



## **Club Assembly 21st May 2018**

### **President's Overview 2018-19 - Alison Blythe**

The joint Presidency held by Adrienne and Janet in 2017-18 has worked well and benefitted the club as a whole. They have continued the work of previous presidents and laid a good foundation for moving forward. It will be a hard act to follow.

My aim for the coming year is to promote harmony, happiness and consolidation in our club, whilst continuing the co-operation and interaction between the Rotary Clubs in the town to give a joint and united face to further public recognition.

Over the past year we have enjoyed several excellent “fellowship” events – skittles with Ladies in Rotary and the meal at Melton College to mention two, and I look forward to supporting more similar opportunities while catering for different tastes.

The consolidation must also go towards generally replenishing our coffers so that we are in a stronger position to help others as well as have the means to support our Committees’ projected aims. I am not choosing one specific charity as such, but rather will support our main Foundation charity and others, both internationally and at home, determined at the time of planning.

As a joint Community project we will be planting 105 trees in November, supported by the other two Clubs in Melton Mowbray. There will be a minimum cost to the Club as the trees are to be provided by the Woodland Trust as part of their Community Tree project, with planting on the park land of Melton Mowbray Town Estate. It is planned that the number of trees planted reflects the number of Rotarians in Melton Mowbray.

Our main fund raising activities will include the Vintage & Classic Vehicle Show in September, the Santa Fun Run in December and the Duck Race, with hopefully a concert in November. Around these events will be the Tea for the Old People’s Contact Group in October and various trips, meals, suppers and lunches (always the emphasis on food you will note) to supplement our weekly lunch times at SKH, together with the support we give in the local community at various collection events. Continuing the initiative of Adrienne and Janet meetings will be as informal and enjoyable as possible whilst remaining within the chartered aims of the Club.

## **Club Service - Kriss Payne**

As in previous years the committee will encompass the Fund Raising and the Communications Teams.

The Committee plans to establish interesting and varied programmes for both our regular Monday lunchtime meetings and for a range of social and fund-raising events.

The lunchtime programme will include external speakers as well as contributions from members and fellow Rotarians from other clubs.

The emphasis will continue to be on enjoyment and entertainment but retain the theme of Service before Self.

The organisation for the principal meetings of the Rotary Year, namely: -

Charter Dinner, Presidential Handover, Club Assembly, AGM and SGM will be within the remit of the Committee as will established social events such as Christmas Party, Burns night, Safari supper, etc...

Other social non-fundraising events aimed at building fellowship between members, partners, friends and family will be arranged throughout the year.

The CPR training programme being delivered by our committed team of Rotarians has been a great success and well received - we will continue to build on their success in the coming year.

### **Fund Raising**

Small teams of Rotarians will organise a limited number of major events with the support and involvement of most Club Members

The Santa Fun Run is well established and will continue as a major 2018 event – the 2017 Santa Fun Run had to be cancelled due to severe adverse weather conditions and following a Health & Safety assessment of the course and access routes to the venue. Hopefully last years' experience will not diminish the enthusiasm and engagement of the runners wishing to take part his year.

The Classic Car and Vintage Vehicle meet was very well received in 2017 and hopefully the event will become a major fund raiser and established in the club calendar following another anticipated successful meet.

The fund-raising team will work closely with other committees to understand the financial requirements and to build a sensible programme of events.

During the coming Rotary year, we will continue to encourage the Satellite Group Members to further develop their relationship with the 'Mother Club' in Fundraising and other social events.

### **Communications**

The team will continue to develop this crucially important aspect of promoting the work of the club and Rotary in general at every opportunity possible both locally in the town and the wider area. The links with external agencies will be further developed with the use of Twitter and Facebook being used to the best advantage.

The club service committee will develop the work already underway to ensure our archive material is properly managed.

Members will be encouraged to take part in the programme of quizzes and sporting events and other social events arranged by District 1070.

The committee will respond to whatever request President Alison makes for assistance in ensuring the club's affairs are conducted in a proper manner and to offer every member the opportunity to enjoy their Rotary involvement.

# Membership Development and Retention - Ian Neale

## Members Get Members

The Aim of the membership committee is to enrol at least five new members per year, and to retain the existing members

To facilitate this we propose to hold two membership interest meetings each year, one to be at Lunch time as we did on the 30<sup>th</sup> April and are repeating on 25th June

The second to be an evening, for the main club and the satellite section which will be in the autumn.

The format of both events will be as the recent lunch time, when I asked various members to talk about their involvement in Rotary

We recognise the need to be flexible with regards to membership, and will be looking at associate members, which a good starting point for satellite members, where they can be involved for 12 months and get a taste of Rotary at a reduced cost and at no expense to the main club.

We will also be looking at corporate partners and Friends of Rotary

All our events are membership opportunities, but we need revised information leaflets, business cards, and Melton Mowbray Rotary Club Sails, which will be sourced during the year.

## Membership Retention

A questionnaire to be circulated to all existing members, to enquire of their needs and what they feel we should be doing.

To beef up the mentoring process to allocate an existing member to each new member, and to ensure that all members know who is mentoring who.

To ask all club members to respect all other members. We are all individuals and have differing views, and that we respect those views even if they differ from our own.

### Cost of the above: -

Visitor lunches                      £165

Welcome packs                        £25

Leaflets & Sails                       £250

Business Cards                        £75

**TOTAL                                    £515**

### Income: -

Monthly Lunch time draw            £360

From General Club Funds            £155

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# Rotary Enterprise Satellite Group - Andrea Fiford

## **Nominated Member Responsibilities**

Chairperson for the next year - Andrea Fiford

Dept Chair - Doug Clement

Secretary - Ruth Lyndsey

Treasurer & membership lead - Bill Hill

Bursary lead - Ruth Lyndsey, supported by David Morris and the group

Fundraising leads - Charly Jones and Ben Williams

We have 7 active members currently

**Finances** Current account balance at £1900

**Membership policy** - In line with Melton Rotary club.

Our goal is to grow to at least 12 active members in the next year.

## **Clubs goals and projects for 2018-19**

- Promote opportunities for local small businesses
- Support and promote Rotary objectives and activities
- Facilitate Business Network opportunities

### How will these be achieved

- Commitment to meeting together fortnightly
- Hosting 3 Forum events a year
- Maintain our link with the Business Forum run by MBC and seek to forge links with other local business groups
- Providing bursaries to support local enterprise
- Raising funds to increase monies available for rotary fundraising projects and the Bursary scheme
- Share Rotary news and events information at club meetings and via e.mail

## **Fundraising**

The Scarecrow event timetable – This year will involve research and planning, with view to hosting the event next year with other clubs in the town.

Additional fundraising initiatives are being considered

## Youth Services - Malcolm Britton

The challenge of the committee appears to be to keep abreast of the rapidly changing youth culture and pursue projects and activities which engage young people today. We are fortunate to work in collaboration with Melton Belvoir Rotary Club and that close relationship will require our plans to be finally determined with our colleagues.

### **Competitions**

We must look very carefully and realistically at the competitions we promote. The 2017-2018 year entries suggests that some are no longer fit-for-purpose in their current format.

The days when musical instrument tuition was freely available in the county and city schools are long gone. Added to this the timetable and pressures of the core curriculum in schools make it fruitless pursuing the Young Musician competition through the schools. Alternatively, we still want to encourage talented young singers and instrumentalists. It is possible for Rotary Clubs to sponsor individuals for District finals without holding a local competition. This year the committee may consider ways of advertising appropriately and effectively, not necessarily through the schools, to identify young people who might be nominated for the District Young Musicians Final, without necessarily holding a local competition.

Another important area where it becomes increasingly difficult to attract the involvement of local schools is the Youth Speaks Competition. We value the few schools who do support it and share in the pride of the Catmose College intermediate team's success in the recent national final. On this basis it would be unwise not to offer Youth Speaks again this coming year but we shall also be looking at introducing Slam Jam which has a much wider appeal in those areas where it has been promoted for the past 10 years.

Other local competitions have been more attractive to young people and Young Chef and Young Designer particularly stand out. We aim to strengthen the good relationships to continue the success of these and also continue to support Young Writer, Young Photographer and Young Artist.

An additional competition to engage more with local primary schools is the Young Scientist Competition, an afternoon of science activities and challenges for year 4 and year 5 pupils. Many primary schools have no science specialists on the staff and appreciate all the help they can get with this part of the curriculum and so local involvement with this will be investigated.

Our ambition this year would be to significantly increase participation in competitions. Achievement is important and spreading opportunities among wider cohorts of young people is equally important.

### **Citizenship**

We will continue with Young Citizen for the senior school age group and extend the publicity to all local youth groups. Rotary Stars has been very successful for primary school age children in recent years and we wish to build on this success.

### **Rotary International Youth Exchange (RYE)**

Camps & Tours for young people (16-23) from different countries take place between June and September, usually for two weeks. We would hope to recruit another suitable candidate for this valuable experience.

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

This is an 8-day residential training programme for leaders and potential leaders aged 18-26. We can either find and/or fund a candidate and this would include approaching local businesses for junior managers they would recommend for this course and for sponsorship.

## Warning Zone

Warning Zone has been well-supported by the Club in recent years and is seen as a very valuable educational resource and will remain under review due to the cost.

## Interact

Interact provides a valuable introduction into the world of Rotary and we will continue to support the club at Melton Vale Post 16 Centre and collaborate with the John Ferneley College club sponsored by Melton Aurora Rotary Club. Both clubs are holding fund-raising activities this term to support their chosen charities.

## Estimated Costs

Youth Speaks	£150	Rotary Stars	£50
Young Chef	£220	Young Scientist	£100
Young Writer	£35	RYE Youth Camp	£40
Young Photographer	£35	RYLA	£350
Young Designer	£35	<u>Interact</u>	<u>£50</u>
Slam Jam	£50		
Warning Zone	£500	<b>Approx. Total</b>	<b>£1,615</b>

## Funding

Funding will remain a challenge but to augment club fund-raising, we will renew our efforts to seek sponsorship from local businesses and charitable organisations.

## Interact - Adrienne Holland

The club is based at the Melton Vale Post 16 Centre (MV16) and usually comprises approximately 8 members, although this number changes throughout the year as students approach their exams.

The members raise funds for their chosen charities through various activities; this last year their choice was Hope Against Cancer. As some of the students are to go on a trip to Sri Lanka, they have also raised funds for this.

The group has recently received a Young Citizen of the Year Award, about which they are justifiably proud. We as a club will continue to support their good work and positive attitude.

Although small, they are a committed group, well supported by one of the MV16 teachers. Their meetings are short and informal; although they agree actions to be taken before and reported at the next meeting. It is our role to support, guide and encourage.

There is also an Interact group, led by the Aurora Rotary club, at John Ferneley College, which many of the students attend before they progress to MV16. It is hoped that this will increase the membership as the students move from one institution to the other.

At present there is no Interact club at the other secondary school, Long Field Academy; this could be further investigated.

## **International - Janet Shortland**

There are several ongoing projects which the committee wishes to support in the forthcoming year.

We intend to raise funds as part of the Club's contribution towards Rotary's aim to eradicate polio in the world. In addition the collection of foreign currency will continue to help the District with its contribution to this aim.

The committee has been investigating the feasibility of installing two blocks to provide washrooms, toilets and drinking water in a Tacloban school for pupils relocated after the disaster. An estimate of £2,625 has been obtained as the cost for one of these blocks. Funds in the sum of £2,245 have been raised for Philippines projects.

The committee will continue to support Shelterbox.

The committee will continue to collect spectacles for reuse in the third world, and also used ink cartridges and mobile phones.

## **Foundation - John Dehnel**

It is proposed that the Rotary Foundation Officer will:

- Work with the international, community, youth teams and the enterprise group to identify any of their activities that could benefit from a grant from our Foundation. Support the teams in making applications where appropriate.

This will need to be started forthwith, so expressions of interest can be lodged with the district Foundation team before 1st July.

- Ensure the club is qualified to receive grants: president and grants officer trained; club MOU signed.
- Encourage club members to support donations to our Foundation amounting to \$100 per member, both through individual donations and club fund-raising activities.
- Renew the club's expectation as in previous years that any fund-raising event should donate at least 10% of its net income to our Foundation.
- In conjunction with the International team, continue financial support for the eradication of polio.
- Explore if there is an appetite to plant more crocus corms in the coming year.

## Community & Vocational - Helen Bett

This year, as well as continuing the good work done by this committee in the past, I want to pursue the aim of bringing Rotary more into our own community and of course, to encourage local people to support Rotary and our projects.

To fulfil Rotary aims within the local community we need to ensure that we have the balance right in terms of funding, time, effort and commitment. Community perhaps needs to be seen as our core and I would encourage all members to be supportive and to become as involved as possible to make our work effective.

### **Contact Tea Party**

One of the highlights of our year is the Tea Party for the elderly which we hold at Burton Lazars Village Hall in October. Although members and Ladies in Rotary generously provide all the food, we do need to pay for the hall. This is a delightful Sunday afternoon and I would encourage new members to take part.

Budget £50

### **Christmas Parcels**

As always this is a joint venture with the Lions Club, Melton Belvoir Rotary and The Barnes Trust where we collect donations from the public in local supermarkets and then help to receive the food and make up parcels. It is a pleasure to receive very generous donations from the public. This was well received last year by all and there appears to be the need in the community. To continue this very worthwhile project we will continue to need the help and support of fellow Rotarians at what is always a busy time of year.

Budget £500

### **Stroke Awareness**

Again this venture relies on people being able to give up some time – medical staff to test blood pressure and Rotarians to encourage members of the public to have this done. Although the value of this is often discussed, it was particularly well received this year and it is widely accepted that it can save lives. We will continue to support this venture together with Melton Belvoir club who do most of the organising.

### **Kids Out/Duck Race**

In the past the Club has funded the whole cost of a day trip to Twin Lakes for Birchwood School. In 2017 the school decided not to take up this trip and were instead offered 3 x £500 for trips to suit different age groups. We would like to continue to be able to support the school in this way.

In 2017 the duck race which raises money for our Kids Out was made into a whole club activity, with the majority of the organising being done by ComVoc. As a result of many discussions this year it was decided to move the race from Twin Lakes and into the town so that members of the public can be more involved. In addition we have moved to printed raffle tickets to be sold in the town market, and by all members. Organising is currently split between Community and Service Committee.

Budget approx. £1500-£2000

### **Leicestershire Life Education/Warning Zone**

We would like to continue to support local primary schools in sending their Yr5/6 children to one of these life skills and e-safety venues. Again, this may be in conjunction with Melton Belvoir Club. However this activity may sit better within the Youth Committee.

Budget £1000

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

Again we propose to have a tree in the Festival. This event provides an excellent opportunity to promote the work of the Club, and hopefully encourage new members.

Budget <£75

## **The Big Christmas Card and Cake raffle**

If fellow Rotarians are in favour, we will again arrange a big Christmas Card to be made by one of our local schools for us all to sign and to give a donation. Funds raised from this and the raffle of a Christmas cake will go towards charities supported by the Community committee of our club.