September 2014







It's the Spanish Inquisition! No, it's the 1210 District Conference!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

While continuing to greatly enjoy my club visits, 43 at the end of September, I never cease to be amazed at how active clubs are with so many wonderful projects, not only in the local community but nationally and internationally.





My last newsletter featured a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Dudley, who was about to embark on a cycle ride from Lands End to John O' Groats for the End Polio Now Campaign. I am pleased to report he did it! Congratulations David! A big well done from us all!

September is always a special month in our district calendar as its the time that we hold our Disability Sports Fun Day. This year we were honoured to have a very special guest for the day, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, who was inundated with competitors wanting photographs with her and signing autographs. She took part in some of the games and was a real sport. It was a super day and it was wonderful to see all the happy, laughing faces.





On behalf of the District I would like to thank everyone that took part in making this event such a success and a special thank you to Beverley Ricketts and District Community Service Chairman, Lorraine Boothman.

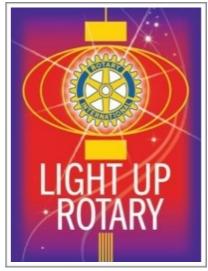
On Saturday the 20th I attended a rather unique event being held by the Rotary Club of Darlaston. They host about 30 people from Mencap taking them on sailing boats or power boats at Aldridge Sailing Club and provide them with a BBQ. What great community spirit and such good fun too!

The last weekend of September saw many of us heading to Llandudno for a weekend of fun and fellowship at our District Conference. We also heard from inspirational speakers, one of which you gave a standing ovation to, Dr. Norman Croucher OBE. From the kind comments and cards received I'm delighted to say - and thanks in no small part to my support team - mission successful! It really couldn't of happened without you all! Clearly there is plenty of LIFE in District 1210 - what a way to LIGHT UP ROTARY!









Yours in Rotary, Lynne

Dates for your Diary

Rotary Conferences 2014/15

- RIBI Conference, <u>Waterfront Conference Centre Belfast</u>, 10th 12th April 2015 ribi.org/2015conference
- Rotary International Convention Sao Paulo, 6th 9th June 2015 rotary.org

District Meetings & Events

October

- Vocational Service Rally 8th
- Rotary Club of Walsall Last Night at the Proms 11th
- Rotary Club of Stafford Castle Charter Night 18th
- Rotary Club of the Wrekin Charter Night 25th
- Rotary Club of Uttoxeter Charter Night 25th

November

- RIBI President Peter King visits District 3rd to 4th
- Trentham Fireworks 7th
- District Foundation Seminar 10th
- Rotary Club of the Wrekin Fashion Show & Clothes Sale @ The Belmont Hall, Wellington - 15th
- District Officers Team Meeting 17th
- District Council 18th
- Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St. Georges Charity Film Night Jersey Boys 20th

December

Rotary Club of Etruria - Big Breakfast - 2nd

NB: If clubs would like to advertise forthcoming functions as part of my newsletter, please contact me at <u>marshall.lynne@gmail.com</u> before the 25th of the month.

"Life is simple, but we insist on making it complicated"

-CONFUCIUS