



DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



Celebrating Burns Night

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our New Year celebrations were very different this year as we joined PDG Glyn Johnson and Barbara to celebrate their wedding day along with other Rotarians from around the District and members of the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge. What a wonderful way to start the New Year and I am sure you all will join with me in congratulating them both and wishing them every happiness for the future. One thing for sure, they shouldn't forget the date of their wedding anniversary.





The first event of the year for Ron and I was a fundraiser with the Rotary Club of Wellington where we had the pleasure of hearing Gordon Banks speak to the club. This was a superb meeting, with other clubs in attendance and I thank President Venn and club members for their warm hospitality.

The 3rd of January we jetted off for a quick break in Tenerife to recharge the batteries, but even then we met up with the District Governor from 1180 and his wife for drinks. It seems I just can't stay away from Rotary.

Throughout January I attended four district service meetings: Community, Foundation, Youth and Vocational. It was great being able to catch up with these committees.

In December, I detailed the amount raised at Conference via the Gift Aid Envelopes and I am pleased to say that on the 14th January I went along to the Head Office of the



Railway Children and presented a cheque for £606, David Maidment was delighted.



On the 23rd January we attended a Burns Night with the Rotary Club of Telford Centre. A fantastic night, great food, good speakers, dancing, and plenty of Scotch! May I take this opportunity to thank President John and the members of Telford Centre for an exceptional evening.

The next event we attended was the District International Rally held at the Park House Hotel in Shifnall. We had an excellent meal before the Rally commenced which allowed time for some fellowship. Rtn Mike Evans then gave a quick overview of 'Lend with Care.' This was followed by a presentation from a small charity that works in Gambia called 'Wonder Years Centre of Excellence' (WYCE) enabling children to prosper through education. The final speaker was Rtn Helen Perkins who gave examples of projects seen on her travels around the world, especially Moldova.

The only part of being a DG that makes me sad is when I attend funerals of Rotarians or their partners. On the 28th January we attended the funeral of Rtn Alan Gough after a tragic accident. Alan was the secretary of RC of Walsall and I am sure you will all join me in sending our condolences to his family, friends, and fellow Rotarians.

On the last Friday of the month it was off to Shrewsbury to celebrate with the RC of Shrewsbury Darwin on the occasion of their 20th Charter. The setting was lovely, food excellent, and a really good speaker - Martin Wood the Town Crier of Shrewsbury. Martin stands 7'4" tall and is the tallest Town Crier in the world and has had film parts in the Harry Potter movies as the body double of Hagrid no less! Thank you to President Kevin and all the members of the club for making us feel so welcome and letting us share this very special time in the club's history with you.

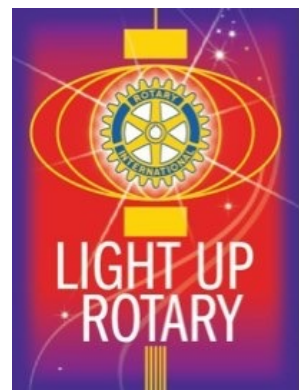
On the 31st January we went along to the Stafford Show Ground, where the RC of Stafford Knot were holding their inaugural 'Young Artist Competition' for 13 to 16 year olds. The artistic talent on display was truly amazing. I really believe that this competition is something that other clubs should think about taking on board and perhaps



something new for district to consider. The winner, Megan, spent over 60 hours to produce a truly exceptional work of art. Congratulations Megan and thanks to you and your father for giving me permission to show the photograph of your winning entry.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year as we continue to light up Rotary.

*Yours in Rotary,
Lynne*



**This year's challenge
is to Light Up Rotary**

Dates for your Diary

Rotary Conferences 2014/15

- ▶ RIBI Conference, Waterfront Conference Centre – Belfast, 10th - 12th April 2015
- ▶ Rotary International Convention – Sao Paulo, 6th - 9th June 2015
- ▶ District Conference - Venue Cymru, Llandudno, 25th - 27th September 2015

District Meetings & Events 2015

February

- ▶ Young Musician - Telford - 4th
- ▶ Young Chef - Wolstanton High School - 5th
- ▶ Ellesmere 29th Charter Night - 7th
- ▶ Young Musician - Wolverhampton - 8th
- ▶ Young Chef - Telford - 9th
- ▶ Blythe Bridge President Night - 20th
- ▶ Young Chef District Final - Wolstanton High School - 25th
- ▶ District Council - 26th

**“You have to accept
the fact that
sometimes you are
the pigeon, and
sometimes you are
the statue”**

–CLAUDE CHABROL

March

- ▶ Stoke On Trent South Jazz Brunch - Keele Hall 12 noon to 4 pm - 1st
 - Tickets £21 Brunch & 2 Jazz Bands
 - Contact Harry Mouat 01782 313874/321010 or winston.hathaway@sky.com
- ▶ Rotary Club of Ironbridge - Annual Rex Bolton Lecture - 5th
 - Speaker Stephen Drew of Medic Malawi
 - Contact Peter Nixon for info petergnixon45@gmail.com
- ▶ Youth Speaks Junior - 9th
- ▶ Youth Speaks Senior - 10th
- ▶ Young Chef Regional Final - 14th

▶ Young Musicians District Final - Ercall Wood Tech. College Telford - 15th

▶ Rotary Club of Telford Centre - Barn Dance - Hadley Learning Community 7 pm for 7:30 pm - 20th

■ Dancing to Cat's Whiskers

■ Tickets £15 inc. finger buffet - bring your own beer & wine

April

▶ Rotary Club of Tunstall Evening of Song - 17th

■ The Daleian Singers - guest soloist Denise Leigh

■ Contact for info - 07815 176219 / 07889 026616

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