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Thoughts from The District Governor

Hello Everyone,



After two and a half years of training and preparation that grew in intensity, the current District Governor's year has finally got under way. It's proving to be very demanding and busy but I have to say I'm enjoying every minute of it. That enjoyment comes from the unfailing goodwill, fellowship, hospitality and wonderful welcome I'm experiencing wherever I go to clubs and events throughout our District. A big thank you to all of you for making my job so easy and rewarding!

With the wonderful projects I'm hearing about and visiting, truly, the clubs in District 1210 are being a Gift To The World.

The year has started with the great news that Nigeria, a previous hotbed of polio, has gone a whole year without a single new case. We are very close to getting the job done, with just a few new cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan only, and at the International Convention we heard Doctor Hamid Jafari, the World Health Organisation's Director of the Elimination Campaign say 'we could now be talking about months, rather than years.'

It's pleasing to be able to report that just in the 4 weeks that have started the new Rotary year, I've been able to write 13 letters of welcome to new Rotarians at Etruria, Church Stretton, Ludlow, Newport, Wednesbury and Shrewsbury. Additionally, there are some very positive initiatives in progress at several clubs in recruiting Corporate Members.

Membership Development and Retention Chair PDG Trevor Davies has formed a 'think tank'

within the Membership Services Committee chaired by Howard Leese, to share best practice and ideas about recruitment. They welcome new members to that group and would like to hear any ideas and thoughts on this vital topic, which is the responsibility of all of us.

It is a great pleasure to welcome RIBI President Peter Davey and Sandra to our District. Peter is proving to be an extremely capable and likeable leader of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, and I know you will enjoy meeting and chatting with him. We are showing him a number of the wonderful projects and Fellowship that our clubs provide. He will be meeting the members of our pioneering and unique Vocational Study Exchange project at the District Council Meeting on September 7th.

The re-organised District Sports seem to have got off to a good start. The feedback I'm getting is that you are all enjoying the friendly rivalry and fellowship that these provide.

The year has got off to a great start in Service and Fellowship, and now we're looking forward to the District Conference over the weekend of September 25th / 27th., when we have a stunning line up of inspirational and famous speakers together with superb entertainment, including performances and presentations from some of our talented youngsters, in keeping with the theme 'Young At Heart.'

I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy your Rotary!

DG Richard
District Governor

Making a Difference in the Community, whilst having Fun and Fellowship

District Governor Nominee Carol Reilly would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the Clubs who took part in the Health Awareness Day Programme for the Rotary Year 2014/2015.

Twenty eight events took place, with thirty seven Clubs taking part. 2893 people were seen. The health checks on offer included blood pressure and blood glucose testing; pulse checks; height and

weight with Body Mass Index (BMI) calculations and life style advice. The anonymised data has now been presented to The Stroke Association for analysis, once complete a report will be written for District 1210.

Thank you also to all the organisations and health professionals who join us in this programme, we could not do it without you all.



Rotary



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FRONT COVER

DG Richard Green enjoys the company of BBC TV Presenter Jules Hudson ('CountryFile' and 'Escape To The Country') at the Rotary Club of Ludlow's Dog Day.

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ROTARY ORGANISE MILITARY CHARITY DINNER

The three Rotary clubs which meet in Shrewsbury are organising a Military Charity Dinner. The event, on September 18, will be at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. Speaker is Lt Col Mark Foster, a consultant hand and plastic surgeon from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. There will also be entertainment by the Military Wives Choir. The dinner will be hosted by the three Rotary clubs which meet in Shrewsbury and tickets at £35 each are available from Rotarian Colin Sharp 07817 270694 or email colingsharp@gmail.com

RC of Stoke-on-Trent South Visit to Midlands Air Ambulance

Members and Partners of the Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent South visited Midlands Air Ambulance at RAF Air Base on 1st June 2015 to present a cheque for £500 to this very worthy organisation/charity. This was President David's nominated charity this year. He is seen presenting the cheque to Midlands Air Ambulance official Jo

Bailey at their Heli Port base Cosford.

After the presentation, Members and their ladies visited RAF Cosford Museum followed by lunch. The Museum visit is to be recommended.

Many thanks Lynne for your continuing interest & support in our Club activities.



President David Presenting Cheque to Jo Bailey



RAF exhibit

ROTARY CLUB OF SHREWSBURY BOOSTED BY NEW CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury welcomed four new members at its meeting on 1st July 2015 as a result of an innovative Corporate Membership of Rotary by Lanyon Bowdler, solicitors of Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

The new members are Mr Andrew Evans, Senior Partner, Mr Edward Rees, Partner, Mrs Gráinne Walters, Partner, and Mr Neil Davies, Associate at Lanyon Bowdler. The four were inducted into Rotary by Shrewsbury President Peter Waller who said: "It is a great pleasure to be able to strengthen our numbers in this way and I'm sure our new members will enjoy assisting our voluntary work while taking part in the many social aspects of our club." Mr Andrew Evans of

Lanyon Bowdler said: "We are pleased to be able to re-establish our association with the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury through corporate membership. We have a strong corporate social responsibility programme which enables us to give something back to our local communities."

District Governor of Rotary for the area, Richard Green, said: "It is a particular pleasure to welcome Lanyon Bowdler as Corporate Members to the family of Rotary in Shrewsbury to add considerable strength to our efforts. I know that Lanyon Bowdler, our newest corporate members, will be able to make a great contribution by their expertise and knowledge. We are delighted to have them on board"



From the left, retiring President of the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Peter Waller, Neil Davies, Edward Rees, (front, sitting) Mrs Gráinne Walters and Andrew Evans

108 teams take part in Uttoxeter Rotary's Junior 5-a-Side Football Competition

The annual Uttoxeter Rotary Junior 5-a-Side Football Competition took place on Sunday 5th July at the JCB Sports Complex at Rocester. This year it was an even bigger event with 108 teams taking part in 9 age groups from Under 7s to Under 15s.

Over 1500 players and spectators enjoyed good weather, great facilities, tasty refreshments provided by Uttoxeter Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs but above all, 250 individual games of football.

The Under 7's to Under 9 teams played 4 games each but for each of the older age groups there was also a final play-off game.

Trophies and medals for the finalists were handed out by Rotary President Dave Brown.

This was the eighth year of this annual event which has become a real favourite with the competing teams and is attracting participants from a wide area. Over £7000 was raised.



BREWOD ROTARY

25 is a very special number for the Rotary Club of Brewood & District as we are celebrating our 25th Charter this year.

We are marking this milestone with a celebration dinner on 18th September at the Lindens Tethenall Rd Wolverhampton; we hope to be supported by a contingent of Rotarians from all over the district on this auspicious formal occasion.

All of our events for this Rotary year will have a "25" theme running through them.

At Brewood we seem to relish hard work, and this year will be no exception. Our annual V-Festival tent collecting will take place as usual in late August; we hope that most clubs in the District will support us as usual. With the support of our new fledgling

Satellite Club, we know that our Christmas expeditions and events will be grander than usual.

Malcolm Lockey has been inducted as our new President and we are hoping that his past experience with Rotary and his previous high office in 41 Club will hold him in good stead; his inspiration and experience is already reaping rewards.

Social media is playing an ever increasing role in communicating with the local community; we now have 390 "friends" which are increasing daily.

Strange isn't it....we have just had the hottest day of the year but we are already starting to discuss and organise our Winter/Christmas events....but that is Rotary!

DISTRICT YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

WOW!!! 31 Schools and Colleges sponsored by 12 Rotary Clubs entered this year's District Young Photographer Competition.

WOW!!!

This meant over 150 photographs were judged and this was only the tip of the iceberg as clubs were limited as to how many photographs they could enter into the District final from their own competitions.

WOW!!!

What a venue. Thank you to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum who did us proud. Their Museum of Iron at Coalbrookdale was a fitting venue for the competition with their historic surroundings giving an ambience to our visual photographic artistry.

And a further WOW as more than 150 parents, friends and

young people crammed into the hall meaning the Rotary club of Ironbridge, our hosts for the evening, did a roaring trade on drinks. Thanks to Ironbridge, you did us proud.

The District Young Photographer competition looks to be a District wide event so next year we look forward to moving to Denstone College where the Rotary Club of Uttoxeter will be our hosts.

We must never decry our young people, for the talent on show at our various Youth Service Competitions gives an indication of what lies in store if we nurture it and I am proud that the Young Photographer competition plays its part in doing just this.

Roger Whittaker - District Young Photographer Coordinator



Summer Ball Success - RC of Stafford Castle

A staggering £10000+ was raised for Katherine House Hospice and local charities at the club's summer ball. Dinner was followed by an auction, tombola and raffle. Finally party goers danced away the evening to the talented Top Ten Beatles tribute band and DJ Funky Phil. It was a splendid evening and a brilliant end to President Olly's year.



President Olly and Sandy his wife with Lynne and Ron

ROTARY RIDE HELPS PROSTATE CANCER CHARITY

The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury staged two Charity Bike Rides on Father's Day, 21 June 2015, in support of RGBI's Prostate Cancer Awareness initiative.

Riders had a choice of a 20 Km Road Ride or a 1 Km Stadium Ride. Rotary President Peter Waller and Shrewsbury Mayor Cllr. Miles Kenny launched the participants from the Sundorne Sports Village including keen cyclists from the Mid-Shropshire

Whealers Club. Shrewsbury Inner Wheel President Sue Henshaw also took part together with two of her grand-children but support from the wider community was somewhat lacking possibly due to the town's annual half-marathon on the same day. Foundation Committee Chair, Ivan Warren, and his team ensured that all went smoothly and afterwards also had the task of collecting in sponsorships.



Rtn Ivan Warren (extreme left) with Shrewsbury President Peter Waller (centre left) and Mayor Cllr Miles Kenny (centre right) together with some of the sponsored cyclists.



A collage of photo's describing the antics of our Past President John Morris Roberts, President at Telford Center Rotary Club during year 2014 - 2015 overwritten by a simple sonnet.

Ellesmere Rotary Regatta 2015 Sunday 5th July

The Rotary Club of Ellesmere staged its annual Bell Boat Regatta on the Mere against a backdrop of changeable weather that never blunted the enthusiasm of the contestants. Amongst the other family attractions on offer to the crowd of approximately 2000 spectators, only the Children's Sports and the Martial Arts Display had to be cancelled on grounds of safety, whilst the featured performances by Ukey Monsters were happily unaffected by the rain.

A full programme of races in Adult Open, Ladies and Youth classes produced a number of exciting finishes. Prizes to the winners and runners up were presented by the Governor of Rotary District 1210, Richard Green (Adult Open), the District Governor Nominee, Carol Reilly (Ladies) and Mayor of Ellesmere,

Ian Ward (Youth). Adult Open winners were Tony T's Torpedoes, Ladies winners were Mama Mia, whilst in the Youth final Cheeky Nandos triumphed after a number of years of honing their technique.

This year the event was staged in support of Ellesmere Age Concern Day Centre, Ellesmere Scout Group and Ellesmere Rotary Charity Trust. The Club would like to thank all those who worked so hard to help stage the event and also the good people of Ellesmere who turned out in such large numbers to show their generosity. Details of the proceeds will be published as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the activities of the Rotary Club of Ellesmere, or who might like to join, should contact the Secretary on 01691 777178.



Youth Teams turning the Bouys



Cheeky Nandos Junior Winners - Youth winners presentation by Mayor Ian Ward, with the current Club President.

ROTARY DAY

The five Rotary clubs in Telford joined together to mark "Rotary Day". Over 100 members and guests enjoyed a relaxed Sunday Lunch exchanging Rotary anecdotes and future projects until late into the afternoon.



Selection of the diners

Rotary Support Armed Forces Day

Members of the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge and District turned out in force to support the local Armed Forces Day at Longton Park. The Tombola and Golf game raised over £260.

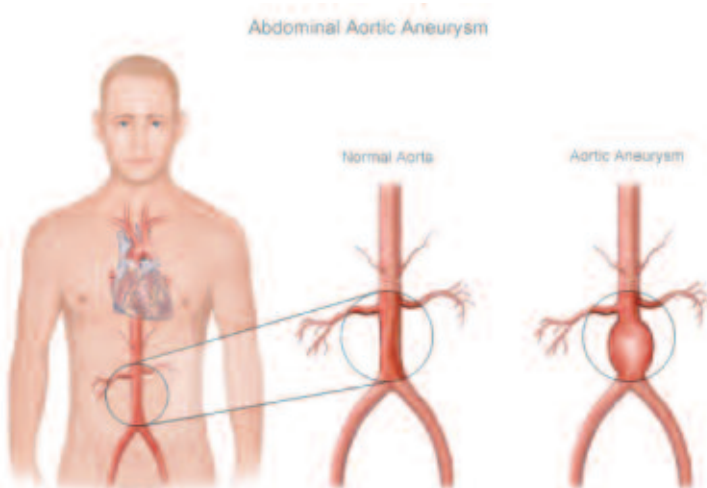


A New Partnership for the District 1210 Health Awareness Programme

In May 2015 Rotary International District 1210 commenced a new partnership with the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening Service from the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.

"The event at the Guildhall in Stafford was extremely worthwhile – we were able to offer screening to 33 men and happily were able to reassure each of them that they do not have an aneurysm".

The NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening programme aims to reduce avoidable deaths from ruptured AAA's by offering screening to men aged 65+. Men who reach their 65th birthday each year from 2012 will receive an automatic invitation to attend a screening appointment in a clinic near to where they live – men over the age of 65 may not have received a letter and we would encourage them to self-refer into the programme.



AAA's are swellings in the aorta which is the main artery which carries blood away from the heart. These aneurysms can reach a size when they can suddenly rupture – 50% of people who have a ruptured AAA don't make it into hospital and of the 50% who do reach hospital only 50% of those survive. AAA's can be fatal but are easily detectable and very treatable. This is why the NHS introduced AAA screening.

Screening for AAA's is quick and painless – it consists of an ultrasound scan of the abdomen where the diameter of the aorta is measured and checked for swelling which may be an

aneurysm. If an AAA is found then either regular monitoring would be offered or a referral to a consultant if needed.

"Please ring 01782 674355 to self-refer into the programme and speak to one of their staff."

The District is taking the opportunity to provide a AAA screening programme for Rotarians, as a component of the Health Awareness Programme promotions at the District Conference in September. For further details please contact DGN Carol Reilly on cereilly50@gmail.com; 07796 956432.

ROTARY CELEBRATES 'NEW YEAR'

The Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West hosted a prestigious evening at the Ramada Park Hall Hotel to welcome in the Rotary new year with incoming presidents from across the area. In the presence of The Mayor of Wolverhampton and the District Governor over 50 Rotarians from across the area celebrated the installation new presidents for their clubs for the

forthcoming Rotary Year.

Ken Dolman President of the Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West said "Rotary Clubs do an amazing job for charity in our local communities, coming together to celebrate the start of the New Rotary years in fellowship was a great way to start our efforts together to help our communities"



Incoming presidents including Ken Dolman, President of the Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West, Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton Ian and Paula Brookfield, and District Governor of Rotary Richard Green.

DAVID BUFTON CHARITY GOLF DAY

Each year the Rotary Club of Wellington organise the David Bufton Charity Golf Day. David Bufton was a former member of the Rotary Club of Wellington who had organised our Charity Golf Day for many years. He sadly died a week before the 2008 competition – hence the decision to name the event after him.

The Rotary Club of Wellington's 22nd Charity Golf Day took place at Lilleshall Hall Golf Club on Monday 15th June. It proved to be a very enjoyable day on a first class course in a beautiful setting. Twenty teams from the local area entered the event playing for two trophies, the Gerry Powell Memorial Trophy for the best team and the David Bufton Memorial Trophy.

The winner of the Gerry Powell Memorial Trophy was the team representing Single Source Limited from Telford Reprographics, in second place with a Money Relevance team, third. The winner of the David Bufton Memorial Trophy for nearest the hole in two on the 14th was Darren Minor of the Single Source team. Other individual winners were Roger Evelyn-Buften [Armstrong-Wolfe] and Jim Mullock [Andrew Dixon & Company].

Golf day organiser, Rotarian Geoff Foulkes, said, "I would like to thank Lilleshall Hall Golf Club, all the competitors, sponsors and helpers for contributing towards raising over £2000 for charity."



Darren Minor of Single Source receiving the David Bufton Memorial Trophy from Mrs Diana Bufton.

Rotary Club of Ironbridge celebrate 60th Anniversary

The Rotary Club of Ironbridge was chartered in 1955. Rotarians from other clubs, guests and friends helped celebrate the 60th Anniversary in style.

District Governor Lynne proposed the Toast to the Club.

Responding, Martin Brookes, father of the club, recalled some

of the highlights of 60 years and looked forward to the future.

The key note speaker was David Hyner, a Fellow of the Professional Speaking Association. David gave a light hearted but inspiring talk on how assumptions can get in the way of achieving our goals



Pictured is David Hyner about to begin his presentation and having a bit of fun with the guests

IRON MAN 70.3 STAFFORDSHIRE

This major event came to Staffordshire for the first time on June 11th.. There were 2700 competitors participating in a 1 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13 mile run. The swim took place in Chasewater, the cycle ride around Cannock and East Staffordshire before the run on the Shugborough Estate.

Behind such a major event there were hundreds of volunteers manning each course and supporting the competitors. Many from other local organisations. 197 Rotarians and friends from 19 clubs around Staffordshire and the West Midlands volunteered to support this event. This was a clear opportunity to 'Serve the Community'.

Many were on road junctions during the cycle ride, encouraging the riders to press on and keeping

them safe from other traffic. Others were on food stations on the cycle ride and within the Shugborough Estate. The Rotary Club of Stafford Knot supplied 25 members and supporters to the "Campsite feed station". Current President Janet Stubbs said 'This was an amazing experience to see so many athletes running and supporting charities. They were good natured and a pleasure to serve with food. We believe that we handed out over 6,000 cups of water, 1,500 bananas and goodness knows how many power drinks.' Rotarian June Keleghan said 'If I don't see another banana before Christmas it won't be too soon'.

The weather was kind to us and it made for a very enjoyable, but tiring experience. We hope to be involved next year.



A YOUNG BUSINESSMAN IN WILLENHALL TEAMS UP WITH THE ROTARY CLUB TO ASSIST IN A NEW PROJECT IN THE TOWN.

Stuart Haynes runs a business called Charity Cars in Willenhall and some eighteen months ago the Company contacted members of the Rotary Club of Willenhall. Mr. Haynes stated that he would be very interested in using some of the money from his business of car sales for the benefit of people in the town and asked if members could help him identify suitable causes.

As a result, a number of projects have been identified and these have been given both financial and other support by Charity Cars and the Rotary Club.

The most recent of these has been the newly formed Willenhall Boxing Club.

Two local boxers, Shaun Hargreaves and Neil Buckland, decided to start the club to assist youngsters interested in boxing but realised that it would be a means of giving youngsters a focus as well as helping them maintain a good level of fitness.

The Boxing Club acquired the use of suitable premises off Ashmore Lake Road in Willenhall with the intention of opening the Club between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. However, so great was the demand, 43 youngsters attended on the

opening night, that the Club now opens Monday to Friday, inclusive, each week.

Shaun and Neil arrange a number of activities, split into different age groups, for both male and female. In fact, there has been a great demand for 'non contact' sessions for the ladies.

Local Willenhall Councillor, Diane Coughlin, expressed a great interest in the setting up and progress of the Boxing Club and alerted members of the Rotary Club to see if they could help.

As a result, the then Rotary Club President, Terry Lewis visited the Boxing Club, with other members of the Rotary Club, on Wednesday, May 6. Terry said "It is a tremendous venture for the people of Willenhall and Shaun and Neil deserve great credit. It not only involves the kids but people of all ages and it is something that the Rotary Club and our good friend Stuart Haynes have no hesitation in supporting. Stuart, through Charity Cars, does so much for people and organisations in Willenhall.

The Boxing Club benefitted from a £250 donation from the Rotary Club and a similar amount from Charity Cars.

Windsor Park on top form in Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Uttoxeter Rotary Club has been holding their annual public speaking competitions for local schools for over 20 years. The latest competition for 11 to 13 year olds was hosted by Oldfields Middle School. There were 11 speakers from 4 schools – Oldfields, Windsor Park, Ryecroft and Abbotsholme.

The standard of speaking was extremely high with topics as diverse as School Uniform, Space Travel and Younger Sisters.

Judges were Ken Ryder, Sue

Higginbottom and David Thomas. Ken Ryder said in his summing up that the maturity shown by all the speakers had been remarkable for their ages and praised them for providing the audience with such an entertaining evening.

The winners were: in first place Jess Eardley from Windsor Park for a talk entitled Moments, second place Olivia David from Oldfields for Women in Sport and James Bown from Windsor Park who spoke about Enlightenment.



Winners with Club President, Dave Brown and organiser of the event Rotarian Anita Thomas-Epple.

DUDLEY ENDS A YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

The final three months of the Rotary Year 2014/15 simply flew by with so many activities. Fellowship with other Clubs included a Night at the Dogs, a Casino Night and Golf as well as winning the Snooker and coming fifth in the District Quiz. Fellowship and fun in our own Club included various meetings, Golf Day, a Sunday Ramble and a Target Bowls Evening which all involved a meal!

The highlight in May was the visit to stay with our friends in the Rotary Club of Cote De Legendes. Thirteen took the night ferry to arrive for a hectic day visiting La Maison de Johnnies, a small museum about the onion sellers, a castle being built according to old plans, a picnic in

the church hall and another castle. Finally we reached the homes of our hosts for a quick change before an evening meal at the home of another Rotarian where conversation ranged in French and English and we ended up discussing the EU. The next day it was off to the Maritime Centre at Cross Corsen where the passage of vessels through the Channel is monitored. After another lunch, we visited the memorial to the four airmen at L'Hôpital Camfrout where we laid a wreath from our Club. The villagers take great care of this memorial and it was good to remember when the two Clubs had come together to achieve this some five years ago.



At the meal in the evening both Presidents spoke about the activities of their year. Then sadly the next day, after yet another lunch, it was time to bid farewell at Roscoff but we look forward to welcoming them again in Dudley in 2016.

Not forgetting our local community, the Best Trier Awards were made to pupils in local primary schools, an Art Competition held at a secondary school and the annual Centenary Award of £1000 given to Fens Pool Voluntary Association.

As tradition has it, the Club

organised a fun afternoon for outgoing President Pauline which involved a walk to Kinver Scout Camp for hot dogs cooked by members who had set up camp. Dressed as Guides, they serenaded her to remind her of her time in Guiding. There followed a pleasant evening at Dunsley Hall Hotel for Rotarians and friends to end the year. Incoming President Mike presented Pauline with a PHF after her valedictory in recognition of her service in Dudley since joining when the Tipton Club closed.



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Organised by Whitchurch Rotarians Ray Hatton and David Hewitt on 2nd May over £750 was raised by a street collection.

A club donation of £1,000 to provide shelter boxes to the stricken area further boosted the total amount.

HELPING WITH HOLIDAY COSTS

The Rotary Club of Wellington Fairbourne Fund was created in 2005 following the sale of a bungalow in Fairbourne, Gwynedd, when the net proceeds were invested.

The bungalow itself had been transferred to the Rotary Club of Wellington from Oakengates Round Table in 1989. The Rotary Club made the bungalow available for holidays for disadvantaged families to the best of their ability until in 2004/5 it became apparent that the bungalow was not being utilised to its full extent and accordingly the Club agreed that it would dispose of the bungalow.

The Rotary Club of Wellington now uses the income from the investment to provide Grants from The Fairbourne Holiday Fund to help with holiday costs for disadvantaged families, groups and individuals nominated by charities, social workers, churches and other organisations.

During 2014 a range of days out, weekends and local activities were provided for families and groups from Telford. A total of 22 grants, amounting to just over £4800, were made to 19 families, totalling 36 adults and 43 children under 18, and three groups totalling 19 adults.

The sponsors of the recipients included Telford & Wrekin Social Services, Schools, Homestart, Telford Visually Impaired Group and Wellington Rotary Club members. Activities undertaken included days out to Drayton Manor Park, West Midlands Safari Park, Alton Towers and Chester Zoo; and weekends at Legoland and Presthaven Sands Caravan Park.

Secretary of the Rotary Club of Wellington Fairbourne Fund,

Rotarian Richard Studd said, "2014 was the most successful year ever for the Fairbourne Fund and the club received many messages of thanks from deserving families. We're hopeful that 2015 will be even better."

The 2015 campaign began with the knowledge that the amount available to support the work of the Fairbourne Fund was to be much greater. As a result the Rotary Club of Wellington Fairbourne Fund has already been able to make grants of £4578.40 to 9 groups in the local area. More than 282 people will benefit from these events. The activities supported include a weekend trip for 28 members and 5 helpers of the South Telford Gateway Club to Weston Super Mare; two days of creating and making music for two groups of 10 children from Hope House Children's Hospice; a day excursion to the Pontcylite Aqueduct for the Age UK Hornbeam day Centre, Wellington; and a day out for 25 young carers plus 5 supervising adults from the Telford & Wrekin Young Carers Service.

This is only the first part of this year's campaign. The second part focuses on help with days out or holiday costs for families, and individuals nominated by charities, social workers, churches and other organisations.

President Venn Davies, in congratulating the members of the Fairbourne Fund Committee, said, "Your hard work has ensured that a good many people have the opportunity to have a break or a holiday this year. 2015 promises to be one of the best for the Rotary Club of Wellington Fairbourne Fund and for the people it serves."

Rotarian Wendy Morton M.P.

Wendy Morton M.P. Rotary member who has transferred to Aldridge RC following her success as the new Conservative M.P. for Aldridge-Brownhills constituency in the May 2015 General Election.

Wendy succeeds Sir Richard Shepherd who has retired after 39 yrs as the M.P., Wendy won the seat handsomely with a majority of 11,500 votes.

She has been a Rotarian in Wensleydale RC and joins

Aldridge RC on July 1st. 2015.

Wendy attended the Aldridge Fayre on Saturday, 20th June taking the opportunity to meet her new constituents and members of Aldridge RC.

She is pictured with in-coming President - Jeremy Bakewell whose main charities will be Walsall Heart Care and Meningitis Background of Rotary ventures 2015 e.g Young Chef, Young Musician.



LORD LIEUTENANT URGES ROTARIANS TO 'GO FOR HONOURS'

The Lord Lieutenant of West Midlands Paul Sabapathy CBE has strongly urged Rotarians to put up more of themselves for honours.

Speaking at a district council meeting of Rotarians from parts of the West Midlands as well as Staffordshire and Shropshire, he praised the voluntary work of Rotarians and asked why more of them were not receiving honours.

"What I hope is that as part of my talking to you it raises your understanding, raises your desire and above all people deserve to be recognised for what they do and we are not very good at saying thank you."

The Lord Lieutenant said 70% of honours go to people who do voluntary work. "People don't volunteer for personal rewards, but because they care. Why don't we as a society recognise it?"

"To only get 2.5% of the honours when you make up 4.5% of the population is because we don't nominate."

"I would encourage you to make a resolution you know you are serving. There might be other people you know who deserve to be honoured. You do an honour for another extra mile. Please nominate," the Lord Lieutenant urged.

"If you don't," he told Rotarians, "you don't get it. I see wonderful work in our region yet we don't recognise it. Honours for organisations is an enormous award for voluntary service for volunteers who go beyond the call of duty to help others."

The Lord Lieutenant added: "What I would hope is that as part of my talking to you it raises your understanding, raises your desire and above all people deserve to be recognised for what they do and we are not very good at saying thank you. In that way you are saying thank you."

"We need to be proud and one of the ways is to nominate people."



QUICK OFF THE MARK - STAFFORD CASTLE INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

New President Colin Horwarth inducted new member Malcolm Haywood at his very first meeting in the chair.



RC of Shrewsbury Support International Charity Mary's Meals

The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury has taken up the challenge to support the international charity Mary's Meals after they started an appeal to help the education of deprived children. By collecting redundant backpacks and filling them with some basic educational supplies they aimed to help those children who were getting support from the charity to get a better start in life.

Club President Peter Waller said "Mary's Meal is a wonderful charity with an aim to see that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education.

They have just passed the point where more than 1 million children in Africa and Latin America are being helped."

He added "So to help the children who receive the meals service, my club set about gathering redundant backpacks, 50 in all, the equivalent of one for each member of the club, and then filled them with pencils, erasers and notepads for the educational needs and added other items as a bonus for each child, such a t-shirts and toothbrush, even a ball each."



Club President Peter Waller



An Evening of Laughter & Music

with
Doug Parker
and
Ashcroft & Lewis

Tickets £12.50
(includes a plated snack at the interval)

Get your tickets now!

DOORS OPEN:- 7.15PM
SHOW STARTS:- 7.45PM
Friday 9th October 2015
 At Corpus Christi Social Club,
 Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park,
 Wednesfield, WV11 2LT



**The Rotary Club
of Wednesfield**

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To purchase tickets call Clive on 01902 759752
 or Simon on 07534 603662 or email cjc@uwclub.net

WOLVERHAMPTON MAN HONoured WITH TOP ROTARY JOB

A Wolverhampton Rotarian is the new Rotary District Governor for Staffordshire, Shropshire and parts of the West Midlands.

At a formal handover dinner last Friday night at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Richard Green succeeded Lynne Marshall of Burslem Rotary Club as District Governor of Rotary International District 1210.

Richard, 75, of Finchfield, Wolverhampton, is a highly respected and active Rotarian who is a Paul Harris Fellow – recognition of 'exceptional service' and one of the highest honours which can be bestowed upon a Rotarian.

Of his election to the top position in the Rotary District, he said: "Rotary is one of the world's largest voluntary service organisations and I am honoured to be leading the efforts of the 1,500 Rotarians in Staffordshire, Shropshire and the Black Country in furthering our watchword Service Above Self."

He has held numerous offices during his Rotary career including president of his own club, Wolverhampton, in 2012. He was District Humanitarian Grants Chair (2007/2010); District Foundation Chair (2010/2013); Group Study Exchange team leader to Malaysia and Singapore; India National Immunisation Day in the Polio Elimination campaign (2010); organiser of District 1210 Young Musicians Competition (2011/12/13/14) and Regional 6 final (2013); Rotary Young Leaders Award mentor (2011).

He is Vice Chair (UK) The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM); organised the entertainment on 2



stages in the House of Friendship at the Birmingham Rotary International Convention (2009); Co-producer of the RIBI DGE team presentation at the Festival Night, Rotary International Assembly, San Diego (2015).

In his professional life, Richard first came to Wolverhampton in the early 1970's to join Carillion plc (formerly known as Tarmac). He enjoyed a career in construction management and business development, being responsible at director level for major construction projects in Pakistan, the Middle East, Scandinavia and throughout the UK.

He was born in Portsmouth, educated at Portsmouth Grammar School and Nottingham Trent University. He is a widower, having lost his wife June to cancer seven years' ago, has three sons, a daughter, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Richard is well known in local amateur theatre circles as the administrator, artistic director and actor in the Goldthorn Theatre Company founded by his wife and himself 18 years' ago.

Governor Richard Green Visits RC of Blythe Bridge

On Monday 6th July 2015 The Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge and District welcomed the District Governor Richard Green on the first of his many visits to Clubs. The message of "Be a Gift to the World" was well received.



President Tony Castrey with Gov. Richard Green

ROTARY GRANT COMPLETES UGANDAN LIBRARY



Work on a community library in Uganda has now been completed thanks to a grant of £500 from Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary.

The community library is the flagship project of Omushana, Sunshine for Children, a UK registered charity run by Shrewsbury based Gill Castle.

"The library has already made a huge impact on the whole community as it is open six days a week with an employed librarian/IT instructor and available to 10 schools and over 2,000 children," said Gill.

"With solar panels and 10 laptops as well as the 600-plus books it is a wonderful resource. We have had a student volunteer spend a month in the library and her role was to work with children having 'Fun with Books'."

Following completion of work to the exterior of the building, Gill is expecting it will last many years longer. Shawbury and Mid

Shropshire Rotary has been acknowledged on the outside of the building.

Gill's charity has a long-standing connection with the Kabale Rotary Club who have recently asked if Omushana can support their plan to bring vocational training to children in the rural areas of their district.

She said: "They are proposing to arrange holiday vocational training for children in villages by using existing primary schools during the holidays and sending trained instructors.

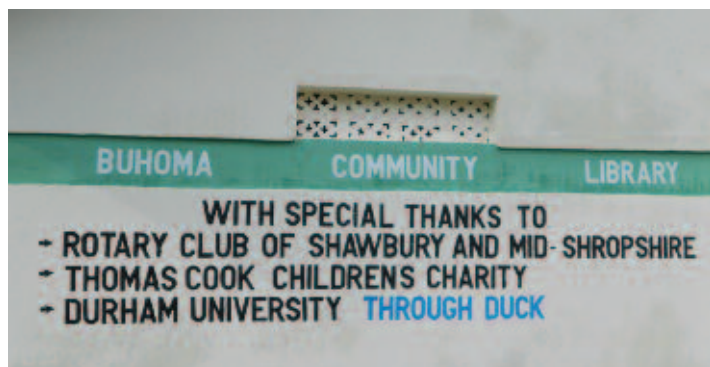
"They will do all the organising, but asked if Omushana can help with equipment and possibly funding. I promised we could send equipment and would seek help with funding."

Gill added that another priority this year is their "Class Support" project and she has asked Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary if it is interested in becoming a 'Class Supporter' at the secondary and vocational school which is just opening in an area where until now the children had no hope of education beyond primary.

She added that to support a class in this way only needed £90 per year for four years.

Said Mervyn Davies, immediate past president of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary: "I am most interested in this concept and I can assure Gill we shall look at the possibility of helping a class receive education."

For further information contact gill@omushana.org or visit the website www.omushana.org



District Fellowship Quiz, 2014-15

A Thursday evening in May drew representatives of eleven District clubs to Linden House in Wolverhampton. These were the survivors from the fifty eight teams who had set off in October in the hopes of lifting the Frank Poynton District 1210 Fellowship Quiz Trophy. Having already dealt with three hundred questions, they met for the final tranche of 100 questions which would determine the outcome and establish the bragging rights for the next twelve months.

Dudley, Stafford Castle and Wellington joined eight teams that had featured in the 2014 final, including holders Audley, but Whitchurch, last year's runner-up, had failed to make the cut. In the semi-final the Leek team's satisfaction in getting through was immediately negated by the realisation that on the date of the final the whole team would be scattered to the four corners of the globe. Andy Machin succeeded in recruiting a totally new line-up with hours to spare. Wellington was also depleted by the tactical error of allowing team members to book holidays at the wrong time!

After two rounds Walsall were setting the pace, despite Shrewsbury having had a full house in Round 2. It was at this stage that holders Audley put in a faultless round on Science, Technology and Nature, to take a lead they were never to lose. By the halfway stage they had a three mark lead over Newcastle, with Walsall a further mark adrift, in third place.

The second half of the quiz proved to be a real challenge, with teams struggling, in particular, with the Sports round (again!) the "novelty" round on Slogans and Mottos. Newcastle went through an especially bad



"District Governor Lynne hands back the Frank Poynton Cup to Audley captain, and then President, Jim McCabe."

patch, to see their position slump, round by round.

Even Audley found their strike rate falling off, but of the leading bunch only Shrewsbury Darwin could match them and the gap Audley had established at half-way was enough to see them, with 140 marks, receive the Frank Poynton Trophy, presented by District Governor, Lynne Marshall.

Shrewsbury Darwin were runners up with 131 marks, enough to secure the Keith Barlow Trophy. The Ron Sherratt plate went to third placed Walsall, with 126 marks. These were followed by Stafford Castle (124), Dudley (120), Shrewsbury (119), Wolverhampton St George's (118), Newcastle (117), Market Drayton (115), Leek (95) and Wellington (89).

We extend thanks to all clubs who took part in this year's quiz, in particular to the twenty three clubs who were prepared to make the whole thing possible, by acting as hosts. Geoff Lowndes, Ed Isaacs, Derrick Sanders.

PRESIDENT COLIN TAKES THE HELM

Rotarian Colin Horwath Stafford Castle Club President for 2015/2016 arrives in style with outgoing President Olly Lewy to the handover ceremony at Canalised Great Hayward. Rotarians, wives and guests enjoyed a buffet, wine tasting and music by James and Dave.



Olly is in the blazer and Colin in the light coloured jacket.

RC of Wellington Celebrates President Venn Davies End of Year

President Venn Davies celebrated the end of his successful year in office at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Wellington held at the Buckatree Hall Hotel on Friday 19th June. President Venn said, "One of the greatest pleasures of my year of office is being able to support local, national and international charities." He went on to present cheques for £500 to five charities whose representatives were present. Cheques were

presented to Jim Craib on behalf of Royal Voluntary Service, Tom Kane representing Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Gwyneth Dale of the Telford Samaritans, Olwyn Marmion from Telford Orchestra and Tom Hendy of ABF-The Soldiers Charity. President Venn also announced that he was establishing a special fund to begin a microfinance initiative to give a helping hand and support to entrepreneurs in developing countries.



Recipients with President Venn Davies of the Rotary Club of Wellington

ROTARIANS PROVE YOU CAN'T BEAT A GOOD CUP OF TEA

Tea has never tasted so good for Rotarians who have helped to send a wheelchair for a young person in Namibia.

They have saved barcodes off boxes of Yorkshire tea and collected enough points, 750, to obtain the wheelchair.

At a district council meeting of Rotarians from Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of the West Midlands, a certificate marking the achievement was presented to District Governor Lynne Marshall.

Making the presentation, past District Governor Lynne Deavin of

Blythe Bridge Rotary Club said: "Rotarians in the district, as well as Inner Wheel, have saved enough barcodes to have a wheelchair sent out to another part of the world and it hasn't cost us a penny.

"We have now managed to get a wheelchair sent to Namibia and we have a certificate to mark this. I urge you to carry on saving barcodes because each barcode has a value and the cost of wheelchairs is £75.

"Encourage children to do this as well in schools," she added.



Lynne Deavin (right) presents a certificate to Rotary District Governor Lynne Marshall (left).

YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD IN MEMORY OF PP OF RI TOM WARREN

For a number of years the five clubs in Wolverhampton have honoured the Service to the community of Tom Warren with an annual dinner each July. Tom was a former Chief Education Officer in the city and a member of Wolverhampton Rotary Club. As a Rotarian, Tom followed the Presidency of his club by becoming District Governor, President of RIBI and then President of Rotary International in 1945-46. When he stood down as President of RI he became one of a small group of Rotarians which was consulted in the formation of "United Nations".

The "annual dinner" had run its course so an alternative way of celebrating Tom was devised in the form of an Annual Award to the "Wolverhampton Young Citizen of the Year" in partnership with Wolverhampton City Council. The first award was made in 2014 for young people under the age of 19 living, working or in formal education in Wolverhampton who have gone "that extra mile" in serving the local community. It was felt that this would reflect both Tom's occupation and his Rotary Service.

Support and sponsorship was obtained from the local paper "Express and Star" together with "Waitrose", Wolverhampton City Council and "Wolverhampton West" magazine. The "Wednesfield and Bilston" magazines came on board this year. Through these sources we obtained the necessary publicity to secure a viable number of entries for consideration by the judges. The judging panel was totally independent of rotary and this year comprised The Mayor of Wolverhampton, a representative from Express and Star, the manager of "Waitrose", last year's winner. It was chaired by Sir Geoff Hampton of Wolverhampton University and the judging panel was co-ordinated by organising committee chair PP Rotarian Roger Timbrell of Tettenhall.

Entries were duly considered during June and a Presentation ceremony was arranged in the Mayor's Parlour early in July.

The winner, from a strong list of nominations, was Ramnik Uppal (18) a pupil at Wolverhampton Girls High School who in addition to outstanding academic achievements mentored younger pupils, represented the National Citizens Service, raised awareness about a local hospice, and volunteered regularly at a local Dementia Care Home and a Barnardo's Charity Shop. The award was presented by Alison Sykes, Tom Warren's granddaughter, and in accepting Ramnik said:- "The other entrants have done so much for the city and it is a massive surprise and honour for me to receive this award. I am going to continue to do as much as I can for the people of Wolverhampton."

There were joint runners-up:- Kashmire Hawker, (17) who was praised for his efforts to champion the rights of young people who struggle with disabilities and a surprisingly young entrant Alfie Baugh, aged 8, who raised hundreds of pounds for charity, was an ambassador for his neighbourhood publishing a neighbourhood newsletter and each week puts out the bins for elderly neighbours of which there are quite a few. He also organised a neighbourhood get together on 5 November to which everyone was required to bring a firework. The six finalists received a certificate and the winner and runners-up receive a plaque with the winner also receiving a cheque for £100.00 and the runners-up £50.00 each. As an added bonus the winner and runners-up have been invited to be guests of Wolverhampton Wanderers at one of their home games early in the new season.

Committee Chair Rtn Roger Timbrell said:- "The clubs are very happy with the outcome and format and will be repeating the award next year. We were particularly grateful that Tom's granddaughter, Alison Sykes, could spare the time to travel from her home in South Yorkshire to make the presentation."



LUDLOW ROTARY CLUB'S FUN DOG DAY – A GREAT SUCCESS



Ludlow Rotary Club had promised that their second Dog Day held on 19 July would be "even bigger and even better" than the first, and so it was!

With 21 fun dog competitions ranging from the scruffiest mutt to the fastest sausage eater: 17 dog demonstrations including flyball, dog obedience and assistance dogs; four rings, a fun dog scurry and a gun dog scurry; a children's play area; over fifty stalls supplying everything for the passionate dog lover; and a day of glorious sunshine; the event exceeded all expectations.

Some 3000 people, many with their canine friends, turned up to enjoy a great family day helping the Club to raise a staggering £20,000 for the many charities that the Club supports, in particular this year the Friends of Ludlow Hospital, St Michaels Hospice, Hereford, and Canine Partners.

Club Secretary and event co-ordinator, Barry Forrester, commented "There are so many people whose help is crucial when contemplating what is fast becoming a major event. Our thanks must go to our generous host Caroline Magnus for allowing us to use the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, and to popular TV presenter Jules Hudson for opening the event and spending time enjoying the atmosphere of the day with the crowds. And we must not forget our sponsors, in particular - Nock Deighton, Shukers, Teme Vets and Hobsons Brewery. At the heart of the planning and organisation, however, are the Club's many volunteer friends who ensured the day ran smoothly – particularly those who joined us from other Rotary Clubs: Brewood, Bridgnorth, Knighton and Wrekin. We hope everyone had a great day."



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Apprentice Rewarded

At a ceremony at the Grand Station, Wolverhampton, young apprentice, Mark Chamberlain, was presented with the "Most Improved Apprentice at the In-Comm Engineering Academy" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Darlaston.

The annual award is dedicated to the memory of the late Doug Bridgwood, who was twice President of the Rotary Club of Darlaston. Doug was a skilled engineer and committed Rotarian who was passionate about giving young people the opportunity to reach their potential and the need to support them through youth

programmes. Having seen the Black Country as both the engineering heart beat of the nation and its subsequent downturn he was particularly keen to give aspiring engineers a hand-up to help boost the local economy.

Mark, the recipient of the award, was selected by the In-Comm Engineering Academy staff who felt that he had improved the most throughout the previous year and had contributed and applied himself to the programme – working hard to achieve his goals.



Left to right – Darlaston Club Youth Services chairman, Ian Hankinson, Club President, Kate Phillips, award winner Mark with his trophy and Claire Foreman, niece of the late Doug Bridgwood.

Ellesmere Rotary Club Supports Criftins Village Fête

The Rotary Club of Ellesmere manned its Teddy Bear Tombola stall at the fête in support of St Matthew's Church held at Criftins Village Hall on Saturday 13th June. The fête was organised by Diana Flint, a former High Sheriff of Shropshire, who lives in the village. Chairman of the club's Community and Vocational Committee, Peter Broadbent, another resident of Criftins, was delighted at being able to hand over the day's takings, £150-00, to the St Matthew's Fund. During the fête the club also held a bucket collection for its Nepalese Earthquake fund, with the proceeds taking the final total

dispatched to Nepal by the club up to £2000.

The club also took the opportunity to advertise the Ellesmere Rotary Regatta, which took place on Sunday 5th July on The Mere. The club hopes to better the record amount that was raised last year, when £3000 was donated to the Ellesmere Community Nursing Home.

The Rotary Club of Ellesmere meets most Wednesday evenings in the Black Lion Hotel at 7.30 pm. Anyone wishing to find out more about club activities and charitable work should contact the Secretary on 01691 623470.



L-R Diana Flint with Rotarians Geoff Evans, Peter Killick and Peter Broadbent & Historical data re destination of Regatta takings.



'CAR SHOW ROARS INTO SECOND YEAR'

For the second year in a row the 'Little Classic Car and Bike Show' at Penn Hall School in May was a roaring success raising £2000 for Penn Hall School and Cancer Research.

This year's show brought together over fifty classic cars and bikes from vintage classics to up to the minute super cars. Amongst the vintage cars were locally built classic vehicles.

More up to date classics vehicles included Jaguar Aston Martin as well as American classics.

The event was organised by Rotarian Steve Parton of the Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West who supported the event with a games tent and tombola.

This year's event was compared by local comedian

Dougie Parker and had live music from Chaser.

While the cars and bikes were the centre of attention there were children's games, coconut shy, bouncy castle and refreshments.

Best in show trophies were given for both cars and bikes.

The day raised £2,000 for Penn Hall School and Cancer Research.

Rotarian Steve said 'it was my ambition to make this an annual show for Wolverhampton and our second year has proved what a success the event is.. I'd like to thank all those who displayed their cars and bikes as well as all those who helped make the day such a great experience. A special thanks to members of the public who turned up to support us on the day despite the rain'

Rotary Club of Market Drayton in aid of the first Nepal earthquake disaster appeal

On Wednesday 30th April 2015, Rotarians from Market Drayton club, assisted by the Lions club, collected cash to help the Nepal Disaster fund.

In only a few hours the collection amounted to £583.63.

The idea was put forward by the immediate past President, Rtn Jim Grant, who lives in the town.

The usual Wednesday street market was held on that day, and this certainly aided the amount

collected.

Jim Grant said.....People were very enthusiastic, and donated a lot of money. A lot of people were dropping in five pound notes and more. We went straight away and transferred the money to Nepal. Our thanks go to the public of Market Drayton. Whenever something like this arises we pull together help when and where we can.



Tree of Light Funds Donated to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

At the weekly meeting of the Ellesmere Rotary Club on Wednesday 13th May the money raised from this year's winter Tree of Light donations was presented to Sue Harmen, Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Royal British Legion in Shropshire. Club President, Tony Rowlandson handed over a cheque for £1200. Sue told members about the important work that the money will enable the Legion to carry out over the next year, explaining that all funds raised in Shropshire are already allocated for necessary spending in Shropshire. Local Rotarian, Bob McBride, has organised the Ellesmere Tree of Light appeal for many years, and



he said that he was very grateful that the Club had chosen the annual Poppy Appeal as beneficiary in his year as President of the local branch of RBL.

WHITCHURCH PHF AND SAPPHIRE PIN AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

On 26 May Whitchurch Rotarian John Mitchell was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by President Richard Persson. John, a Rotarian of 15 years service and Club President in 2004/05, has made significant efforts since 2000 in raising over £20,000 through the tree of light, Captain of the Club's Bowls Team to District Honours and the provider of countless club literature.

President's night on 30 June enabled 2015/16 District Chairman Richard Green to present the Sapphire Pin Award to Past President Roly Wyatt (Club President in 1976) and PHF

in 1996. Roly has held many offices in the Whitchurch Club with especially long service as District and Club Attendance Officer and in particular has developed over the past 12 years the club's vital emergency telephone service. He also received an engraved captain's clock to mark his 60 years service to the club and community.

President Richard's final Swedish themed evening completed a hectic final fortnight since 16 June when he presented cheques totalling £4,338 to seven charitable organisations.

Rotary Club of Wellington

Rotarian PP Brian Lewis PHF of the Rotary Club of Wellington did not realise that the meeting on the 15th May 2015 was going to be anything more than a Speaker Meeting where he was going to be the speaker.

Brian shared with club members memories of childhood when he was 'bombed out' on two occasions - Hitler must have been worried by this East End boy! He ended with recollections of his National Service.

At this point President Venn Davies asked Brian when he had first joined Rotary. Of course everyone except Brian knew that he had joined in May 1975 - 40 years ago. President Venn, on behalf of both the Rotary Club of Wellington and Rotary International, thanked Brian for his years of 'Service Above Self'. He then presented Brian with a commemorative certificate to mark his 40 years as a Rotarian



Left: President Venn Davies, PP Brian Lewis and President Elect Peter Seaward.

WHITCHURCH REVIVE THE 'GOOD OLD DAYS'

This was the theme when Whitchurch Rotarians entertained over 400 local pensioners and residents of the area's care homes at their annual concert first started in 1974.

President Richard Persson had arranged a varied programme by local artistes and groups including nostalgic community singing with appropriate song sheets, compere was Senior Vice Chris Smith, interval refreshments were by Whitchurch Inner Wheel and a voluntary collection raised £525 for the league of friends of whitchurch community hospital.

THE ROTARY LITERACY PROJECT IN ELLESMERE AND HINTERLANDS

As a part of the Rotary Literacy Project volunteers from the Ellesmere Club pay regular visits to local primary schools in Criftons, Cockshutt, Ellesmere and Welshampton to listen to children read. The club also presents each Year 6 leaver in these schools with a personalised dictionary for their use in senior school. This year's presentations were made by Club President, Rev. Ian Hutchings, past President Geoff Corfield and Youth Services Chairman, Fred

Williams. They were gratified to receive a the following delightful letter from one of the recipients:

Dear Rotary Club of Ellesmere, My name is Emilie and I am in year six at Ellesmere Primary School. I would like to say thank you for your kind gift of the Dictionary to all year six leavers. It is very nice of you and I am sure that I will use it lots when I move up to Lakelands Academy next term.

Thank you all so much,
Emilie

ROTARY FUNDS FURNITURE FOR CANCER PATIENTS SUN TERRACE

A former breast cancer patient who started a wigs and wellbeing salon has said a big 'thank you' to Rotary for their latest donation.

Fiona Ford, who founded Fresh Hair Wigs & Wellbeing Salon at the Royal Stoke University Hospital, was speaking on the occasion of a cheque presentation from Rotary for £1,200.

The money has been donated by the Rotary district that covers Staffordshire, Shropshire and parts of the West Midlands.

As a result of the donation, Fresh Hair has been able to invest in a first floor furnished sun terrace at the rear of the salon at the hospital on Newcastle Road, Stoke on Trent.

The terrace provides a tranquil environment where patients can sit and relax in peaceful surroundings. There is rattan seating, a soothing water feature and pretty planting overlooking the hospital grounds.

Said Fiona, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009: "Rotary support has made a huge difference. It started with Rotary clubs in North Staffordshire raising £2,500 to provide a state of the art automated beauty couch, hair wash basin and chair.

"Now we are able to provide a beautiful terrace at the rear of the salon which has been superbly furnished – thanks to the fundraising efforts of Rotary District Governor Lynne Marshall."

Said Lynne: "I took the Fresh Hair project on board earlier in my year as District Governor. I asked Rotary clubs in North Staffordshire if they would contribute towards the furnishing of the terrace at the salon.

"I am pleased to say that as a result we have raised £1,200 and the terrace is all finished and is an enchanting place."

Said Fiona: "I am thrilled to have been able to turn my cancer journey into a life changing



District Governor Lynne Marshall and Fiona Ford with the water feature.

experience in a really positive way. I think the salon makes a huge difference to the way in which ladies deal with the traumatic side effects of cancer treatment.

"I am supported in the salon by a fantastic team headed by the salon manager Gaynor Muir. We have been overwhelmed by the response from local people in our fundraising efforts and in particular by Rotary.

"I am hoping that this is the start of an on-going relationship which will include the possibility of other hospitals buying into the 'Fresh Hair' formula in the not too distant future."

She added: "Rotary has played a very important part in the funding of the new salon and I am thrilled to show District Governor Lynne Marshall the beautiful terrace which is now finished as well as the fully equipped interior which not only includes a wig salon, but a private beauty treatment room as well.

"We are very fortunate to have Rotary's continued support."

Rotary Club of Telford

Telford Centre Rotary Club recently made a donation to the Wooden Spoon Charity at one of their Speaker Meetings.

Some of their work is in helping disabled children and young adults play Tag Rugby. They are a Charity represented throughout the UK.

I have heard of Tag Rugby but never experienced it, so on the 6th of June I went along to The Hornets Rugby ground in Telford. There I was introduced to Tim Stimpson, (Leicester Tigers and

British Lions) Rugby player. As a Welshman and Rugby player in my youth it was a fun meeting. We talked about International Rugby and then about the Wooden Spoon Charity.

The Rugby tournament on Saturday consisted of teams from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, a real British International cross section.

I can only say it was TERRIFIC to watch the enthusiasm of the players it was an afternoon of real enjoyment.



Telford Centre President John Morris-Roberts with Tim Stimpson President of the Shropshire Wooden Spoon Charity.

WEDNESBURY ROTARY CLUB

After a very successful Carnival in July which saw some 40 stalls and numerous arena events by local organisations a fun fair and activities for the children, it was estimated that upwards of 2500 people joined in the fun.

The Wednesbury Club is already beginning to arrange the next Carnival in July 2016.

In the meantime the Club will arrange for Father Christmas to visit all parts of the WS10 area of Wednesbury. In all our Community ventures the Club has huge support from many local businesses and local traders in the town.

There are ongoing projects,

however the Club is backing an initiative by one of the local Secondary Schools to give some what disaffected children an achievable aim, notably the Allotment Project.

The Club supports Interact Clubs at two schools and is looking to support a new Club at Wodensborough Ormiston Academy linking it to the Allotment project where Rotary has already provided a garden bench for the project.

Books 4 Home is another project aimed at primary schools where again we have an excellent relationship.

BANNER EXCHANGE



Rotarian Mark Beddow (right) from the Rotary Club of Astara in Azerbaijan exchanges banners with Mervyn Davies who was President on a recent visit to his mother club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary.

A Significant Achievement for St Georges

At the District Governors' handover in June, Past District Governor Lynne was delighted to present the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St George's with the Rotary International 2014-15 Significant Achievement Award, in recognition of their work with the Good Shepherd Ministry in Wolverhampton. Only 200 or so clubs worldwide are presented each year with this award in recognition of their excellent community service projects. These clubs take on projects that not only help their local community but also involve most or all of their club members, and Lynne was extremely proud that a club in District 1210 had been honoured in this way.

St George's club members together with their friends and relations set aside a few hours of their time each week to make sandwiches for the Good Shepherd Ministry, who provide nourishing food on a daily basis for those who are hungry, each of whom is given a sandwich, a drink, a small sweet treat and three tins of food which is enough to provide them with sustenance for the next 24 hours. There are three soup kitchen sessions held each week and 4 sandwich distributions so food of some description is provided daily.

In their association with the Ministry the club has produced well over 22,500 sandwiches to date! The sandwich rota (every Thursday evening) also saves the Ministry around £120 each week by eliminating the need for them to source the sandwiches from elsewhere.

The Good Shepherd Ministry is also a drop-in centre providing for the needs of any disadvantaged or lonely person looking for support, company or just a chat. Additionally, they distribute



Immediate Past President Margaret Clewley is presented with the 2014-2015 Significant Achievement Award by PDG Lynne.

around 1500 Christmas hampers each year for families in need in the Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. They also donate clothing and bedding to those who need it; as an example of what they achieve, during the month of January this year food was distributed to 8033 people, clothes distributed to 443 people and bedding to 100 people.

Immediate Past President Margaret Clewley said "The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St George's is very much a 'hands-on' club and this project demonstrates just how Rotary is more than just a fundraiser – we also happen to enjoy the fellowship that "communal sandwich-making" engenders!"

SITUATIONS VACANT

In Rotary year 2016/17, the opportunity will arise to look after one of District 1210's prized assets, namely administering and setting questions for the District Quiz. This could be done by an individual club or two or more clubs acting together.

The present incumbents from the Rotary Clubs of Wolverhampton and Wolverhampton St George's have spent a hugely enjoyable 7 years doing this, but now we are starting to have difficulty remembering what the question is, let alone providing the right answer.

The essential requirements are enthusiasm and an appreciation of the fellowship that comes from visiting clubs around the District.

When we took over running the quiz from the Rotary Club of Walsall they provided us with great support in terms of a contact

database, timetables and templates for all the correspondence. We will be able to provide a similar level of assistance.

If your club or clubs are interested, then the first thing to do is get in touch with one of the District Quiz Co-ordinators for a chat. We will be able to take you through the key parts of the process.

We think you will find running the District Quiz as rewarding as we have. All our question masters and scorers say how much they have enjoyed the experience and we are extremely grateful for the co-operation of all the quiz host clubs who ensure that each round of the quiz runs smoothly.

Geoff Lowndes, Ed Isaacs
Derrick Sanders
District Quiz Co-ordinators

ROTARY'S YOUNGEST AND OLDEST PRESIDENTS

The youngest and oldest presidents in the Rotary District 1210 that covers Staffordshire, Shropshire and parts of the West Midlands have been talking about their experiences in the famous worldwide service and fundraising organisation.

Kelly Davies, 25, is president of the newly formed Boscobel Oak Rotary which meets monthly in an evening at the Shrewsbury Arms, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton.

George Roby, 90 earlier this month, is president for the second time of Church Stretton Rotary which has been in existence for more than 60 years and meets in an evening at the Longmynd Hotel, Church Stretton, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

In terms of Rotary presidents and types of club, the contrast could not be greater. But both Kelly and George together hold one thing dear: service before self.

Since joining Rotary and the new club of Boscobel Oak a year ago, Kelly has found the organisation to be 'most rewarding' and is looking forward to the new club achieving its important 'charter status' from Rotary International before the end of the year.

"It means we have to increase our membership from the current 10 and we have four prospective new members already interested in joining," said Kelly, an estate agent who is very much enjoying her presidency which she describes as 'rewarding.'

"I feel I have met a group of people - with an average age of 35 - whom I wouldn't have met had it not been for Rotary. We have kicked off very well both in the club and outside when we meet socially.

"All the members are very positive and get on well though we recognise we need more members.

"As we only meet formally once a month, we think that is achievable not only for us, but people who would like to join us. For the rest of the time a lot of things can be done online through email."

Kelly, who has a baby son Theodore, said Boscobel Oak had some fundraising dates in the diary, including a stall to raise funds for charity at Albrighton Fair on July 11.

Then on August 2 or 9 they would be taking part in a mini festival in Shawbury, where Kelly's father Ian lives, again to raise funds for charity. She said the event would feature bands, a barbeque and a bouncy castle.

Kelly added that she would like to organise an event to raise funds for one of their members who is disabled to have a new wheelchair.



Youngest (sitting) and oldest Rotary presidents in District 1210

George, a proud Londoner, joined Rotary in 1971 as a founder member of the Rotary Club of Southborough, Kent, where he was made president in 1975-76. He and his wife Maureen moved to Church Stretton in 1982 and he became president of that club for the first time in 1992-93.

Over the years, he has visited more than 100 Rotary clubs in the UK and abroad and says 'I am immensely proud of being a Rotarian.'

Some of his most memorable times in Rotary have been visiting clubs overseas, including travelling extensively in South Africa at the time of apartheid. He and Maureen stayed in the homes of Rotarians who all detested the political system.

During his career, he worked up to the age of 80 as a self-employed designer of shop interiors and was once stationed at RAF Shawbury for six months whilst serving in the Air Force as a wireless operator.

To celebrate his birthday earlier this month he attended with his family the Railway Children play at Kings Cross Station followed by the British Library exhibition of Magna Carta, Foyles book shop and Stanfords map shop.

As Kelly begins her life as a mum, George is proud of his family, daughter Karen, son Nigel, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He added: "I wish Kelly well in her career as a Rotarian. I hope she is able to achieve as much pleasure as I have and she will go on to serve her new club well."

WHITCHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY

Proud of their huge contribution to the local community the Club assembly announced 14 projects, old and new, for the rotary year 2015/16. The Club ended their year with the planting on 16 and 17 May of a group of flower beds by the traffic lights in the town centre.

Organisation was by Junior Vice Walter Schafer, a fund raising coffee morning in the care of Senior Vice Bob Thompson followed on 19 June, earlier in the month rotarian Peggy Mullock had chaired a local group in raising over £50,000 to provide a landscaped and scented garden at the Whitchurch Community

Hospital - which the Rotary Club were happy to provide with financial support.

On 17 May a lonely P. President George Brown joined Wem Rotarians in a sponsored walk raising £170 for club funds. P. President Peter Williams again has a full coach load of holiday makers to Blackpool at the end of August.

The club's next venture - a series of canal trips over five days for deserving young and old - first week in September, Prostate Cancer Screening event on 21 September organised by Whitchurch Rotarian David Simcock.

WELCOME TO NEW ROTARIANS

Rotary Club of Aldridge

Wendy Morton - MP for Aldridge, Brownhills constituency

Rotary Club of Brewood & District

Mike Sheldon • Roger Jones
Maxime Williamson • Neil Harvey
Sally Garner • Claire Thomas
Oliver Lycett • Joanne Hollingshead
Susan Cooper • Sally Wormall

Rotary Club of Cannock

Geoffrey Clegg - Retail Auditing Director

Rotary Club of Ludlow

Roger Weeks
Kyle Williams (Associate Member)
Richard Pursell-Clarke (Associate Member)
George Jacks (Associate Member)

Rotary Club of Newport

Mrs Margie Haslop
Jon Humphreys

Rotary Club of Stafford Knot

John Ryan • Jackie Holland

Rotary Club of Shrewsbury

Neil Davies - Solicitor Private Practise
Andrew Evans - Solicitor Private Practise
Edward Rees - Solicitor Private Practise
Grainne Walters - Solicitor Private Practise

Rotary Club of Stafford Castle

Malcolm Haywood

Rotary Club of Stafford

Sydney Birkin - Retired - Director IT Services Group

Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent

Will Harris (Corporate Member)
Gareth Jones, Brian Wilson & Michael Lodey-Young
(Associate Members)

Rotary Club of Uttoxeter

David Chapman - Footwear Manufacturing

Rotary Club of Wednesbury

Garry Steven Willmore

Rotary Club of Whitchurch

John Holland - Stained & Decorative Glass
Manufacturer, Rtd.
Maggi Allen - Manager Local Care Centre

Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St. Georges

Bob Pace (Rtd. BT)

RECYCLING ROAD SWEEPINGS

Ian Kenny from SITA gave a very interesting talk on recycling road sweepings to Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary. Making concrete blocks and even recovering precious rare earth metals from the sweepings. With modern money now made of a ferrous material there is sometimes a continuous stream of coins collected by the magnetic separation process.



The speaker (left) is photographed with Rotarian Mervyn Davies who at the time was President and Speaker Secretary Rotarian Iain Gilmour.

NEW MEMBER TO GET MARRIED

A new member has been inducted into Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary as cub president Mervyn Davies begins the countdown to his year of office.

For insolvency practitioner Ian Stewart, it was a double celebration.

The ex-Round Tabler, who has moved to the area, is to be

married to fiancé Shirley on July 1st.

She is now in full time employment in Shrewsbury with Dyke Yaxley.

He extended a warm welcome to Rotarians to join them at their wedding in Hampshire and promised the club 'I will do as much as I can for you.'



President Mervyn pins the Rotary badge to the lapel of Ian

CLUB CONTACTS in District 1210

The information listed below gives the Name and location of Club, the days of the week that they meet, whether (E) Evening, (L) Lunch or (B) Breakfast and their website and telephone number of the Club Honorary Secretary to call for Club Information.

ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT

Monday (E) 7.15 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 373963
www.d1210.org/albrighton.html

ALDRIDGE

Thursday (E) 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 662335
www.alldridge Rotary.org.uk

AUDLEY

Wednesday (E) 6.30 for 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 662335
www.sites.google.com/site/audleyrotaryclub

BILSTON

Monday (E) 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 761550
www.bilstonrotary.org.uk

BLOXWICH PHOENIX

Sunday (E) 7.30 for 7.45pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 631164
www.bloxwichphoenix.net

BLYTHE BRIDGE & DISTRICT

Monday (E) 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 398349
www.d1210.org/blythbridge.html

BREWOD & DISTRICT

Wednesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 850329
www.brewood-rotary.co.uk

BRIDGNORTH

Wednesday (E) 7.30pm (Not Aug.)
Club Sec. Tel: 01746 766245
www.bridgnorthrotary.org.uk

BROWNHILLS

Thurs. (L) 2nd & 4th 12.45 for 1.00
Club Sec. Tel: 01543 821999
www.d1210.org/brownhills.html

BURNTWOOD & DISTRICT

Wednesday (E) 7.30 for 8.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01543 684020
www.burntwoodrotary.co.uk

BURSLEM

Wednesday (E) 6.15 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 373933
www.d1210.org/burslem.html

CANNOCK

Wednesday (E) 6.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01543 275667
www.cannockrotary.co.uk

CHEADLE

Thursday (E) 7.15pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01538 753192
www.d1210.org/cheadle.html

CHURCH STRETTON

Wednesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01743 718049
www.rotaryclubofchurchstretton.co.uk

DARLASTON

Tuesday (E) 6.30 for 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 0121 502 6001
www.darlastonrotary.net

DUDLEY

Monday (E) 6.15 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 892160
www.dudleyrotary.org.uk

ECCLESHALL MERCIA

Monday (E) 7.30 pm
Club Sec.: Tel: 01785 603367
www.eccleshallrotary.com

ELLESMERE

Wednesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01691 623470
www.ellesmererotary.org.uk

ENDON & STOCKTON BROOK

Tuesday (E) 7.15pm
Club Sec.: Tel: 01782 637524
www.d1210.org/endonandstocktonbrook.html

ETRURIA

Tuesday (B) 7.25am
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 398769
www.d1210.org/etruria.html

IRONBRIDGE

Thurs. (E) 6.30pm, 1st 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01952 728185
www.IronbridgeRotary.org.uk

KIDSGROVE

Wednesday (E) 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 786277
www.kidsgrove.rotaryweb.org

LEEK

Monday (E) 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01538 384889
www.rotaryclubleek.org.uk

LUDLOW

Tues. Odd Dates (L) 12.30 for 1.00,
Even Dates (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01584 878872
www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk

MARKET DRAYTON

Tuesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01630 652656
www.marketdraytonrotary.org

NEWCASTLE under LYME

Tuesday (L) 12.50 for 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01630 672714
www.rotary-newcastle-staffs.co.uk

NEWPORT

Wednesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01952 813108
www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.asp?ClubID=1258

PENKRIDGE

Tuesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 712192
www.d1210.org/penkridge.html

RUGELEY

Monday (E) 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01889 881400
www.rugeleyrotary.org.uk

SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE

Thursday (E) 6.30 for 7.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 845996
www.rotarysedgleyandwombourne.org.uk

SHAWBURY & MID SHROPSHIRE

Tuesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01743 241368
www.shrewsburyrotary.co.uk

SHREWSBURY

Wednesday (L) 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01743 231059
www.rotaryclubofshrewsbury.org.uk

SHREWSBURY DARWIN

Friday (B) 7.15 for 7.30am
5th Friday Thursday 7.30pm
Club Sec.: Tel: 01948 667588
www.shrewsburydarwinrotary.org.uk

STAFFORD

Wednesday (L) 12.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 850525
www.d1210.org/stafford.html

STAFFORD CASTLE

Tuesday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 253823
www.staffordcastlerotary.co.uk

STAFFORD KNOT

Thursday (B) 7.15 for 7.30am
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 760295
www.d1210.org/staffordknot.html

STOKE on TRENT

Monday (E) 6.15pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 814813
www.stokerotary.co.uk

STOKE on TRENT SOUTH

Monday (L) 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 615701
www.stokesouth.rotaryweb.org

STONE & DISTRICT

Monday (E) 7.15 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01785 760120
www.stonerotary.org

TELFORD CENTRE

Tuesday (E) 6.00 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 07930 397270
www.telfordcentrerotary.org.uk

TETTENHALL

Monday (E) 7.30 for 7.55pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 764122
www.rotaryinwolverhampton.co.uk

TUNSTALL

Tuesday (E) 6.15 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 658299
www.d1210.org/tunstall.html

UTTOXETER

Tuesday (E) 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01538 703756
www.uttoxeterrotary.org.uk

WALSALL

Friday (L) 12.45 for 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01922 723591
www.rotary.org.uk

WALSALL SADDLERS

Tuesday (E) 6.30 for 6.45pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01213 532086
www.walsallsaddlersrotaryclub.org

WEDNESBURY

Thursday (E) 6.15 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 0121 556 1065
www.wednesburyrotary.co.uk/

WEDNESFIELD

Wednesday (E) 6.15 for 6.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 333853
www.wednesfieldrotary.org.uk

WELLINGTON

Friday (L) 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01952 541518
www.wellingtonrotary.org.uk

WEM & DISTRICT

Monday 1st & 3rd (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm,
2nd & 4th (L) 12.30 for 1.00pm, 5th (B) 7.15 for 7.30am
Club Sec. Tel: 01939 250381
<https://wemrotary.wordpress.com/>

WHITCHURCH

Tuesday 1st, 3rd & 5th (E) 7.00pm,
2nd & 4th (L) 1.00pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01948 665330
www.rotarian.org.uk

WILLENHALL

Thursday (E) 5.30 for 6.00pm
(last Thursday 7.00pm with partners)
Club Sec. Tel: 01922 445031
www.rotarywillenhall.org.uk

WOLSTANTON

Thursday (E) 7.00 for 7.30pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01782 799697
www.d1210.org/wolstanton.html

WOLVERHAMPTON

Tuesday (L) 12.45pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01902 375784
www.rotaryclubwolverhampton.co.uk

WOLVERHAMPTON ST. GEORGES

Tuesday (B) 7.15 for 7.30am
Club Sec. Tel: 01543 304682
www.stgeorges1210.org.uk

THE WREKIN

Thursday (E) 7.45pm
Club Sec. Tel: 01952 247844
www.d1210.org/wrekin.html

YOUNG AT HEART - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, LLANDUDNO, *September 25th-27th.*

A terrific line up of world class speakers is in prospect, together with great entertainment.

PROGRAMME

Speakers include:



Photograph Courtesy of Andy Newbold

JENNY SEAGROVE

Award winning stage, screen and television actress, the star of many films including 'Local Hero,' appearing alongside Burt Lancaster and Peter Capaldi; numerous TV series including 'A Woman of Substance' and 'Judge John Deed' with Martin Shaw, and a huge number of stage plays.



DEREK POULSON

Actor, lecturer and raconteur – his talk 'It's Not What You Say, It's The Way that You Say It,' will have you in fits of laughter!



ZIGGI SHIPPER

Holocaust survivor - an unforgettable tale of survival, inspiration and hope that will have you enthralled.



DAVE ROBERTS AND RYLARIANS

Keeping the 'Young At Heart' theme going, you'll be hearing from some of our amazing youth, including RYLARIans, the National Finalist Team in the Youth Speaks Competition from our District, and talented Young Musicians.



ERNIE GUILD MBE

Paralympian gold medallist, Korea 1988, Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996. British, European, and World record holder. Vice Chairman of Wheel Power, Ernie is dedicated to inspiring the next Young At Heart generation.

...and many more.

PROGRAMME

Friday 25th September 2015

- 8.30 Conference Golf
Tee off between 10.48 and 11.48
Dinner taken in Hotel or venue of choice
- 20.15 From West End to Broadway
Entertainment featuring: Real Class
- 21.15 Fancy Dress Parade
- 21.45 Real Class
- 22.30 Fancy Dress Results
- 22.45 Real Class
- 23.30 Finish/Buses

North Wales Golf Club

The Arena, Venue Cymru

Saturday 26th September 2015

- 8.15 House of Friendship opens
- 9.00 First Plenary Session
Wheelpower
Zigi's Story
- 10.45 Morning Coffee
- 11.15 Second Plenary Session
Canine Partners
Turning Knives into Angels
The Mane Chance
- 13.5 Announcements & Session closed
- 13.30 District Governor's Lunch for Club Presidents,
partners and guests at the Imperial Hotel
- 19.00 District Governor's Gala Dinner
- 21.00 Entertainment featuring Co Stars
(including Interval background music)
- 23.45 District Governor & Party leave
- 23.45 Finish/Buses

The Hall, Venue Cymru

The Hall, Venue Cymru

Ernie Guild MBE

Zigi Shipper

The Hall, Venue Cymru

The Hall, Venue Cymru

Malcolm Webb

Clive Knowles

Jenny Seagrove

The Arena, Venue Cymru

Sunday 27th September 2015

- 9.00 House of Friendship opens
- 10.00 Third Plenary Session
A Rotary Moment
Chair, Inner Wheel (District 21)
- 10.45 Morning Coffee
- 11.15 Fourth Plenary Session
Teenage Cancer Trust
It's not what you say (it's the way that you say it!)
Young at Heart
- 12.45 Conference closes

The Hall, Venue Cymru

The Hall, Venue Cymru

Sylvia Kerris

Terrie Hewitt

The Hall, Venue Cymru

The Hall, Venue Cymru

Anie Hussain

Derek Poulson

Compere: Geoff Mackey

Shrewsbury Rotary Club supports British Red Cross

On Thursday 14th May the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury provided some hardy volunteers to help the local branch of British Red Cross. The Red Cross were holding their "Great Summer Garden Event" in the grounds of Cound Hall, near Shrewsbury

with the club members managing the car parking arrangements and providing other assistance to the organisers. Being a typical English summer, the club members managed to retire after 4 hours on duty before hypothermia set in!



RED CROSS YOUNG ADULT CARERS SCHEME PIONEERED IN SHROPSHIRE

A new initiative which is the first in Shropshire is being pioneered by the British Red Cross Shropshire Young Carers.

Details of the pilot were revealed by Rowan Ellison Arias to members of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire Rotary which has agreed a donation of £1,000.

She disclosed that the organisation was keen to support any 'hidden or known' young adult carer between the age of 18 and 25. Said Rowan: "This is in addition to the existing service that works with young carers from 5-18. "Young carers interested in the pilot can get in touch with the office on 01743 457800."

The pilot, said Rowan, was part way through its funding by the Cabinet Office and they were keen to interest young adult carers who could access a number of different development and respite opportunities.

"We are recruiting as many as we can onto both young carers schemes from the age of 16," she told Rotarians.

She added that the Red Cross was organising an 'Autumn Red' fundraising dinner at Origins, Shrewsbury College, on October 20. The price of £20 a head would include a welcome drink, three course meal and key note speaker.



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kindest Regards - ROTO

The Gurkhas help with Nepal Collection

Members of the Rotary Club of Wellington were helped in a collection at Morrisons Supermarket in Wellington on Sunday May 24th by members of the local ex-Gurkha community.

The event raised £843.74 to provide aid for Nepal following the

recent earthquake disasters. Event organiser, Rotarian Dick Bailey, said, 'I would like to thank the staff and customers of Morrisons for their magnificent contribution towards helping the people of Nepal overcome this terrible natural disaster.'



left: Rotarian Neil Phillips, Rotarian David Tomkinson, Bal Krishna Rai, Arun Rai, Guru Prasad Pun and Rotarian Dick Bailey.

WHITCHURCH CROQUET AND BOWLS

Teams fared badly at croquet losing heavily to Shrewsbury but with wins over Newcastle and Shrewsbury Darwin hopes are high to proceed further in the district competition.



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Rtn Arthur Watkin

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PP John Pearce

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PP Tom Farmer

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Rtn Trevor Hall

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PP Jeffrey Benbow

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PP Normal Oliver

Passed to higher service.

Our thoughts are with their families.