



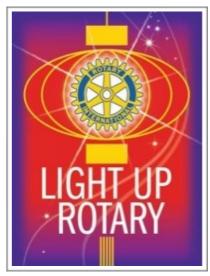


Are we there yet!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have now completed all my club visits and would like to thank each and every club for the warm welcome and kind hospitality. I have enjoyed every single visit enormously.

The first weekend of October saw Ron and I going back to Llandudno to attend the D1220 Conference and what a good conference it was. It was strange attending another conference as a guest so soon after our own, especially at the same venue. There was however a very familiar face on the Sunday.



Our very own Geoff Mackey was a speaker and as you can imagine he gave two inspirational speeches that had us crying with laughter throughout.

The inaugural Vocational Rally was held on the 8th October and while regrettably I was unable to attend, I have received plenty of extremely positive feedback. Well done Carol.

On Saturday the 11th October we attended the RC of Walsall's 'Last night of the Proms'. An excellent night raising money to support their chosen charities and they filled the Town Hall with smiling faces as we all sang along to Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia and Jerusalem, accompanied by the appropriate rhythmic waving of our Union Jack flags. Who needs to go to the Royal Albert Hall when you can enjoy yourself just as much at Walsall Town Hall! I would really encourage you all to go along next year.



Delighted to report the presentation of two more Rotary Day Awards in October. The first on the 13th to the RC of Stoke-on-Trent for their Bell Boat Race and the second on the 24th to the RC of Walsall for their Fun Run.





I also had the opportunity to attend two Charter nights this month, the first being the RC of Stafford Castle and the second being the RC of The Wrekin, both of which were very enjoyable with good speakers and I was honoured to give the toast to the Rotary Club on both occasions. I was also invited to the Charter night of the RC of Uttoxeter, but unfortunately was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. I would, however, like to extend my thanks for the invitation and reports point to a great night being had by all!



Fantastic to have been asked to bring the greetings of Rotary District 1210 to the Inner Wheel District 21 International Service Rally on the 16th October. Extremely well attended and congratulations to District Chairman Margaret and her team for a very successful event.

After leaving the Inner Wheel Rally at lunchtime, it was a quick dash over to the Mayor's Parlour in Wolverhampton where the RC of Wolverhampton presented cheques from the funds raised via their Best Foot Forward fundraiser. Well done to one and all!

To conclude, another very busy month, but as usual it has been a month full of joy, laughter and fun - underpinned by the spirit and drive of Rotarians from across our district.



Yours in Rotary, Lynne

Dates for your Diary

Rotary Conferences 2014/15

▶ RIBI Conference, Waterfront Conference Centre – Belfast, 10th - 12th April 2015 ribi.org/2015conference

Rotary International Convention – Sao Paulo, 6th - 9th June 2015 rotary.org

District Meetings & Events

November

- RIBI President Peter King visits District 3rd to 5th
- Trentham Fireworks 7th
- Rotary Club of Telford Centre Charter Night 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
- Rotary Club of Stone International Evening 28th

December

Rotary Club of Etruria - Big Breakfast - 2nd

January

- International Committee Meeting 12th
- Foundation Committee Meeting 13th
- ▶ Youth Service Committee Meeting 13th
- **▶ Vocational Service Committee Meeting 14th**
- MDR Forum 20th
- District Executive Meeting 29th
- Shrewsbury Darwin Charter Night 30th

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing"

-GEORGE BERNARD SHAW