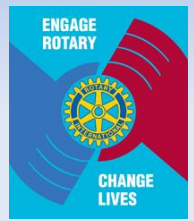


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Dear Rotarians

I spent some time recently discussing with a group of young people the concept of Peace and how an organisation like Rotary could contribute to ensuring that the world became a better and a safer place.

It was an interesting debate for it gave an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace and to share their ideas on building peace together.

We hear the word peace every day. Most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define it by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

One speaker sought to define it by what she thought it is and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. She argued that it meant security, confidence in the future - a life and home in a stable society.

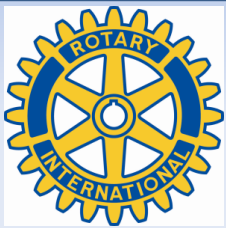
Reflecting on this I determined that however we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us meet the basic needs of others - to provide health care, sanitation, food and education when and where they are most needed. Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. Rotary helps us to understand one another.

However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary.

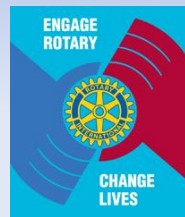
Yours in Rotary

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## Club and District News

### **23/24 June - Visit by Nan McCreadie, RIBI President**

I have commented before on the visit by the RIBI President to the District. She will spend the afternoon of the 23rd in the Black Country looking at and discussing projects with clubs in the area. The Bilston Club are hosting a meal on the evening for Rotarians and their partners.

On the 24th Nan will be in North Staffs again meeting and discussing activity with local Rotarians before having lunch at the Newcastle Club. Again Rotarians are invited to join the meeting.

### **20 July - Ludlow Fun Dog Day, Stokesay Court**

The event is for the whole family to come and enjoy, with or without a dog. There are all sorts of classes and competitions:

Best rescue dog

Best vintage dog (7 years +)

Scruffiest mutt

Fastest sausage eater

Best condition dog

The most mismatched pair

Best junior handler under 16

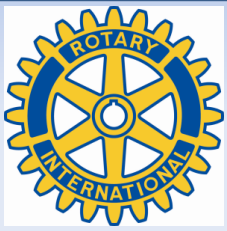
Prettiest bitch

Waggiest tail and many more

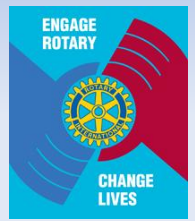
Highlights include:

'Paws for Thought' Dog Display Team, 'Koomeska' Siberian Huskies in harness, Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Display team, and meet Ludlow Hunt hounds. More information at: [www.ludlowdogday.co.uk](http://www.ludlowdogday.co.uk)

Please send any information you would like published to me at [bpickenrotary@aol.com](mailto:bpickenrotary@aol.com) before 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in next month's newsletter.



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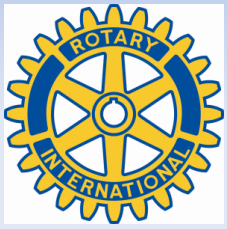


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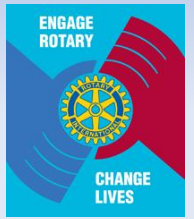
## District Meetings and Events

5 June	President's Night, RC Ironbridge
6 June	Concert, RC Newport
7 June	Choir Concert, RC The Wrekin
8 June	Golf Day, RC Wolverhampton St George's
11 June	KidsDayOut, Drayton Manor/Westport Lake
14 June	Medieval Evening, RC Stafford Knot
16 June	Golf Day, RC Wellington
18 June	50 <sup>th</sup> Charter Night, RC Wednesfield
18 June	60 <sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner, RC Church Stretton
20 June	Charity Ball, RC Walsall
21 June	Circle Walk, RC Stone
23/24 June	Visit of RIBI President to the District
27 June	District Handover Dinner, Port Vale Football Club
28 June	Workshop and Concert, RC Ironbridge
6 July	Young Inventor Competition, Bromsgrove
6 July	Carnival, RC Sedgley and Wombourne
6 July	Fun Regatta, RC Ellesmere
11 July	Golf Day, RC Bridgnorth
12 July	Wednesbury Carnival, RC Wednesbury
12 July	Best Foot Forward, RC Wolverhampton
19-20 July	Burntwood Wakes, RC Burntwood
20 July	Fun Dog Day, RC Ludlow
30 July	Classic Car Run, RC Bridgnorth
7 August	Gardeners' Question Time, RC Aldridge





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## Rotary Conferences

**District Conference, Conference Centre – Llandudno, 26 – 28 Sept 2014**

[www.rotary1210.org](http://www.rotary1210.org)

**RIBI Conference, Belfast Waterfront Conference Centre, 10 - 12 April 2015**

<http://www.ribi.org/2015conference>

