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Presidents Notes

It was nice to meet an old friend and ex-founder member again in Peter Suddock. He obviously landed on his feet when he joined the staff at the Zoo and he made no secret that he enjoys himself there and good luck to him. He entertained us magnificently with fascinating insights and stories of life at the Zoo. I had a nice letter from him thanking us for the good reception we gave him and for our support.

He was followed extremely ably last week by Dave Medcalf who also did a magnificent presentation on his balloon trip to Albuquerque USA. It was indicative of the interest generated by his talk from the large number of questions raised by members afterwards. Dave obviously enjoyed his trip and did a really good job for us.

There's no meeting next week due to the Bank Holiday, our next meeting will be on the 15th May and will be the joint Inner Wheel/Rotary trip to Spetchley gardens. This is a guided tour and is guaranteed to give a unique and fascinating insight into the running and variety of plants that make up a stately home garden and I expect it to be nothing less than superb evening. I'm going to the USA immediately after the meeting on 1st May, to see the family, and my newest granddaughter, and don't return until 13th, just in time for the visit. Naturally, this doesn't leave any time to issue a reminder so you need to build the date (15th) into your diary. At a cost of only £10 which will include entry to the gardens and a ploughmans supper at my house afterwards. Don't miss it! It will be one of the highlights of the year!

The time will be from 7 pm onwards, though we expect be able to delay things to include any late comers as we realise that a 7 pm start is difficult for some of you.

And, this trip is also open to visitors so drag along your friends and neighbours for a guaranteed good night out.

"100 Club" Lottery News

The winners of the two lottery draws held to date are:-

- (a) 27th February - Lee Craner of Coventry
Mike Townsend of Redditch
- (b) 27th March - Sush Sidhu of Coventry
Andy Forbes of Worcester

The third lottery draw will take place on Tuesday 1st May.

Zoo Joke

A lorry driver breaks down on the M6 with a cargo of live monkeys on board, bound for Dudley Zoo. They need to be delivered by 9:00 am and the driver fears he will get the sack if they don't get there on time.

He decides to try and thumb a lift for his monkeys and eventually an Irish lorry driver pulls over.

"Where are you going ?" asks the Irish chap.

"Do us a favour mate and take these to Dudley Zoo for me" says the driver, "and here's a hundred quid for your troubles."

"Happy days," says the Irish fella, and loads the monkeys onto his truck and gets on his way.

The lorry driver goes about trying to fix his truck and is there for a good few hours when he notices the Irish fella coming back up the motorway, still with all the chimps on board. Panicking, he flags him down again.

"What are you playing at," he fumes, "I told you to take them to Dudley Zoo !"

"I did," says the Irish fella, "but there's still fifty quid left so now we're going to Alton Towers ."

Club Programme

May 1st	Fellowship evening
May 8th	No meeting(Bank Hol)
May 15th	Inner wheel visit to Spetchley Gardens
May 22nd	Club Assembly
May 29th	Bank Holiday
June 13th	Kids Out
June 26th	handover
July 7th	Hospital Fete

Duties this Week

Meal collection – Jim Willis
Grace – Steve Whittingham
Vote of thanks – David Tyrrell
Reserve – Mike Townsend

Raffle

The last raffle was won by our speaker.
All contributions to this newsletter welcome by email to J.scott@btopenworld.com or even snailmail will do.