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DISTRICT 1220
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December is a full month of work for all at our club we have Santa's out most weekends and through the weeks to come. I would ask each and every one of you to put in the very best effort we can

Carol singing is also looming and I know that a couple of Rotarians are trying to sort out a meal reference fellowship after singing (good on you) and enjoy.

Please allow me to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018

PRESSI TREV

R.I.P. BOBBY KNUTT.

Bobby Knutt presenting prizes at the VVR in 2013

The Club was represented on Friday, 17th November at Holy Trinity Church, Wentworth Village for the funeral of the well-known South Yorkshire comedian, Bobby Knutt (real name Robert Wass), aged 73. The packed church, including many of his show business friends, were entertained by Bobby's final performance as he spoke about his life and career in a video put together by family and friends. Canon Trevor Page who led the service said of him, "He was such a big personality and it is difficult to accept his absence." Our Club feel the same way about him - over recent years Bobby has attended several of the Club functions and has been "A Friend of Rotary". He was laid to rest in Wentworth Cemetery alongside his wife, Donna Hartley, a former Olympic 400m runner who died in 2013. The Club will always remember him fondly

NEWS

Meetings

6th November – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President Trevor welcomed members to the meeting. There were no visits to other clubs reported.

Secretary's Notices

1) **9/12 RC of Denby Dale Carol Concert at Penistone Paramount – 19:15**
2) **Alzheimers Society have made request for helpers to collect for them at Wadsley Bridge Sainsbury's 15-17th December**
3) **DG Alex will be attending Club meeting on 20/11**
4) **Yewlands School are not doing Mock Interviews this year.**
5) **Council after Today's Club meeting.**

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President Trevor reminded members of the Christmas Dinner (See Calendar below)

Details of a recent meeting at Wortley re South Yorkshire Festival Issues were relayed to the club.

The VVR meeting is postponed to next week.

Millionaires Night - Raffle Tickets should be ready by next week. Rtn Anne advised that the advertising has been discussed today.

The issue regarding possible CRB check requirements for Santa's – Rotary guidance is that it is not required, although Supermarkets may ask for it. All other issues re Santa at Christmas as in hand.

Any Other Business

Rtn Anne raised the issue of Staff gratuities for Whitley Hall (This was agreed to and will be ratified at council). She also expressed personal sadness that the Carol Singing would not be followed by a gathering as in previous years. This may yet change – to be pursued.

Rtn Steve P advised that Peter C has no issue with the club taking the Santa sleigh to Woolley Wood School, and he is prepared to provide the sweets for the children.

Rtn Geoff advised that the club will be getting a Star at the Children's Hospital again this year. He also mentioned the District project 'Sand Dams' which is looking for donations – this was passed to Council.

Hon Rtn Lewis advised the club of the proposed options for a club trip next year. These are:-

- **i) Aviation Museum at Northampton**
- **ii) Whitby plus trip on North Yorks Moors Railway (c£52 ph)**
- **iii) Transport Museum in Coventry.**

The consensus in the meeting was to pursue the second options in the new year.

Rtn Peter P asked if the club was interested in pursuing the Tree Challenge as detailed in the November bulletin. This was accepted, and Peter will pursue.

The meeting then concluded in the usual way.

13th November – Normal Meeting

President Trevor welcomed members to the meeting. There were no visits to other clubs reported.

Secretary's Notices

1) **A leaflet has been received from District regarding the Quiz Night (Details of any entry need to b submitted by 31st December).**
2) **Meeting of District Council on 29th November – Clubs reps have been informed.**
3) **RC of Sherwood Charter 28th January 2018**

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President Trevor thanked all those involved in the laying of wreaths at various locations on behalf of the club on Remembrance Sunday.

Regarding a previous discussion about collecting money for charity at Sainsbury's, the money goes to the Sainsbury's District fund, so this request is unlikely to be taken forward.

High Green Sainsbury's have asked whether Santa can call there on Christmas Eve – issue to be resolved

Grenoside Church request regarding the time of Santa's Visit to Grenoside - may be possible to pull into the Community Centre Car Park (to be confirmed).

Ecclesfield Parish Council and Defibrillator. The Council have the funding, and the first one has been purchased for installation at the Parish Council Offices. The club will send a contribution from the VVR proceeds.

Rtn Steve K reported on a District Foundation meeting he attended last week.

Rtn Peter D reported that Rotary Attendance Wheels are required for those on duty (We have run out of them).

Rtn Peter P asked what discussions had occurred at Council re the purchase of Trees for planting. Council has ratified that this was to be pursued, and Rtn Peter will take this forward. He also advised that he will check with the Norfolk Arms at Grenoside regarding the Carol Singing afterglow.

President Trevor thanked Rtn Peter P for washing the Santa Float. It is now at the garage in readiness for Friday's event at Fox Valley. Other details / arrangements were discussed.

Bobby Knutt's Funeral is on Friday at Wentworth Church.

Posters for the Millionaires Night are ready for lamination. Raffle Tickets and event Tickets are now also available.

The meeting was then handed over Hon Rtn Lewis for a Remembrance Talk.

The Christmas Dinner is getting closer - £29ph. Payments and menu choices are required asap.

The meeting then closed in the usual way.

20th November – Normal Meeting

27th November – Normal Meeting

EVENTS

Fox Valley Light Switch-on (Thanks to President Trevor for the information)

Friday the 17th December was the lights switch on at Fox Valley. We toured from c/c/g ltd down the valley into Fox where we were met by a mass of people. We eventually parked the Santa float outside Greggs and Santa was overwhelmed with children - they were lined up like our Christmas Evening event. At 515 pm, Santa broke off and went upstairs for the Light switch on and photographs. The crowd was roaring when the lights came on and the firework display started. It was a truly fantastic display that Fox Valley did. We then got back down stairs where Santa was accosted by many many people wanting photos etc. After that, we got back to the sleigh, but people would not allow Santa back on it, so we gave the remainder of sweets out to kids - the kids loved it.

May I say that this event is likened to Christmas Eve and we should jump at it with both feet. We only had two Rotarians collecting but we should have had more mingling in the crowd, but volunteers are low as always.

Many many thanks to Rotarians Geoff / Steve (Santa) and Peter D for their effort that night, and also Peter P for helping me with the float

Miscellaneous

Millionaire's Night

I have offered to 'spear-head' one of our important money raising events - 'The Millionaire's Night'. I respectfully ask all members to keep clear to attend when booking any holidays etc - our members are diminishing so we need '**all hands on deck**' so to speak. The date is **Saturday 20th January 2018** - please make a diary entry now for next year|

I will be asking a few members to be part of my team, as Rtn Geoff has done for the VVR - my aim is to glamorize and encourage ticket sales which will mean we raise more money to distribute locally| The plan is to hold the first meeting in September an early start to the organising is essential!

I look forward to all members help in this event - much appreciated - **Rtn Anne**

Oaks Colliery Disaster Talk

I have booked Joan and Prof Mel Jones who are no strangers to our club to give us a talk on a remarkably interesting subject close to many hearts on **19th March 2018**. This talk will explore evidence relating to the Oaks Colliery disaster of 1866 (and the death of the rescuer, Parkin Jeffcock of Cowley Manor and the building of the new church at Mortomley in his memory) the Westwood pit explosion, the Westwood Riots etc.

Please invite Inner Wheel Ladies, Friends of Rotary, wives, husbands, partners and friends - a night of fellowship and friendship - make a diary entry! - **Rtn Anne**

Rota for this year's Santa duties

Sanderson's Fox Valley (Grotto)
Sat 2nd Dec
11am – 1.30pm Philip Sherriff
1.30 – 4.00 Peter Dimelow
Sun 3rd
11 – 1.30 Steve Dobson
1.30 – 4.00 Trev Fletcher
Sat 9th
11 - 4.00 Steve Patterson
Sun 10th
11 - 4.00 Steve Patterson
Sat 16th
11 – 1.30 Steve Knight
1.30 – 4.00 Jack Slater
Sun 17th
11 – 1.30 Phil Sherriff
1.30 – 4.00 Jack Slater

Thurs 21st Dec
WooleyWood School
1pm Steve Knight with Sleigh (Trevor)
Thurs 21st
Stocksbridge Valley Tour
Steve Patterson with Sleigh (Trevor)
Sunday 24th Xmas eve tour
3.00 – 6.30 Phil
6.30 – finish Steve Patterson
Erect signs on routes w/c 4th December
Xmas eve Jack / Phil
Stocksbridge Trevor / David Humberstone

District 1220 Rotary Youth leadership Awards

A Four Day Course held at the Rotary Centre, Castleton 10th-13th February, 2018. Aims to support leadership development of 15-17 year olds. Cost is £150 per applicant. Closing date now extended from 1/12/17 to 31/12/17.

Rotary Day at the UN in Geneva

For the first time in its 13 year history, Rotary Day at the UN was held outside of New York concluding Geneva Peace Week. To read more about this, click on the link here:- https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-focus-rotary-day-un

Lifeboat supplied by Rotary fundraising finds new lease of life following retirement 20 years ago

"Rotary Service", which was based at RNLI Dover until 1997, and purchased by Rotary Fundraising between 1968 and 1974, is currently being refurbished in Lowestoft. To read more about this, click on the link here:- https://www.rotarygbi.org/lease-life-rotary-service/

RC of Barrow Meridian member raises money for local hospice

A 70 year old member of RC of Barrow Meridian ran the Hull 10k earlier this year to raise money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice. To read more about this, click on the link here:- http://www.marketrasenmail.co.uk/news/fundraising-rotarian-runs-10k-for-hospice-1-8253059

RC of Kendal and RIBI help local Deaf centre reopen after 2015 floods

Kendal Deaf Centre has reopened after RC of Kendal and RIBI raised the required funds to help renovate the building following the 2015 floods. To read more about this, click on the link here:- http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/15657415.Rotary_thanked_as_Kendal_Deaf_Centre_officially_reopens/

RC of Skipton Craven Santa Fun run expected to raise over £40,000 for local charities

RC of Skipton organised Santa Fun took place recently, and is expected to raise over £40,000 for local charities. To read more, click on the link here:- **http://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/15687267.Record_breaking_Santa_Fun_Run_is_hailed_a_success/**

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

4th December, 2017	**Visitor**	**Anne Willey**
	Fellowship	**Philip Sherriff**
11th December, 2017	**Visitor**	**Roger Hirst**
	Fellowship	**Dr Stephen Knight**
18th December, 2017	**Visitor**	**Steve Patterson**
	Fellowship	**Peter Boler**
25th December, 2017	**Visitor**	**NO MEETING**
	Fellowship	

Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

11th December, 2017	**Carol Singing**
18th December, 2017	**Club Christmas Dinner (Niagara)**
21st December, 2017	**Santa Sleigh Run (Don Valley)**
24th December, 2017	**Santa Sleigh Run (Wortley / High Green / Chapeltown / Ecclesfield / Thorpe Hesley)**
20th January, 2018	**Millionaire's Night (Grenoside Community Centre)**
19th March 2018	**Talk on Oaks Colliery disaster (Joan and Prof Mel Jones)**

DISTRICT / RIBI

29th November, 2017	**District Council - Derbyshire Hotel**
3rd December, 2017	**RC of Nottingham Carol Concert (William Booth Memorial Halls, King Edward Street, Nottingham) [17:30-19:30]**
9th December, 2017	**RC of Denby Dale present "A Grand Christmas Concert" featuring Skelmanthorpe band, New Mill Male Voice Choir and Local Soprano (Penistone Paramount) [19:15]**
10th December, 2017	***Carol Service - TBC***
16th December, 2017	**RC of Long Eaton Christmas Concert (May Hall, Trent College, Long Eaton)[19:00]**
17th December, 2017	**Inner Wheel & Rotary Traditional Carol Service (Trent College Chapel, Long Eaton)[14:00]**
21st January, 2018	**RC of Bingham & Radcliffe-on-Trent Charter Celebration (Ashmore's Restaurant, R-o-T (Booking required)**
28th January, 2018	**National Immunisation Day 2018**
8th February 2018	**RC of Newark Charter (Newark Showground) [TBA]**
10-13th February, 2018	**RYLA Castleton**

10th February, 2018	**RC of Retford Charter Dinner (The Olde Bell, Barnby Moor)**
23rd February, 2018	**Rotary Day**
23rd February, 2018	**RC of Nottingham Centenary Charter Night (Nottingham Belfry Hotel, Nottingham Business Park, Mellors Way, Nottingham) [19:00-23:45]**
22nd April, 2018	**Earth Day**
16th June, 2018	**RC of Nottingham / Derby Co-centennial event (Elvaston castle)[10:00-18:00]**
5th August, 2018	**Dovedale Dipper (RC of Matlock)**

REMEMBER THE 4-WAY TEST

1) Is it the TRUTH?

2) Is it fair to all concerned?

3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Who Am I

1. I was born on 23rd October, 1931 in Swindon. I was educated at Colville House, and enjoyed the cinema – amongst my heroines were Veronica Lake, Lana Turner and Jean Harlow. I excelled in elocution lessons, and, aged 14, was offered a place at London Academy of Music and Drama (LAMDA).

2. During my first term at LAMDA, I was signed to the Gordon Harbord Agency, and won a Bronze Medal, which was awarded by Peter Ustinov. In my second term, I won a silver with honours. My first film part was in 1947, and during this time, changed my contractual name. On returning to LAMDA, I was asked to audition for the Gainsborough Studios film "Holiday Camp" – the audition involved me dancing a jitterbug with John Blythe. My next appearance was in "Dancing with Crime" opposite Dickie Attenborough. I graduated from LAMDA in Spring 1947. The same year, I signed a contract with the Rank Organisation, joining J Arthur Rank's "Charm School" for young actors, and appeared in many of their subsequent films.

3. IN 1949, I began to get leading roles. I also worked in the theatre, winning Theatre World magazine's Actress of the Year award that year. I had a leading role in "Worm's Eye View" in 1951. I married the same year, having met my first husband whilst filming "Lady Godiva rides again". I regularly played characters suffering from unrequited love, and became known as the English "Marilyn Monroe" by the mid-50s.

4. I continued to appear in films, and was signed to a 3-picture contract with RKO Pictures in 1956 and went to Hollywood. My contract was cancelled early as I separated from my husband. When he died in 1959, I married the comedian Dickie Dawson, who had scripted my theatre-cabaret show which had been undertaken to pay for my divorce. My first child was born in 1960, and I appeared in some American Films including "On the Double"(1961) which was a Danny Kaye comedy. I divorced my second Husband in 1966, and returned to live in the UK. My film career was now reserved for supporting roles, including "Berserk!"(1967) and "Deep End"(1970). I had a lead role on TV in "Queenie's Castle" which ran from 1970-72. I married for the 3rd time in 1968.

5. By the mid 1970s, I became in high demand for sex comedies, appearing in a number of such films including "Adventures of a Taxi Driver"(1976). I became a regular on TV shows like "Joker's Wild" and "Celebrity Squares". I also appeared in the video for the Adam and the Ants hit "Prince Charming". As a result of Cancer treatment, my figure became plumper, so I co-authored a Diet book, and created a diet / exercise video. I appeared on This is your life for the second time in 1982. I died on 4th may 1984 after a recurrence of ovarian cancer, and was buried in Sunningdale Catholic cemetery on 11th may 1984.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways. In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland , Antonio was born in Italy .

Faithfully they attended parochial School from kindergarten through their senior year in high school. They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college, and upon graduation, became priests.

Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio Secola was just a wee cut above Timothy Murphy in all respects.

Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal was swift to say the least and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the next Pope.

In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and the world waited to see whom they had chosen.

The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular, was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope!

Antonio Secola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was just a bit better qualified.

With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Secola asked for a private session with them in which he candidly asked: "Why Timothy ?"

After a long silence, an old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply.

"We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called.....

POPE SE-COLA !

<u>Another quick joke (from 1840s Westmorland)</u>

Proprietor of fine grounds to young landscape gardener: "Have you ever studied …er …er … er…pathology?"
Landscape gardener: "No, sir."
Proprietor: "Well then, you won't do. I must have a man who thoroughly understands laying out paths."

More Body Art from Japan

Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at dma170162@hotmail.com

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Diana Dors (Diana Mary Fluck)