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Ton up! 100 years of Lincoln's precious drinking water

A day of celebration in aid of those who still don't have safe drinking water

The Water Centenary Committee has announced to the Club, and the public, their plans to celebrate the Centenary of Lincoln's precious drinking water supply. The new drinking water of 1911 was greeted as "salvation" by joyous citizens who knew only too well of the shortcomings of the previous supply. It was responsible for the typhoid epidemic of 1904-05 which killed 131 Lincolnians and made more than a thousand ill.

On Saturday October 1st, 100 years after the original switch on, there will be a day of celebration in aid of the international charity 'Water Aid'. The plans include a commemorative spouting of the fountain in the Arboretum before the Civic Party and anyone who wishes to attend. The fountain was originally cranked into action to spout the first Elkesley water by Mayor Newsum in front of thousands of cheering citizens in October 1911.

"We are planning a day of events that will interest everyone who drinks water!" said Paul Brewer, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, who is partnering Anglian Water in organising the celebrations. "It seemed a good idea to head back to the Arboretum because the fountain is actually made of stone cores extracted when the boreholes were sunk into the aquifer below Elkesley in 1909. We're planning a spectacular spouting of the foun-

tain in front of the Civic Party, and we'll have the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue band in the bandstand, Pedro the clown, Lincoln Fire Brigade water tender and other attractions."

After 1905, Lincoln Corporation, much criticised for the quality of their existing water supply, were determined to replace it with a new supply and structures that would "last for 100 years".... and their prophecy



Rotarian Trevor Pacey (centre), a retired water engineer and the author of "To Fetch a Pail of Water" – the story of Lincoln's water, demonstrates and explains the progress so far on the Arboretum fountain to President David McKee and members of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, Water 100 Committee.

has turned out to be true. The Water Tower in Westgate and Bracebridge Heath Reservoir, original utilities that are still in use, will both be partially open to the public. Outside the Water Tower, Anglian Water's main laying team will be giving a demonstration, and their Mobile Education Unit will organise children's activities. Additionally, it is hoped that the region's ace drilling and tapping team from sub-contractors Balfour Beatty will appear. The team, who were world champions on one occasion in speed contests to put in a service pipe, connect it to the mains, and then get

water from the tap. Another key attraction will be an exhibition at the nearby Museum of Lincolnshire Life which will illustrate the story of Elkesley water with still photographs, cuttings, and video.

The exhibition is being organised by Trevor Pacey whose book on Lincoln's water "To Fetch a Pail of Water" is being reissued this month to help launch the celebrations. Mr Pacey is donating all his royalties to Water Aid which works to ensure access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in some of the world's poorest communities. "The sense of relief in 1911 must have been palpable," said Mr Pacey. "The city had a cloud hanging over it from 1905 and was unable to move on until the new supply was on tap. The people had been muddling through with heavily treated water, imported water, and what they could get from springs and conduits. It took until 1911 to provide the new supply partly because Nottinghamshire interests didn't want their water to come to Lincoln. The dispute went all the way to the House of Lords where Lincoln was eventually enabled by an Act of Parliament to begin the work."

The exhibition will include an album of letters and cards sent from Lincoln expressing thanks to Alderman Thomas Smith of Newark, who organised daily rail deliveries of safe water during the typhoid epidemic. With a traction engine and an 1881 pump in steam at the Museum that day, there'll be the opportunity to remember Juanita and Livens, splendid steam engines at Elkesley that pumped the water from 1911 to 1973 when Juanita blew up. The damage meant that the elegant pumping house of 1911 at Elkesley had to be demolished and replaced by Anglian Water's modern electric station which still pumps much of Lincoln's water today.

Paul Brewer said: "All our daytime events are free but we will be asking people to feed our buckets with donations for Water Aid. Through the Rotary movement we can at least triple what we raise in Lincoln that day so it's very important that we are successful. Generations of Lincoln people have been very lucky to have this constant supply of good quality water. We know that millions around the world aren't so fortunate and it's our chance to do something to help."

At night there'll be a Civic Banquet to commemorate the one given by the Corporation in 1911. This will be held in the Assembly Rooms just as the original was. Paul Brewer said, "We are also inviting

representatives from inner city wards where we know the citizens queued for imported water in the typhoid epidemic."

Ciaran Nelson, a spokesperson for Anglian Water, said: "Nowadays, we take for granted that water flows readily out of the tap when we need it, and few people ever have cause to question the quality of that water. "One hundred years ago, the situation couldn't have been more different. Given that some people around the world still can't rely on a safe and secure supply of water, it's fantastic that the Rotary Club of Lincoln are using this Centenary to help those who remain in need."

Andrew Cook, Director of Fund-raising for Water Aid said: "We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Lincoln and to Anglian Water for their continued support over the years, and now with this fantastic event celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's water supply. While water-borne diseases are no longer such a threat in the UK, this is sadly not the case in some of the poorest parts of the world. It can cost Water Aid just £15 to ensure access to a lasting supply of clean water, sani-



The Banquet Menu in the form of the 1911 Lincoln Water Tower. The sliding insert gives details of both the 1911 and 2011 Menus and other facts on Lincoln Water.



President David presents Sara Gilbert and Pam Connock MBE with a cheque for £662 in support of the charity Candles, which funds research into breast cancer. The money was raised at the Club's Festival of Carols from the offertory and refreshment sales.

President's Piece

Our 89th Charter Dinner attracted 120 guests, this was one of the largest for many years, so a very well done Paul. On the evening, at very short notice, David Drury volunteered to take over the job of Toastmaster from Terry Coffey who had to look after Maureen, who was indisposed, well done David. We now all look forward to our 90th Charter which Paul and Alfred are already planning.



Our PRO Vic and I attended the Singing Competition at Central Methodist Church. When I presented the Cup to the worthy winner, Phoebe Kirrage from Besthorpe, I invited her to perform at our next Carol Festival in the Cathedral, and I am pleased to report that she agreed with great enthusiasm.

The Disability Games were held this year in Hull. We enjoyed a well organised day in a well equipped school whose sixth-formers assisted. A great day was enjoyed by all, with our team displaying its



skills. Team member Joanne Brennen (above) won a first in the Female Adult Archery and Sarah Woods (top of next column) won first in the Female Adult Rifle Shooting. The Club is indebted to Bill Lee and Peter Manton for organising and looking after



our team. Bill Lee also organised Kids Out. These events are hands on demonstrating the highest ideals of Rotary - Service above Self.

Peter Manton organised Stroke Awareness. This has the capacity to prolong and even save lives. I was pleased that one of our newest members, Nick Bevan and his girlfriend joined the team. Peter and Audrey went to New Orleans to attend the RI Conference. Unfortunately he fell ill and spent the entire time in hospital. He made a remarkable recovery and he and Audrey hosted the final meeting of the GSE team - as the GSE visit did not coincide with a Club Meeting, this was the occasion of their Presentations. One of the team was a rank and file violist who played for the State Symphony. He gave us a short recital of the highest standard including a display of double stopping. Alan and Wendy Nugent hosted a coffee morning in the beautiful garden of the Sub Deanery. £700 was raised for Shelter Boxes with the help of their son. Well done to all concerned.

When visiting other Clubs, I have been asked if this is the first time I have been President. I point out that we have only had to ask Presidents to do a double duty in 1922 and 1939. Well, I am coming to the end of my first, and historically most likely my last stint, as President. I must express my grateful thanks for the Club's support and for the help which has been readily available from our wealth of Past Presidents. It will soon be time to pass the 'Chain' to President-elect Paul. I am sure that he will enjoy the Club's full support.

David McKee

Remember, remember the 1st of October, when your Club will need your HELP.

On the 10th April, Rotarians Peter Manton, Malcolm Miller, David McKee, Alfred Schneider, David Drury (On Registration) and Bill Lee had the pleasure of taking 16 competitors and their carers to the Rotary Annual District Disability Games at Hymers College, Hull. A great day was enjoyed by all, with our team displaying its skills. Team member Sarah Woods won first in the Female Adult Rifle Shooting. Joanne Brennen also won a first in the Female Adult Archery (see photos Page 3). The Rotarians who attended the event had as much fun as our team, and also enjoyed great fellowship with Members from other clubs attending with their own teams from around our District. Thanks goes to Bill Lee for making the transport arrangements for the Lincoln team and the support provided during the day.

and support, plus the members of The Rotary Club of Lincoln who provided vital organisational support throughout the day.



The Club continues its support for Lincoln primary schools football

Pictured above in their Rotary Club strip, are the Lincoln Boys Representative Team, drawn from 12 different primary schools across the city and surrounding area, proudly displaying their miniature trophies before playing their last game of the season. This is the second year that the Club has supported the representative team with trophies for each member of the squad and a financial contribution towards running costs. The organisation of both the primary schools league and the representative team is down to the dedication of three primary school teachers Dan Callaghan, Joe Dobson and Rob Cook. They receive no official funding.

Inspired by their trophies, and keen to impress three Rotarian spectators, the boys beat visiting team Gainsborough 6 - 0 in their best team performance of the season. Daniel Hobson from Manor Lees school scored 4 of the goals.”

“Know Your Blood Pressure”

In addition to food, clothing, banking and holiday currency, the Central Co-op Lincoln became a “Know Your Blood Pressure” health check clinic as members of The Rotary Club of Lincoln and professional medical assistance provided free blood pressure checks to the public. This was part of Rotary support for the national ‘Stroke Awareness’ campaign.



Dr Elsie Hunt carries out a test on a member of public who stopped to take advantage of the free check. The Club wishes to thank the all professional medical staff who gave up part of their weekend to provide the service, the management and staff of the Lincolnshire Central Co-op who allowed us space



President David presents a cheque for £1,000 to Janette Southall from the ‘Carers Association’ who accepted it on behalf of ‘Action for Young Carers’. The money was raised at a very successful Wine &

Wisdom evening run by the Club. Watching on are Community Service Chairman Rotarian Ian Smith and Wine & Wisdom organiser Rotarian Alan Dawkins. A big 'thank you' to all who took part or supported in any way.

Congratulations to Mike Barnaby MBE

The second person to be presented with a Rotary Club of Lincoln Vocational Award. Mike has worked tirelessly to provide worthy individuals in Romania and India with spectacles. World Health Organisation statistics indicate that there are 6,000,000 people whose eyesight would be markedly improved by the provision of glasses. Mike considers that this challenge will keep him busy for some time to come.



President David Vocational Chairman Diane Genders present Mike with the Club Award and his personal award to keep as a reminder. The latter depicts an event, about which Mike informed the club, of a Romanian lady who was eternally grateful that the glasses Mike had provided meant that she was again able to read her bible. The awards are made by in glass by Ann Walker of Unicorn Studios.

"I'm just popping out for a short bike ride love"

Congratulations to Rotarian Jon Wilkins and his co-riders Gary Lamb for their charity motorcycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats. They hope to have raised over £1000 for the Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The whole trip took a total of 3 days to complete. Day one was the ride from Lincoln to Land's End, day two the 874 mile sponsored ride itself to John O'Groats, and on the final day they returned back to Lincoln.

Rotarian Vivienne Chambers, Trust Director for the Charity said, *"The charity joins everyone in wishing Jon and Gary all the very best for their ambitious challenge. We are very, very grateful for their*

support, it means a great deal to us. We like many others are feeling the effect of "The Credit Crunch". The Air Ambulance is available to help people in their time of need, purely because of people who recognise the importance of this life saving service. Today, many families are able to celebrate anniversaries together because of the assistance they received. Accidents happen and we are here to help. Thank you Jon and Gary for your help."



Above: The 'photocall before the ride with the ambulance and the crew at RAF Waddington. Below: Tired, but very happy to have completed their challenge, Jon and Gary at 'the top end of the UK'.



Latest update from Harley Towler who the Club sponsored for badminton.

"Just to let the club know of my progress. I have recently represented England in the Dutch and German Junior Internationals and this weekend had the English Under19 National Championships where I came Runner-up in both Men's & Mixed Doubles and Quarter-Finals of Singles". The Club's congratulations to Harley, together with best wishes for his future progress.

Northern Lights in Oslo



Arising from a casual conversation outside the Assembly Rooms between Barry Dean, Chairman of the International Committee and Peter Wright, Oslo was suddenly in the sights of our club. Kari, Peter's Norwegian wife and a Blue Badge Guide by profession, was recruited and things were underway with a weekend early in April as the target.

The historic Grand Hotel on Oslo's Karl Johangate was where the base group was established and our explorers made their own way there (with many excellent reports of Ryanair). On the first evening they were welcomed in Kari and Peter's apartment in central Oslo. A splendid fish soup was created by food writer Anna Sophie Strandli - in which your spoon could remain vertical! Aquavite added to the enjoyment and an excellent Norske/English ambience developed to set the tone for the weekend.

The next day was scheduled for "Oslo in a nutshell": a tour arranged by Kari in a minicoach, which turned out to be a 54 seater for our modest party! The first port of call was the Vigeland Park, an extraordinary sculptured park provided by the City for Gustav Vigeland to create avenues of superb sculptures, fountains, a maze and the soaring monolith. A good walk for us all and artistically stimulating (see photo). However the day had one draw-

back; brilliant Norwegian attractions and English weather resulted in Kari having to describe the Holmenlollen Ski Jump and what we might have seen but for the hill fog! Snatches of cross country ski races were along the delights glimpsed but only spasmodically. From there, downhill from the hill fog, to the great sight of the Viking Ships in the museum Bydgy. An extraordinary sight, these Viking funeral ships excavated with all their artifacts and memories of the great Viking hordes of long ago. Then on to a more recent explorer: Thor Hyerdahl and his raft the Kon Tiki and its great voyage across the Pacific. Nearby was the Fram and memories of ancient great Norwegian explorer, Amundsen, but not available for inspection at the time we were there. Then back to Oslo, passing the superb architecture of the Oslo Opera and Ballet looking like a beached iceberg at the top of the Oslo fjord.

The next day commenced with 'BREAKFAST' in the Grand Cafe. Two and a half hours of sheer culinary delight. Kari's advice, "First you try everything and then make up your mind" - and what a place to follow her advice with the shadows of so many great Norwegians looking down from the walls. After a long day a great farewell dinner took place with speeches not quite up to Nobel Prize winning standard but worthy of the occasion.



En route for all to the UK on the Monday and thanks from Kari to; Dick Denby, John Hunt, David Hutchinson, Barry Jackson, Malcolm Miller and their wives; and Rose Dobbs (Horncastle) and Martin Chatterson (Louth) who also joined the party. Feedback has been excellent so, TUSEN TAKK ALLE SAMMEN!

Peter Wright

Group Study Exchange Visit

The GSE Team from District 6760 Tennessee have now returned home after a very successful visit to our District, of which, they spend the last week in Lincoln. They were an excellent team and it was a pleasure to host them. During their stay here we were able to show them some of our history, give them the opportunity to observe their vocations and experience some good Lincolnshire hospitality. Yours truly managed to stay on the ground whilst they walked the Castle Walls and climbed the Cathedral



Bell Tower!!

During their months stay they experienced only one day of prolonged rain - they couldn't believe it, neither could we !! Rather sad, as we were planning to take them to Skegness on a miserable Bank Holiday Monday. We had to revert to Plan B, a visit to Batemans' Brewery (wet on the insides rather than their outsides). A good time was had by all and they



did enjoy their English beer.

Another successful exchange for this Club - my thanks to those who took part. I have received the following Email from the Team Leader:

Good afternoon Malcolm. Finally am getting my act together and caught up on things on my "to do" list when I got back. What an awesome visit to England! Thank you for coordinating it all AND hosting (along with Margaret) me and Chris.. The whole

trip was much more than I expected and the hospitality was unbelievable. Not sure if I am caught up on my sleep, been dragging a little the last of this week, had lots to do. Going to my granddaughter's dance recital tonight then a wedding tomorrow afternoon, been that way all week. Got home to hot and dry weather and no rain in sight. Lots hotter that you there.

Just a quick note to say thanks and how much we all enjoyed our visit. Give my regards to Margaret. Will writemorelater. Larry. **Malcolm Miller**

Kids* Out (*including the Big Rotary Kids)

The Rotary Club of Lincoln were again delighted to host the pupils from St Christopher's School North Hykeham to visit Sundown Adventure Land, to support the Kids Out day. Thanks to Bill Lee for most ably organising the day. On arrival at Sundown, the teachers reported that the children had been tremendously excited since arriving at school that morning. Certainly, as the day progressed no lack of enthusiasm or interest was noted in the children even though the accompanying Rotarians seemed to be flagging.



Lunchtime, and a short break (taken against a most appropriate backdrop for a group of Rotarians) before the rain started, which, did nothing to dampen the spirit and enjoyment of the afternoon.



Malcolm spots something that gives him another idea on how to increase the 'Silver Box' donations!

The Rotary Club of Lincoln's Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride for the British Heart Foundation



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



JOIN US ON 31st JULY 2011

For a 20 mile (on mainly flat country roads) sponsored cycle ride from Aisthorpe (near Scampton Village) to Brampton and Return Refreshments available at the midpoint. Starting from 10.00 am (Car parking available)



Entry Registration (essential), directions, route and sponsorship forms from: vkinnin@virginmedia.com

Riders and event helpers required to ensure the success of the above event. Join in the fun - Names to the Community Service Committee please.

Can I have ... more Sir?

The New Year came, and went, without the usual Whindle Wine Draws. This resulted in a 'bumper draw' being organised and top table diners disappearing from view behind a wall of wine bottles (reportedly, it was like an International Committee meeting).

Encouraged by 'Snapper Vic', Malcolm was persuaded, on bended knee, to ask the President the 'Oliver' question. President 'Bumble' replied to the effect that Malcolm would do better to spend some



Dates for your Diary 2011

01 Jul	Youth concert - Drill Hall
31 Jul	'BHF Sponsored Bike Ride'
14 Aug	Club Summer BBQ
22 Aug	RAF Scampton Families Day
01 Oct	'Lincoln Water 100' Celebration
11 Oct	Visit to the Palace of Westminster
21-23 Oct	Visit to Neustadt
12 Dec	'Festival of Carols'
19 Dec	Club Christmas Lunch

Stewards' Rota July - Sept 2011

Not available at the time of publication. Please check the Table Digest for further details.

If you cannot attend the meeting when you are nominated to be a steward, it is your responsibility to arrange for another member to do it for you; and please inform both the Secretary and the Senior Steward.

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