

Dress Code Black Tie

Contact their Secretary:- Peter Sweatman 202238 or by
e-mail p.sweatman 1070@btinternet.com for tickets.

Sunday 20th May

Misterton Plant Sale contact Elaine Turner

Saturday 16th June

Ferret Racing Evening at Airfield Farm Sulby. Details from John or
Susan Ensor.

Peter J Osborn—Rossett Green—Valley Lane—Bitteswell—Leics—LE17 4SA
Tel—01455 553178
E-mail p.osborn@homecall.co.uk