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ROTARY IN SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE & WEST MIDLANDS

**District 1210 visits the
National Railway Museum**



District Governor Letter



Hello Everyone,

One month in and I am already amazed at the variety and range of community activities that clubs are involved in. It has been heartening to see the commitment shown to maintaining the close links that some clubs have with their village, town and local community. Rotary clubs are always at their best when they are working close to their roots.

I have spent some time as I have been visiting clubs talking about membership. I sense a real determination to tackle the issue of increasing our numbers over the coming weeks and months. Those of you who were at District Assembly know that I urged clubs to give membership a priority this year.

For me the loss of members is not measured by the empty chairs but by the service we no longer give to our communities. Yes, I have seen incredible work but I have also been party to the discussions about how much longer clubs can carry on without an increase in the number of

hands to help. We have to be innovative and flexible in our approach, doing what we have always done it that way will not provide the solutions we are seeking.

July and August have seen Clubs and the District involved with Youth Orchestras, Jazz Bands, Young Photographer competitions and RYLA. Rotary spends time, effort and money supporting these ventures. We are fortunate to be involved with talented and achieving young people. Members of Rotary give their time to ensure that the participants benefit – my thanks to you all.

To those of you I have met already my thanks for your hospitality and the warmth of your friendship; to those of you I have yet to visit I look forward to hearing about you and your Club's activities.

Barry Picken
District Governor
Rotary Club of Wednesfield

Gardeners' Question and Answer Time

The Rotary Clubs of Aldridge, Walsall Saddlers and Wyde Green presented their annual Gardeners' Question and Answer Time at Wm Wheat and Son Garden Centre on the evening of Thursday August 1st.

The panel of gardening experts was headed by TV and Radio Personality Howard Drury and was attended by over 200 enthusiastic green-fingered gardeners from the local area.

Brain Wheat said that this was the fourteenth successive Gardeners' Question Time and over the years the Rotary Clubs must have donated nearly

£20,000 to local, national and international charities from this event alone!

During the evening a cheque for £400 was presented by Aldridge Rotary President, Mike Cann, to Emma Macdonald of Arthritis Research UK.

Mike Cann said that presentations from money raised during the evening, will also now be made to Walsall Heartcare and the Birmingham Childrens' Hospital. He also added that, as always, all of the money raised would be donated with no deductions for administration.



Higher Education Bursary

The Rotary Club of Wellington Higher Education Bursary was set up seven years ago to provide assistance to young people leaving college for a career or university.

Applications are invited from year 13 students or those in their first year at college who can demonstrate that their learning will be enhanced by the award. Up to £1,000.00 is on offer and the awards have ranged through laptops, cameras, dictaphones, football coaching courses, a wet suit and diver accreditation.

This year has been rather

special in that for the first time we have a candidate already at university. Katie Booth, who incidentally won our Young Innovator competition three years ago, has the ambition to become a dress designer and identified that the Higher Education Bursary award would be used to purchase an embellisher to enhance her designs. An embellisher is not provided at part of her university course but is intrinsic to her designs.

Katie was presented with her award in the presence of District Governor Barry.



The Inner Wheel

by Robyn, District Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I am both privileged and honoured to be Chairman of Inner Wheel District 21 in this our 90th year. My aim is to listen, hopefully guide and encourage members to tell others about one of the largest women's organisations in the world - Inner Wheel! My parents were founder members of the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Ironbridge which will both be celebrating their 60th Birthdays in the next couple of years so I was born into the organisation and taken to events as a young person. I was founder secretary of both Wellington and Ironbridge



Rotaract Clubs and then joined Inner Wheel in 1993.

Service and friendship are most important and through those we also raise considerable amounts for charities.

Last year we changed our rules to allow open membership. If you are a lady who is interested in the community both local and international and feel you can contribute please contact your local Club or email me robymtrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk.

In friendship

Working 'Hand in Hand' with Rotary



Wednesbury Carnival

at Brunswick Park

On Saturday 13 July 2013, the Rotary Club of Wednesbury organised the 43rd annual Carnival at Brunswick Park. The carnival was opened by West Bromwich's very own celebrity and Freeman of the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, Blind Dave Heeley - the incredible blind marathon runner who, in addition to running 7 marathons in 7 days on 7 continents (the first and only blind person to achieve this feat), was also a torch bearer of the Olympic Flame.

Wednesbury Round Table revived the carnival in 1970 but on their demise in 1991, the Rotary Club of Wednesbury stepped in and has continued to organise the event.

There have been many changes to the format over the years but enthusiasm has never waned and the big winners at the free-entry event have been the many local voluntary and charity

groups, who have raised much needed monies for their funds.

Amongst the groups this year were the Inner Wheel Club of Wednesbury, the Townswomens Guild, Friends of Sister Dora Hospital Fund, the Acorns Children Hospice and the Severn Hospice.

The main arena provided entertainment throughout the afternoon as did the Pat Collins Fair.

The fine weather enabled the local community to come out in force to enjoy themselves and, of course, support our efforts. This was very satisfying because to put the Carnival together takes an awful lot of hard work by everyone connected with Rotary. In addition, the Club acknowledges the very important support given by many local businesses that, by advertising in the Programme, help to finance the event.

Aussies on Tour

Members of the Australian National Rotary Cricket Team and their partners who were hosted for a long weekend by The Rotary Club of Cannock. This was as part of a 3 week cricketing tour throughout the British Isles.



WADO KAI CLUB OF HEATH HAYES COMPETES IN IRELAND

The Rotary Club of Cannock were extremely pleased to be able to provide funding of £500 to help the youngsters attend this prestigious event.



Back row - (left to right) Phil Hale (Coach & Referee), Rhys Bradley, Connor Bogacki, Luke Millington, David Jillings (Coach & Referee), Connor Cooksey (Coach) and Lisa Howell. Front row - (left to right) Mitchell Bradley, Megan Preece, Molly Richards, Jessica Whitehead and Matthew Richards.

RECREATING AND PROTECTING 'THE CROFT' FOR OUR VILLAGE

The Rotary Club of Aldridge, working partnership with Aldridge Village Business Partnership and Walsall Council, was successful in obtaining a Big Lottery Community Spaces grant for improvements to The Croft.

The improvements include a new picnic area, new benches, bins and improved fencing gives better access to the children's play area and improved access for wheelchair users, particularly to seating and from nearby parking and village shopping areas. Landscaping and Signs also add character and information.

The total cost of the work was £70,000, funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Community Spaces programme, managed by Groundwork UK; Walsall Council

Section 106 Regeneration funding and a grant from Aldridge & Beacon Area Partnership. Additional support has been provided by the Rotary Club of Aldridge, Aldridge Probus Club, the Aldridge Village Business Partnership, Aldridge Volunteer Gardeners and Wienerberger brick company.

The Croft improvements involved public consultation, liaison with schools, youth groups, community groups and businesses, to encourage public interest in maintaining its quality, and in continuing to bring pleasure as a public green space in our village.

It is a major element for the judging of the entry by Aldridge Village in the Regional and National IN BLOOM competition



The Albert Holmes Awards

Stone Rotary Recognises Local Young Achievers

Once again this year the Rotary Club of Stone & District has presented certificates and gift vouchers to students at the Town's Middle Schools who have been recognised by teachers as being 'Young Achievers'. It is not necessarily academic achievement or sporting achievement - the aim is to recognise those who have put in extra effort and have really impressed their teachers throughout the school year.

The Club instituted the awards in memory of long-serving member Albert Holmes, who during his 47 years of membership of the Stone club was always particularly keen that the Club did all that it could to

encourage young people to achieve their full potential. It is for this reason that the current Club members thought it appropriate to remember Albert in this way.

Albert's daughter, Anthea Lavene, was present at both presentations. At Christ Church Academy she and Ken Rogers, the Club's Youth Service Chairman, presented the awards to Alaina Bates, Reece Manuell, Sam Oldham, Jordan Salter and Hannah Wheatley. At Walton Priory Middle School, Club President John Beamond joined Anthea to present the Awards to Oliver Beattie, Kyle Frid, Bradley Langford, Henry Langston and Callum Rainford.



Winners from Christ Church Academy with Anthea Lavene and Rotarian Ken Rogers



Winners from Walton Priory Middle School with Anthea Lavene and Stone Rotary President John Beamond

Rotary Helps ORLAU

Shrewsbury Rotary Club have recently raised £600 to help the orthopaedic hospital's Orthotic Research and Locomotor Assessment Unit (ORLAU). The money has been used to help fund a new Assisting Hand Assessment (AHA) kit, which is designed to measure how effective hand and arm function is in children with cerebral palsy at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The AHA kit contains a series of toys and games, which allows for fun and engaging play. Being relaxed whilst playing with toys, means that it is easier to measure the patient's normal movement patterns. The money raised will also contribute to training more members of staff on how to use the AHA Kit.

President of Shrewsbury Rotary Club, Mrs Bobbie Fisher commented, "On behalf of everyone at Shrewsbury Rotary Club, we are extremely pleased that we can assist to help this forward thinking unit. My objective when I became president was to help charities which make a significant impact in Shropshire. ORLAU provides a wonderful service and we are full of admiration for the work carried out."

Present at the presentation was patient and horse rider, Rowena Bennett. Aged 16, Rowena suffers from a particular form of cerebral palsy. Dystonic cerebral palsy is a neurological condition that causes tightness and stiffness in the muscles. Rowena has been attending ORLAU for treatment for 13 years, undergoing a number of operations and continuous physiotherapy.

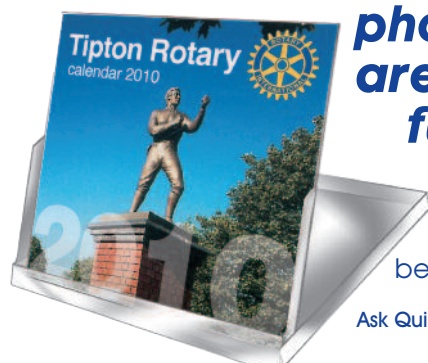
For the last eight years, Rowena, has been an avid horse rider and has competed at a national level. She said, "Each time I come to get treated I can see an improvement, especially when I am horse riding as my posture keeps getting better. I have to be strong on the horse, so I think that helps with my physiotherapy."

Mrs Fisher added, "It was fantastic to meet a patient and see how the money raised is really going to make an impact to patient's lives."

Mr Robert Freeman, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at RJAH added, "We would like to say a big thank you to Shrewsbury Rotary Club for their continued support, for which we are most grateful."



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Rotary Holidays for Childrens Trust

Clubs who wish to make a claim from the Trust, please download the relevant form on the 1210 website, and return the completed form, along with all original receipts to me before the 31st December 2013.

PDG Peter Barke
(my details are in the Directory page 9 - Community & Vocational)

WOLSTANTON DONATE A TOTAL OF £2,400

Fund raising events during the past six months have enabled the Rotary Club of Wolstanton to donate a total of £2,400 to three local charities.

At a presentation evening held last week, the Senior Vice President of the Club, David Morgan, provided cheques of £1000 to the Stoke and Newcastle-Under-Lyme unit of The Samaritans, £700 to the West Midlands Air Ambulance and a

further £700 to Arch, the North Staffordshire charity that supports victims of domestic violence and homelessness.

The majority of the money was raised from a Sportsman's evening held at the Britannia Stadium which featured Jan Molby, the ex Liverpool FC international footballer. The event was supported by 160 people and included an auction of sporting memorabilia.



Left to right - Ray Elks, representing Arch, Jo Bailey from West Midlands Air Ambulance, David Morgan Senior Vice President Wolstanton Rotary Club and Simon Raynor representing The Samaritans.

Top Fund-Raiser for Rotary at Ironman UK 70.3

In completing the gruelling Ironman UK 70.3 event in Exmoor in June, Richard Hill, the son of Foundation Chairman, Ivan Hill (Tettenhall Rotary Club) was the top fundraiser, raising almost £7,000 for Rotary Charity Fundraisers, which is a major benefactor from the various UK Ironman events.

The Rotary Clubs of Sherborne and Sherborne Castles have been involved with Ironman UK, since Ironman arrived in Sherborne in 2003. Over the years, they have raised over £500,000 and have become a charitable limited company. They are now, officially, 'Rotary Club of Sherborne Castles Fundraisers Limited'. Their brand name is 'Rotary Charity Fundraisers' and you can see details of their admirable activities on their website:

www.rotarycharityfundraisers.org

Richard has a long history of charity fundraising, through sponsored Treks, Tri-athlons, Marathons etc., raising around £80,000 to date. This was his first "Ironman" event – effectively, a half Ironman – 1.2 miles swimming, 56 miles cycling, then running a half marathon, 13.1 miles, ie. 70.3 miles in all.

To Richard's surprise, as the top fund-raiser, he was later presented and fitted out with a brand new time trials bike by one of the event's sponsors. He found this expensive and totally unexpected prize somewhat embarrassing, so he has since sent off a cheque for the bike's value to Rotary Charity Fundraisers as a personal donation to further swell Rotary coffers.



Richard Hill with Ian Dodds, Trustee and Secretary of RCSCF

Innovation in Staffordshire

The Rotary Clubs of Uttoxeter, Blythe Bridge and Cheadle held the Young Persons Award for Innovation at Sandon Business, Enterprise and Arts College on 24th June 2013.

The competition was divided into two categories: Graphics and Innovation. There were a total of 41 entrants from six School and Colleges: Sandon Business, Enterprise and Art College, Blythe Bridge High School, Moorlands Sixth Form Centre, Moorlands High School, Denstone College and Painsley Catholic College.

The standards were again extremely high in both competitions. After much deliberation, students from Painsley Catholic College swept the board and were awarded: 1st

place for Mobile Phone Packaging; 2nd place for a Point of Sale Display and 3rd place for a Board Game. President of the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge Bill Orrell presented the Graphic Awards.

District Youth Service Chairman Philip Gillings addressed the audience and presented the Young Innovator Awards. A student from Denstone College was awarded 1st place for a Reading Chair; with Painsley Catholic College being awarded 2nd place for a Guitar Stand Amplifier and 3rd place for a MP3 Amplifier.

The first three places went forward to the Rotary Grand Final at Bromsgrove School in July.

Shrewsbury Rotary Health Awareness Day

The Rotary Clubs of Shrewsbury held a health awareness day in the Darwin Shopping Centre Shrewsbury by kind permission of the management, on Saturday 1st of June. The picture shows the President of the Shrewsbury Club, Bobbie Fisher with the Mayor and Mayoress Cllr Jon Tandy and Mrs Diane Tandy and Rotarians Gareth Watkins and Mandy Thorn.

Volunteer Nurses were from the Red Cross and Rotary and Boots provided a Quit Smoking and Asthma stand to provide

advice and support.

Checks provided were for: Blood Pressure - linked to our support of the Stroke Association; Blood Sugar Levels, for diabetes; Body Mass Index, for general fitness.

The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury provided the stewards to invite passing shoppers to take advantage of the opportunity for a free quick health check.

During the day, 123 people took part and 27 were recommended to visit their GP for follow up tests.



Editor's Talk to Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotarians

The role of the Shropshire Star in a changing media landscape was the subject of a talk by Editor Martin Wright to the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire.

Speaking to Rotarians at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury, Mr. Wright said the role performed by local news organisations 'is as vital as ever' and the Shropshire Star 'is here to stay.'

He said there were still many years ahead for printed newspapers and the demand for

local news was as strong as ever.

"Young people are interested in local news and while that demand is there we will continue to exist," said Mr. Wright.

He told Rotarians that one of his aims was to make the Shropshire Star a more campaigning newspaper. "I want to use our privileged position to be a force for good wherever we can and stand up for our readers wherever we can."



Gareth Watkins, president of the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire, welcomes guest speaker Martin Wright (left)

Back From PERU

Tom Ryan, the assigned speaker at the Penkridge International Evening has spent much of his life in Peru. He spoke passionately on the topic of climate change and its grave effects on the supply of clean water to some of the world's most remote communities.



New Associate Members at Stoke on Trent



Rotarian Roger Whittaker, the 87th President of the Rotary Club of Stoke on Trent (and a second time President) inducted two new Associate Members last night at the Club's Handover Meeting.

Clive Hillier and Peter Marengi received a very warm welcome and a pleasant evening was had by all.

Market Drayton gives Royal Welcome to Baby

Messages of goodwill for the newborn Prince of Cambridge have been flooding in from across the world and Market Drayton is no exception.

Union flags have been flown across the town to celebrate the birth of George Alexander Louis.

50 flags were put up as a joint venture between the Rotary Club and Lions Club of Market Drayton.

John Gunn, from the Lions Club said: "It is a great way to brighten up the town and help attract tourists. We often work

with Rotary to make things happen in Drayton".

Shop owners will take the flags down at the end of the summer season and store them over the winter before putting them up again next summer.

Roy Aldcroft, a Rotarian added: "People have been very receptive to the flags and have shown great enthusiasm for the project".

Both service clubs help each other out when push comes to shove and ventures seem to be the way forward for clubs that are struggling to attract new



Left to right: Roy Aldcroft (Rotarian), Jim Grant (Rotarian), John Gunn (Lions Club)

Bell Boat Race



After much discussion and organisation, the first Bell Boat Race organised by The Rotary Club of Stoke on Trent took place on Sunday 21st July at Trentham Gardens Lake. A total of twelve teams of eight, turned up on a cloudy but very warm day, wearing a variety of 'boating' gear.

Trentham had organised things very well and the Rotary volunteers did a sterling job directing the many spectators into the best positions to view the race.

Each team got at least two races and it was no easy task but enthusiasm made up for lack of skill in some cases. President Roger gave a reasonable impression of Murray Walker on the microphone and gave a running commentary on each race.

After a nail biting close final, the winning team was Wardell Armstrong, a mining engineering firm from Newcastle under Lyme and they received a very nice engraved plate, plus a medal for each team member. Narrowly beaten into second place was a team from the YMCA. The Stoke Rotary Team came a creditable 5th.

All in all a very successful day and another example of the success that can be gained working in the community. Many copies of Roto were distributed and were being read by spectators between races.

Having seen the success of our first venture into this sort of event - it certainly won't be our last.

ROTARY ABOUT TOWN IN AMBOISE



A recent holiday of mine served to underline (if we weren't aware of it) the linked-up nature of Rotary. This holiday included an excellent visit to Giverny & Monet's Garden, then on to several chateaux on the Loire. Emerging from our first hotel in the Normandy town of Vernon, my partner spotted the sign saying that it was the venue for the local Rotary Club; sadly, we had missed their meeting by two days, but I left a note for their secretary.

Next day we moved on to Tour, and again our hotel was the HQ of one of their Clubs. Not only that, we went for a meal in a local restaurant one evening - the home of yet another of Tours' clubs! (Again sadly, we had missed their meeting dates.) But the best was to come ...

In the quaint chateau town of Amboise there is an old tower - not massive, but adequate in size. In 1976 the heritage site was in need of restoration and, as the photograph shows, the local Rotary Club "donated" the work. The amusing footnote here, the sort of thing that helps us to keep our feet on the ground and proves that Rotary focuses on service to the community, is this: when I proudly pointed out the plaque to my partner, she in turn pointed out the basic fact that I (a mere male) had missed - the tower housed the local public loo! But mock not, dear reader - it is a recorded fact that our visionary founder Paul Harris called a meeting in 1907 of civic organizations in Chicago, to establish a committee for installing city "comfort stations". I wonder if the good citizens of

Geoff Goes Greek for Farewell



Geoff Lloyd (front foreground) enjoying the famous Zorba Greek dance.

The outgoing president of a local Rotary club broke with tradition for his farewell from office. Geoff Lloyd, who has occupied the chair at weekly meetings of the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire for the last 12 months, chose a Greek evening to wind up his year at the helm.

Traditional Greek entertainment at Ryton Village Hall was led by Stavros Kokkinos, head of music at Concord College. He played, sang and danced - and even attempted to teach Rotarians Greek dancing.

The evening, attended by 76

members, wives and guests: including Richard Green, assistant district governor of the local Rotary district, started with a welcoming glass of Ouzo and was followed by Greek dishes provided by a local catering company.

The evening came to conclusion with an exuberant attempt at the famous Zorba Greek dance.

Said Geoff: "A great evening was had by all and from my perspective this was a good ending to what has been a very enjoyable and well supported year in office."

Eric Bristow challenges two Members of Telford Centre Rotary Club to a Game of Darts



Eric Bristow MBE ("The Crafty Cockney") is a former professional English darts player whose skill at the game in the 1980s helped turn it into a worldwide spectator sport. The 56 year old is a five times World Champion and was at Farr & Harris in Wellington, on the 17th July. Two members of Telford Centre Rotary Club were lucky enough to be invited to play against him. John Morris-Roberts and Dave Edwards. John is not renowned as a Darts Player, but managed to beat Eric, by ending on a

double 10.

Although prize money was not up for grabs, John was pleased to be presented with a set of Eric Bristow Darts, signed by the great man.

As it happens John and Dave are set to compete in the quarter-finals of the Rotary Darts Competition shortly after, against Wem Club. I wonder whether his exploits with Eric will bring Dave, our Captain, luck; especially as we will be playing with Eric Bristow signed darts?

Working in Partnership

On Friday 5th July and Saturday 6th July, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge and District were working in partnership with the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank and Tesco, Meir Heath.

Rotarian volunteers worked throughout the day accepting food donated by members of the public for the foodbank to support their local community.

The total value of food donated came to £1787.21 and Tesco agreed to increase whatever was collected by 30%.

President Bill and the members



of the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District would like to thank the local community for their support.

Are you ever too young to cook?

Eight budding young chefs took to the kitchen in an attempt to wow the judges in the second annual Wem & District Junior Young Chef competition.

Rory Jones took the 'Best Overall' award for his polenta chicken, Eve Coburn's spaghetti bolognese was judged 'Best Main Course' and the strawberry sponge cake was awarded the 'Best Dessert' for Sammi Marcroft. All three are pupils of St. Peter's School, Wem.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Wem the competition is open to local Year 6 pupils from the Primary Schools located in the town and rural districts of Wem.

Each competitor has to prepare, cook and serve a main course or dessert, with a healthy option theme, for two people. The cost of ingredients must not exceed £5.

The young chefs have the choice of an electric or gas powered cooker, have one and a half hours to prepare, cook and serve their dishes to a panel of judges. No food may be marinated or partly prepared in advance.

The panel of judges, all food professionals, took into account choice of menu, planning, kitchen skills and hygiene, presentation and, above all, taste.

Thanks go to the Food Technology department and staff of Thomas Adams School for providing the competition facilities.



Eve Coburn
(Best Main Course),
Rory Jones
(Best Overall Young Chef) and
Sammi Marcroft (Best Dessert).

Dictionaries for Life

Market Drayton Rotary Club has recently distributed 160 dictionaries to Year 6 leaving students from various Primary Schools in the local area.

The dictionaries comprise of 1,000 illustrations, 10,000 entries and 20,000 definitions printed in full colour. In 2007, 45,000 dictionaries were given to 10 year olds nationwide. In 2011, some 400,000 dictionaries have been distributed. The aim is to promote enthusiastic learning and literacy. Everyone, including parents will learn something new when they pick up a dictionary.



Back row: Sarah Morris (Acting Deputy Head, Longlands School) and Byron McEwan Front row: Charlie Ravlen (taller) and Todd Lloyd (long hair)

D1210 to South of France

Once again this year the Caravan Fellowship (ICFR) travelled down to the South of France spending time in the Ardeche, Cevannes and the Tarn for much of June. The Ardeche and Tarn gorges were splendid and the mountains of the Cevannes were equally impressive. Whilst enjoying beautiful scenery, the thirty members also enjoyed outstanding fellowship with many 'Happy Hours', English and French breakfasts (with bubbly of

course) as well as time out together or individually.

It may still be the best kept secret in Rotary but if you want to know more about the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR) get in touch Rotarian Derrick Sanders or visit www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk

You can be assured of a warm welcome and given the opportunity to visit many places at home and abroad that you may not otherwise go to.



The final happy hour shows four couples from District 1210 getting ready for the final evening meal. They are, left to right, Derrick & Sheila Sanders, Wolverhampton RC; Paul & Christine Quinlan, Market Drayton RC; Jacky & Paul Sharman, Penkridge RC and Mavis & Mike Smith, Wellington RC.

Speaker Meeting with a Difference

Imagine the surprise on the faces of two Wellington Rotarians when the speaker at a recent meeting was recognised by two of the Club members. The Speaker Secretary had arranged for the Club to be addressed by

Commander Geoff Bewley (RN). Commander Bewley, who had grown up in Dawley, was recognised as a former pupil by President Peter Martin and by Arthur Thomas who had given him his first job – as a paper boy.



Left President Peter Martin, Commander Geoff Bewley and Rtn Arthur Thomas.

Added Attraction

Members of the INTERACT Thomas Adams Wem club spent a hectic couple of days assembling, installing and planting five large oak planters at the main road entrances to the town of Wem. Aged between 12 and 16 years every one of the twenty three members of the club was involved.

On each day they were divided into two teams – in the morning one team assembled a planter and took it to its designated site, prepared the ground for it to sit on and then fill it with compost and plants. Whilst this was taking place the second team assembled a second planter and then prepared and cooked a BBQ lunch for both teams. In the afternoon the roles were reversed.

The reaction to the new planters from residents and town businesses has been very positive. When the Souton Road planter was completed local resident Bill Reid said: "That is the best thing that has happened

around here for a long time!" Supervising Rotarian Iain McHardy had just explained to him what the project was about and how it was the work of local young people who were members of Interact - a junior Rotary club based at Thomas Adams School and Sixth Form College.

The Interactors raised the money for this local community project by holding a series of quiz nights, run in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Wem, and sponsorship from local timber suppliers G.S. & P.A.Reeves.

The club's next project is already underway with the members organising a social and entertainment dinner to raise funds for their Kenya project which involves the provision of treadle sewing machines to abandoned mothers and their children; goats for villagers and the establishment of cyber cafes in schools that would provide sustainable living finance for the mothers, villagers and for school education materials.



Mayor of Wem Cllr. Connie Granger, Callum McCarthy (Club Secretary), Elisabeth Goode (Club President) and Kristian Hale (Club Treasurer).

Gifts of Knowledge



Whixall Primary School Year 6 pupils, together with their teachers, having received their end of term awards at the leaving assembly held at St. Mary's Church, Whixall.

Year 6 pupils in nine local north Shropshire primary schools received personalised illustrated dictionaries at their school leaving assemblies.

The Senior Vice President of the Rotary Club of Wem, Clare Harris, together with Rotarian Iain McHardy the club's YOUTH Services Chairman, visited all the schools over a three-day period to make the special presentations to the 184 local pupils who will leave their primary school to go up into secondary education in September.

The illustrated Dictionary4Life publications have hundreds of colour illustrations, many of them as cutaway drawings that help explain the workings of aircraft, machines, ships and many other

objects of interest. They have a proven track record in helping students in their educational studies.

At their new secondary school these pupils will be able to become involved in a number of Rotary projects that are designed to provide opportunities that can help develop their individual skills and talents. These include competitions for Young Musicians and vocalists, Young Chefs, Youth Speaks (public speaking), Young Photographer and Young Designer & Innovator.

For those that wish to help both local and overseas communities there is an INTERACT club for 11 – 18 year olds that meets in school once every two weeks.



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WELCOME TO NEW ROTARIANS

Rotary Club of Brewood

Father Malcolm Lockey - New Parish Priest of Coven

Rotary Club of Dudley

David Wilkes - Engineer

Rotary Club of Ironbridge

Jane Chaplin - Housing management
Jon Bernardes - University Lecturer, Retired
Ruth Evans - Property Management

Rotary Club of Kidsgrove

Mr Malcolm Shepherd - Fire Service (retired)

Rotary Club of Tunstall

Rosemary Jayne Bennett (Retired)

Rotary Club of Wellington

Thomas Lauder Outram Taylor - General Practice

In Remembrance

Earlier this year, Rtn Roger Ratcliffe, Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Darwin passed to higher service.

Our thoughts are with his family

Rotary to the Rescue



Cannock Rotary Club President – David Marklew and Food Bank Manager - Pat Wolfe at the 'Portacabin' with members of the Rotary Club of Cannock, Cannock lions Club and Sainsbury's

A **FOODBANK** that helps hungry families in Cannock has been saved from possible closure thanks to charitable donations.

The Rotary Club of Cannock has spent more than £2,000 to replace the Sandwich Cabin on the Beecroft Road car park with a larger facility which has disabled access.

Cannock Lions Club and Trinity Methodist Church in Hednesford have also made donations and the Cabin now receives food from Sainsbury's. Thankful Pat Wolfe,

who runs the facility commented, 'without the donations I may have been forced to close.'

The Cabin has distributed more than 20,000 packed lunches since it opened more than five years ago. It is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 1.30 pm.

The Rotary Club of Cannock has additionally pledged a further £2,000 to cover the cost of providing a permanent electricity supply to the Cabin.

Young Achiever Awards

Six outstanding primary school pupils received Young Achiever Awards from the Rotary Club of Wem at a presentation ceremony held at St. Peter's CE Primary School in Wem.

Each of the pupils, who all came from local primary schools, were chosen for an award because of their personal achievements. Achievements that were not only academic but include a range of personal success in overcoming physical or educational problems.

Young Achiever Awards went to Grace Ward of Clive CE Primary School, Morgan Yates of Myddle CE Primary School, Sam Berquez of Newtown CE Primary School, Daisy Peile of Whixall CE Primary

School, and Eve Coburn and Aiden Creagh of St. Peter's CE Primary School, Wem.

Eve Coburn was judged to be Wem & District Young Achiever 2013.

In presenting these awards the Rotary Clubs President Elect, Roger Ashton said: "Every one of these pupils are prime examples of what every young pupil can achieve. There are no class or financial barriers to intelligence or ability, it just needs the desire and encouragement to succeed."

The Rotary Club of Wem & District's Young Achiever Awards are presented annually to pupils from the eight local primary schools.



Left to Right: Daisy Peile (Whixall), Grace Ward (Clive), Eve Coburn (St. Peter's), Sam Berquez (Newtown), Morgan Yates (Myddle) and Aiden Creagh (St. Peter's).

Ellesmere Ten Pin Bowling Winners

On Monday 29th April at Shrewsbury. Ellesmere played Walsall Saddlers in the final of the 2012 Winter Sports Ten Pin Bowling final. Ellesmere beat

Walsall Saddlers by 20 points. Bob McBride was on fire with 7 strikes and scored a mammoth 196. Well done to Ellesmere.



Back row: Dennis Howell, Phil Williams, Ian Wooley and Roger Roberts Front row: John MacDonald, Bob McBride, Peter Broadbent and Geoff Corfield, Fore front: Bill Hitchen

Ironbridge Club Hosts Australian Rotary Members

In 1989 Rex Bolton, a member of the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, founded an organisation within Rotary called the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship.

Members offer to host fellow Rotarians who may come from any part of the world.

This week Peter and Barbara Swain from Brisbane, Australia are being hosted by a member of Ironbridge Club and they attended a club meeting. Peter talked about his life in Rotary and described the area of Australia where they live.

President David is pictured exchanging Banners with Peter.



Wombourne Carnival £500 Cheque Presentation to First Responders

Each year the Rotary Club of Sedgley and Wombourne have a display stand at the Wombourne Village Carnival. The main object being to promote what Rotary is and what Rotary does. In addition the club operates a golf putting competition on the rough sloping carnival site. The club never raises much money at this event but it does bring the club to the attention of the community and particularly the young people of the village. The

event also offers a good opportunity to distribute copies of the Roto magazine as almost all of the volunteer organisations in the village have display stands at the carnival.

This year the club used the carnivals crowded event to present a cheque for £500. to the South Staffordshire branch of the 'First Responders' a volunteer group that operates an emergency medical service in the Sedgley and Wombourne area.



Left to right: First Responders Jon Izzard, Di Turner, Deb Whitehouse, Nigel Cadman and Past President Tony Brown

Wolverhampton Best Foot Forward Hits The Target

Best Foot Forward is a fund-raising concept totally new to the UK, and was premiered by the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton, District 1210, on Saturday, 13th July 2013 at Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton.

The unique aspect of the project is that donations of £250 each from 40 Founder patrons had been secured prior to the event, £10,000 in all.

The participants therefore did not have to raise sponsorship themselves - for every lap completed, £1 was released from

the pot. Several charities benefitted from this. 9637 laps were completed by 463 people.

The many groups that supported the event included a strong representation of teams from RAF Cosford, led by the Station Commander, Group Captain Adam Sansom. There was also a visit from the Rotary club of Birmingham, in District 1060, expressing great enthusiasm and a keen interest in arranging their own event next year.



BFF Red Team, RAF Cosford

Rotarians Being Honoured

Former Newcastle under Lyme Club Treasurer to become President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

At a ceremony held at the

Rotary Club of Newcastle under Lyme's. Mr Arthur Bailey was inducted as an Honorary Rotarian by Club President Brian Lewis to mark his appointment.



50 Years of Service



President David Marklew of the Rotary of Cannock presenting Past President Maurice Partington with his certificate for 50 years of service in Rotary.



President David Marklew of the Rotary of Cannock presenting Rotarian David Linford with his certificate for 50 years of service in Rotary.

Montgomery Canal Trip

On 30 July 2013 the Rotary Club of Wellington took a group of 17 visually impaired listeners of the East Shropshire Talking Newspaper (ESTN), with their guide dogs, on a canal trip along the Montgomery canal.

The group arrived by Coach at the Welshpool wharf of the Heulwen Trust where at 10.30am on a sunny morning the two specially built 70 ft boats got under way. The helping Rotarians were accompanied by Robert Green, Chairman of ESTN.

The weather was warm and sunny and everyone was enjoying the social chitchat and the countryside sounds as the boats cruised along. Before long it was time for teas and coffees and

these were followed by a leisurely lunch.

The Heulwen Trust skipper on each boat handled the lock in the centre of Welshpool with consummate ease and the skipper of the second boat had the extra job of mooring the boat in the lock to allow four dogs off for 'calls of nature' but the sounds of the water coming into the lock and the movement of the boats did lend a bit of extra excitement to the day.

In the afternoon fresh cream apple turnovers were served which added the finishing touches to a perfect day which ended with the boats arriving back at the wharf side and waiting coach at 3.00pm.

Paul Harris Fellowships

Local Ellesmere couple Bill and Lynn Morris were recognised for their contribution to the educational goals of Rotary at a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Ellesmere and the Rotary Club of Oswestry and Borderland at the Sweeney Hall Hotel, Oswestry on Wednesday 19th June. After a Croquet Challenge and dinner on the grass terraces,

each Club conferred a Paul Harris Fellowship, with Ellesmere President Geoff Corfield presenting one to Bill and Oswestry President Michael Tomley presenting one to Lynn. Rotarians who wish to find out more about the work of Bill and Lynn should visit the website of the charity: www.kenyanschoolsproject.co.uk



The presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships, with Geoff Corfield on the extreme left and Michael Tomley on the extreme right.

What a Marvellous...

WHAT A MARVELLOUS end to the Rotary year for Tunstall Rotary Club, starting with a £400 donation to the Breast Care Trust. The Evening of Song although re-scheduled due to the snow raised £1300 for Glyn Holland and his family (Glyn was paralysed in a fall). This was given to his partner Jenna at a very emotional social evening. Jenna had organised a phone for Glyn at his hospital bed in Sheffield and we were able to hear from him how he was recovering and what his hopes were. Earlier in the year we had been asked by a young student Navnic Val if we would sponsor her on an educational

and humanitarian trip to Sierra Leone. Navnic also came to the social evening to tell us of her experience, a life changing experience was how it was described, with Navnic now considering a career in Aide work. And finally, the first in the history of the Rotary Club of Tunstall. At the President's Evening President Elect Peter Rhodes was made speechless. How do you ask? For his services to Rotary and his generous donations to local charities Peter was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship, congratulations to Peter from the members of Tunstall Rotary.

Ludlow Rotary Round Up

Outgoing President of Ludlow Rotary Club Stewart Officer hands over the reins of office to incoming president Michael Symonds at a Rotary Club meeting on 2nd July 2013.

In his handover speech Stewart Officer reviewed the club's achievements over the last twelve months which included substantial donations to the chosen charities for his presidency year; Myeloma and Ludlow Forum.

Other significant events he helped promote and organise throughout his year included the very successful "Young Ludlow's Got Talent"; The Tree of Light; an assisted reading programme to help local school children improve their reading skills; an interview technique programme to prepare young candidates for job interviews, Stroke Awareness Day, and support for for the Help the Aged minibus (with Stewart as one of the drivers).

Incoming President Michael Symonds (former headmaster of Bedstone College) outlined an exciting programme for the

coming year in which Ludlow Rotary Club will celebrate it's 75th Birthday.

Amongst it's major projects the Rotary Club has its "Ludlow Cares" initiative with the aid of Ludlow College. Sponsored to sleep rough (albeit in a secure environment) the sleepers will have the opportunity to experience what it is like to be homeless for just one night and in doing so will raise the plight of homeless people, not just within Ludlow but across the West Midlands. Funds raised will be shared by St Basil's (A homeless charity supporting the West Midlands, Barnardo's and Ludlow Rotary Club's chosen charities, the primary one of which this year will be to support Ludlow Food Bank.

Incoming President Michael Symonds said "We live in the midst of an agricultural paradise and arguably the "foody" capital of England so it cannot be right that local people should be short of food. We aim to ensure that working together with other agencies, people in Ludlow are not in that position.



Outgoing President hands over the reins to incoming President Michael Symonds

Ellesmere Rotary Regatta

Ellesmere Rotary Regatta was held on Sunday 7th July. In addition to the 'Bell-Boat' races, attractions included games and races for children, steam train rides, mediaeval re-enactments, a chance to paddle an open Canadian canoe, paintball target shooting and a climbing tower. Ellesmere Rotary is grateful to all of the very many local helpers who contributed to making the

day so successful, as well as to specialist groups that included Historia Normannis, Shropshire ACF and the Inner space Diving Club. A record sum of money was collected which the Rotary Club of Ellesmere will donate to The Stroke Association. The winning senior boat was Shaun's Speedos, whilst The Hard Crew took the honours amongst the juniors.



Rotary and the Armed forces Day

City of Stoke-on-Trent - Parade in the Park - Fun Day

The annual "Parade in the Park" Armed Forces Day celebration was held in Queen's Park, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, on the 29th June 2013.

Organised by the North Staffordshire Armed Forces Celebration Committee, the event featured a parade by all of the armed forces community - from current serving troops to service families, and from veterans to new recruits, along with cadets from all three services. The parade started at 1.45pm with a Drumhead Service at the bandstand and continued with an afternoon of musical entertainment and fun activities for all the family.

Local Rotary Clubs, under the chairmanship of Martin Kettrick, staged a "Sea of Union Jack flags" area, which had all been sponsored by local companies

and individuals" together with a very popular Tombola stall.

On each of the main gate entrances, two Rotarians, in full Rotary tabards, together with members of the local cadet forces arranged the sale of small flags for a donation to the local armed forces committee.

The membership bonus was not forgotten with most of the available advertising materials displayed and many copies of our own "Roto" given out to members of the public. A great day, where the Rotary name was not only on display for all to see but where the money raised will benefit many local charities, as well as the armed forces charities.

Special thanks must go to all the Rotarians from the Blythe Bridge Club who worked through the day, President Peter Rhodes of Tunstall Club and District 1210 Membership Chairman David Woolrich of Stoke Club who put so much effort in making it such a huge success.



Rotary Looking at Helping Third World Businesses

A Shropshire Rotary club is looking into a scheme which could help people in the third world, from small farmers to taxi drivers, with a loan.

Microfinance, a method of helping some of the poorest people in third world countries, is under active consideration by the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire.

A loan under the scheme can be as small as £50, but the club has been told it will give precipitants including builders, carpenters and mechanics, the ability to start and run their own business.

The club has heard that £100 or less would allow a farmer to purchase a new type of crop to sow. Alternatively, a loan for purchasing a sewing machine for a start-up manufacturing of clothes or other goods.

Rotarian Mike Evans, a Rotary assistant governor in Shawbury and Mid Shropshire's district, told the club that microfinance was for

low income people.

He said a loan could change a life, empowering women in communities to utilise profits in support of their family.

Rotarian Mike Mortimer, chair of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary Club's international committee, said the repayment failure rate was 'very low' and most of the money was returned or re-invested by the donors.


He told the club: "From a Rotary point of view this scheme has great benefits. Firstly, a relatively small amount of money can help someone become self-sufficient."

"Secondly, it teaches people responsibility to look after the money and thirdly the money is repaid after 12 months allowing us to use the same money to help other people."

The programme is currently being run through www.lendwithcare.org - a scheme which is supported by the Co-Operative Society.



Left to right Steve Evans, district international chair, Gareth Watkins, president of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary club and Mike Evans, an assistant district governor.



Rotary Club of Dudley
Presents

SPORTS EVENING

at the **MOLINEUX STADIUM**

Thursday 7th November
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Featuring

Derby & England Spin Bowler


GEOFF MILLER

National ECB Cricket Selector

Plus

Compere

JOHN COLLIER





Dementia Friends was established to provide people with a better understanding of dementia and information on small things that could make a big difference to people living in the community.

Are you and the members of your Rotary Club interested in participating in an informal information session and becoming a Dementia Friend to help make your community Dementia Friendly?

If so please contact:-
Rotarian Sonia Roberts,
Rotarian Lynne Deavin or go to
www.dementiafriends.org.uk
and leave a message.

Walsall's Last Night of the Proms

- International Opera Star
Lisa Byrnes
- Pianist Christopher Taylor
- Sheffield Male Voice Choir
- Walsall Symphony Orchestra



Organised by the Rotary Club of Walsall
in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER CARE
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Walsall Town Hall
Saturday 14th September 2013
7.00 pm (doors open 6.15pm)
Tickets: £10.00

Tickets can be purchased by:
Calling the Box Office on 0845 111 2900
(Mon - Fri 10.00 am - 4.00 pm)
or in person from the Central Library
(Tues - Sat 10.00 am - 4.00 pm)
www.walsallrotary.org



MALAWI 2013

In July, Jim and Anne Tranter visited Mtnthama, Malawi on behalf of the Rotary Club of Wellington. Jim writes:

Mtnthama, where we had our first tour of the hospital, orphanage, church and two schools which were the main purpose of the visit.

The new orphanage needed painting - no problem, lots of volunteers. The ladies running the orphanage had no spare time at all - washing (clothing and children), feeding, cleaning and looking after the young ones were never-ending tasks. Playing with children was popular, but helping with the washing was the most appreciated of all.

We stayed at the nearby Kamuzu Academy, in comparative luxury, but with erratic supplies of both water and electricity. Our

daily forty minute walk to the site through the village attracted lots of interest from the local children. Sweets were appreciated but pencils and notebooks were received with shouts of joy.

I spent time meeting with the people who will install and maintain 'our' water pump and visited two Rotary Clubs in Lilongwe to canvas support for any future project we may undertake. It has been confirmed since our return that the borehole is up and running.

Our club has helped to provide, through Medic Malawi [<http://www.medicmalawi.org/>], what should prove to be a permanent source of water for the site. Most of all, the joy on the faces of the orphans is something which none of us will ever forget.



Tranter with Clement & Benson who attend the secondary school at Mtnthama. They are now the proud owners of Jim's Gamesmaker shirts that he used at the London Olympics.



WALSALL RUN 2013

COME FOR THE RUN! STAY FOR THE FUN!
Sunday 22nd September 2013

Walsall Arboretum Extension, WS1 2QD.

10k Run - 5k Run - 3k Sam Ramaiah Walk
Team Trophy - Pat Lowe Memorial Trophy

Register at 9.00am and Run with us at 11.00am

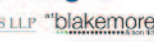


Mixed terrain including parkland, rural and urban stretches
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MEDIC MALAWI



'Pick & Mix'
2013 Event
Sept 28th and 29th

The Medic Malawi Challenge this year is the **Welsh 3 Peaks**

Pen y Fan : Cadair Idris : Snowdon

But this is a Pick & Mix event

If all three is just too much, please join us for any
One, Two or Three of the climbs.

Medic Malawi is a young and dynamic charity, funding a hospital in Mtnthama, rural Malawi, which opened in 2001, together with a clinic for feeding the malnourished and an orphanage for 70 children. This charity is special because:

Every penny raised goes to Malawi - there are no UK administration costs or salaries.
We seek to involve supporters and volunteers - and especially teenagers - in the actions of the charity, experiencing Africa for themselves and sharing time with the people in Mtnthama.
It is focused on one district, which offers continuity, regular contact and transparency.

It is so to see again by the popular **Hamish Armytage** of Mountain Philosophy - a highly experienced Mountain group leader. There is a small administration charge of £10 per head to cover this.

For snowcatching all three peaks we can arrange basic accommodation with food and transport to be charged extra.

For more details and to register, please contact
Sarah Osbourne
sarah@medicmalawi.org
who is very kindly coordinating this remarkable event.

PLEASE JOIN US - We hope to see you there!
www.medicmalawi.org

Stephen Drew
stephen@medicmalawi.org

Dudley Golf Day

Charity Golf Day, Thursday 11th July. It was a gloriously sunny day but with a gentle breeze so the golfers enjoyed the conditions. A pair sponsored by Amos Metals took first prize and from Wall James Chappell the second prize, but our own Roger Emery and his

partner Peter Cashmore repeated their feat of last year by taking third prize. People were especially generous this time (due in no small measure to the ticket-selling skills of Carole Scott-Dow and Trish Glazzard). In consequence the event raised close to £1800.

Rotary Club of Bridgnorth 16th Annual Charity Golf Day

In glorious sunshine The Rotary Club of Bridgnorth held its 16th Annual Charity Golf Day at Bridgnorth Golf Club on Friday 19th July. The holes around the course were sponsored by local businesses; these were displayed around the course and on large boards in the club house.

A total of 64 golfers took part playing teams of four. The winners were the Nock Deighton team consisting of Dave Heath, Glyn McKenna, Michael Nettleton and Leon Blair with 83 points. Second place went to The

Bridgnorth Golf Club team consisting of Glyn Jackson, Jack Jackson, P Taylor and S. Butler with 82 points. Third place went to The Star aluminium team of Leon Bodnieks, Dennis Ashley, John Edwards and Phil Ward with 81 points.

A total of £1910 was raised by the event and the intention is to make Headcase Cancer Trust (No 1140061) the main charity benefiting from the day. This Trust is the only UK charity researching brain tumours. Other local Rotary charities will also benefit.



Rotary Charity Golf Day



Winning team Kier Partnership Homes

On the 5th June 2013 at the Chase Golf Club, Penkridge, 22 teams battled it out for the coveted first place trophy in the Rotary Club of Cannock Charity Golf tournament and raised £5750 in the process.

It is FANTASTIC that whilst we were enjoying ourselves at an event we were raising such vital funds that will go a long way to helping those in need.

Winners on the day were the team from Kier Partnership

Homes with a score of 95 points.

On behalf of the members of the Rotary club of Cannock we would like to offer a very big thank you to all 28 companies who sponsored this event and also to the players from the 22 teams who graced the fairways of the superb Chase Golf Club - without whose excellent assistance, both during the day and the evening, this event would not have happened.

ROTARY FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL



The Rotary Club of Uttoxeter recently held its Annual Charity Five-A-Side Football competition at JCB Lakeside.

Almost 80 entries, this proved to be the most successful event ever. The logistics of arranging over 200 games, each of ten minutes, required a huge amount of planning but all went incredibly smoothly.

The Club will have raised almost £4000 to donate to local

Charities.

President Cliff Cotterill commented, "Rotary has an extensive Youth programme and this is just one of our events."

The winners were

Under 9's	Uttoxeter Juniors
Under 10's	Longton Hall
Under 11's	Mayfield Panthers
Under 12's	Lichfield RT
Under 13's	Rocester Juniors
Under 14's	Brewood Juniors

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