

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

January 2014 NEWSLETTER

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The club sends condolences to Graham and Linda Owen and family following the death of their son Richard. We are all thinking of you at this time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish you all a Happy new year and hope you all had a good Christmas. A lot of hard work went into the rotary events and thanks to all involved, everyone who helped on the sleigh runs which managed to raise around £1500, thanks to Anne for counting the coins, and to both Roger, Philip, and Steven for award winning Santa performance and thanks to John Greaves for fitting out the new sleigh lighting, added to Steven Patterson's trailer upgrade - Santa no longer has to taste the generator fumes ! However, it looks like we got the sleigh back to the North Pole just in time as one of the tyres / skis sounded like it had a puncture. More on this event as it unfolds...!

Our Carolling efforts, however, suffered from being undermanned and as a result we will be reviewing this for next year. Thanks to Philip for an excellent and most welcome hot pork sandwich finale at the G&D.

No rest for the wicked. Our Millionaires night is the next big thing to hit the club and we need all members to pull the stops out for this and make it a success. thanks already to John Haggerty and Peter Perry for getting the organising in hand and those busy elves Anne, Ann and Brenda for prize-gathering, though more prizes needed so please let them know if you can help out or offer anything.

Of course, as you all know, the club offers deepest condolences to secretary Graham and his wife Linda on the loss of their son Richard in December. Our thoughts were and are with you both.

So, into 2014. And may it bring you - blessings, peace and prosperity and all in the best spirit of Rotary .

President David

NEWS

Meetings

2nd December - Normal Meeting followed by Council

President David welcomed the visitor, Stephen Knight. Stephen is a Rotarian from the Flamborough Area who is moving into the area.

Rtn Annie reported that she had attended Hallam Inner Wheel's Overseas Meeting, and had passed greetings on and brought greetings back to the club.

Rtn Steven P reported that Wortley had finished a creditable 3rd in the recent Rotary District quiz night with 37 points. The winners were Vulcan club with 47. Last year's quiz winners were knocked out in that first round. Well done to our team who hopefully are now in training for next year.

Secretary's Notice

Rtn Graham reported that the 7 day notice regarding the 2 possible new members (Muhammad and Iffat) had passed with no objections (this was confirmed at the meeting – there was confusion regarding the receipt of the notice). The club agreed that both prospective members should be admitted to the club.

President David thanked all those who participated as Mock Interviewers for their involvement.

He also reminded those present that there will be a Christmas Dinner including a festive quiz at Whitley Hall next Monday (9th), and asked that anyone wishing to attend should let him know by the morning of the meeting at the latest.

The Annual carolling will take place on 16th, and there are no more meetings after that until January.

Sleigh Runs (19th / 24th) - Members were asked to ensure that they are aware of their duties / what they have volunteered for.

Other Business

Rtn Peter A asked if there is going to be any further practice for the Millionaires Night – this has all been done unless people feel they need more. There was a discussion regarding the allocation of jobs at the event aimed at including all members. This will be addressed nearer the time.

Rtn Philip advised the meeting of the following:-

- i) Can those who intend to go to the George & Dragon on 16th after the Carol Singing please indicate on the sheet.
- ii) The Bar Licence for the Millionaires Night (19th January) has now been done (18:00-23:00)
- iii) An un-named member has donated a Magnum of Champagne as the 1st Prize for the night. Club asked that thanks be passed on for this.

Rtn Bob suggested the possibility of using waitresses to go round the tables collecting and delivering drinks orders during the evening. There was a brief discussion about this, and the matter will be taken forward nearer the time.

Rtn Barrie reminded council about the Annual Whitley Hall Staff gratuity – this was agreed on by the meeting.

Rtn Derek asked for numbers who were interested in attending the theatre again in May. As there were a number of people who were, he

will order some tickets and inform a future meeting when he has them to firm up on numbers of people wishing to go.

Details were passed on regarding the upcoming concert by Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir at Wortley Church on 14th December.

The Club has received thanks for the donation of £100 toward the Wortley Church Bell restoration appeal.

The bulletin editor asked that any members who had not received the latest bulletin by email should speak to him after the meeting.

The meeting was then closed with the loyal toast.

At the following SGM, all the Club's Exec. appointments for 2014/15 were ratified. The secretary will advise RI.

The council met after the meeting, and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted. They will be distributed shortly.

9th December – Club Christmas Dinner (Whitley Hall)

There was a good turnout at the Christmas Dinner (36). Many thanks to Derek for producing a quiz. No prizes for guessing what was on the menu????.

16th December – Carol Singing and Supper at The George and Dragon

The Annual Christmas Carol singing took place with 3 groups singing at 3 Care Homes in the locality. Afterwards, we retired to the George and Dragon to enjoy some food and good company (See under Events for Photos).

23rd December – No Meeting

30th December – No Meeting

Events

Carol Singing (16th December)

Some photos from the after-sing event at the George and Dragon



Sleigh Run

Thanks to the efforts of Rtns Steve P and John G , the new improved energy efficient sleigh is ready for the Christmas workout. The new sleigh lights were purchased by the club from one of the President's suppliers at discount price, and John fitted them and wired them for towing vehicle. As you can see below, these look great.



Pictures from the sleigh runs



The total amount of money collected on the 2 runs amounted to around £1500 less expenses for the chocolates given out by Santa himself.

Miscellaneous

The World's Greatest Meal to help end Polio

Week commencing 23rd February, Rotarians are being asked to join in this event. This campaign was set up by Rotarians on Facebook, and is aiming to raise funds to help eradicate Polio. To read more, click on the following link:-
<https://www.facebook.com/events/700561353301539/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Esk Valley Rotary Christmas Trees

In the build up to Christmas, a team from RC of Esk Valley helped the Bethany Christian Trust at Cameron Toll Shopping Centre in Edinburgh to raise money to help homeless people in Edinburgh. To read more, click on the following link:-

<http://www.ribi.org/committees/community-service>

Queen receives Award of Honour

On December 16th, Her Majesty the Queen received the RI Award of Honour to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of her coronation. The Queen has been a supporter of Rotary's polio eradication and humanitarian programmes. Click the following link to read more:-

<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/queen-receives-award-of-honour>

Yellowmen go the extra mile

Rotary Club of Senlac has announced the purchase of a new motorbike to aid their Yellowman project in Kenya. This has provided much needed clinics and medical aid to a remote area of the country. Click on the following link to read more:-

<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/yellowmen-go-the-extra-mile>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

6 th January	Visitor	Ann Winnard
13 th January	Fellowship	Peter Clarke
	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Peter Dimelow
20 th January	Visitor	Bob Greaves
	Fellowship	Peter Perry
27 th January	Visitor	Brenda Russell
	Fellowship	Philip Sherriff
3 rd February	Visitor	Derek Ronksley
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
10 th February	Visitor	Geoff Humphreys
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
17 th February	Visitor	Howard Mills
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
24 th February	Visitor	Jack Slater
	Fellowship	Stephen Knight
3 rd March	Visitor	Steven Patterson
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
10 th March	Visitor	Trevor Fletcher
	Fellowship	John Evans
17 th March	Visitor	Andrew Jackson
	Fellowship	John Greaves
24 th March	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	John Haggerty
31 st March	Visitor	Annie Rouxeville
	Fellowship	Keith Addy

Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

6 th January, 2014	New Year Message (Canon Peter Wright)
18 th January, 2014	Millionaires Night (Grenoside Community Hall)
29 th June, 2014	Vintage Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)

DISTRICT / RIBI

9 th January, 2014	Deadline for submissions for free trees from the Woodland Trust (to plant in March)
25 th January – 2 nd February, 2014	Poverty and Homeless Action Week
27 th January, 2014	Holocaust Memorial Day
31 st January, 2014	Deadline for entries for the Rodney Huggins Environmental award
4 th February, 2014	World Cancer Day
21 st – 23 rd February, 2014	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)
23 rd February, 2014	Global Swimathon
23 rd February, 2014	World's Greatest Meal
24 th February – 4 th March, 2014	Fairtrade Fortnight
3 rd -9 th March, 2014	Climate Week
29 th March, 2014	Earth Hour (20:30-21:30)
5 th April, 2014	Know your Blood Pressure Day
10 th April, 2014	RC of Birmingham Centenary Celebration

11th-13th April, 2014	(Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)[18:30-01:00] RIBI Annual Conference (ICC, Birmingham)
12th-13th April, 2014	Presidential New Generations Conference (Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Birmingham) RIBI Young Chef Competition (Dundee)
26th April, 2014	RIBI National Young Musician Final (Truro)
10th May, 2014	RIBI Youth Speaks Final (Maidstone)
1st-4th June, 2014	RI International Convention (Sydney, Australia)
25th-27th July, 2014	RIBI Interact Rally (Rock UK, Irthlingborough)
20th – 22nd February, 2015	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)
10th-12th April, 2015	RIBI Annual Conference (Belfast Waterfront Conference Centre)

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 1st March, 1910 in London to parents of French (mother), and Scottish (father) descent. My father was killed at Gallipoli during WWI. My mother married again in 1917. I had 3 older siblings, the eldest of whom was born in Switzerland.
- 2) I attended private school at Heatherdown and Stowe, before attending Sandhurst, graduating in 1930 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the regular Army. I requested assignment to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders or the Black, but was placed with the

Highland Light Infantry. I served for 2 years in Malta and then for a few months in Dover. By now, I was becoming tired of service in a peacetime army, and resigned by telegram whilst crossing the Atlantic in 1933 after being allowed to escape from close-arrest. I moved to New York City, and ended up in Hollywood via Bermuda and Cuba in 1934.

Having finally obtained a resident Alien Visa, I began to get low grade acting jobs. Eventually, my role in "Mutiny on the Bounty" attracted the attention of Samuel Goldwyn, who signed me and established me in the profession. My supporting roles during this time included films "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "The Charge of the Light Brigade", before gaining leading roles in "Wuthering Heights" opposite Errol Flynn, Loretta Young and Laurence Olivier, and as a co-star with Ginger Rogers in "Bachelor Mother"

When WWII started, I returned to England and rejoined the Army as a lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade. I then transferred to the Commandos. I commanded GHQ Liaison Regiment, and worked with the Army Film Unit acting in 2 films during the war, the second one of these being "The Way Ahead" in 1944. I also took part in the Normandy invasion, though not the D-Day landings. I ended the war as a Lieutenant-Colonel, and received the Legion of Merit from Dwight Eisenhower. After the War ended, I resumed my acting career.

By now, I was appearing in starring roles only, such as in "The Bishop's Wife" in 1947. I became estranged

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from Goldwyn due to a problem over the film "The Elusive Pimpernel" which led to me being effectively barred from the Hollywood studios. I won the Best Actor Oscar in 1958 for my role in "Separate Tables", and was co-host of 3 Academy Awards ceremonies. I had my own TV show which ran for 13 years from 1959, and appeared in another 30 films, such as "The Guns of Navarone" in 1961, "The Pink Panther" in 1963, and "Death on the Nile" in 1980. I also wrote 4 books. I was married twice during my life, having 4 children, and died on 29th July, 1983 of ALS in Switzerland.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

Joe Biden called Barack Obama into his office one day and said, "Barack.... I have a plan to win back Middle America in 2012 and put you in the white house for your second term...."

"Great Joe, tell me your plan" replied Barack..

"We'll get some cheesy clothes and shoes, like most Middle Class Americans wear, then stop at the pound and pick up a Labrador retriever. Then, we'll go to a nice old country bar in Montana and show them how much admiration and respect we have for the hard working people living there."

So they did, and found just the place they were looking for in Bozeman, Montana. With the dog in tow, they walked inside and stepped up to the bar.

The Bartender took a step back and said, "Hey! Aren't you Barack

Obama and Joe Biden???????"

"Yes we are!" said Joe, "And what a lovely town you have here. We were passing through and Barry suggested we stop and take in some local color."

They ordered a round of bourbon for the whole bar, and started chatting up a storm with anyone who would listen.

A few minutes later, a grizzled old rancher came in, walked up to the Labrador , lifted up its tail, looked underneath, shrugged his shoulders and walked out. A few moments later, in came one of the local cowboys. He walked up to the dog, lifted up its tail, looked underneath, scratched his head and left the bar.

For the next hour, another dozen of the locals came in, lifted the dog's tail, and left shaking their heads.

Finally, Barack asked, "Why did all those people come in and look under the dog's tail? Is it some sort of custom?"

"Lord no," said the bartender. "Someone's out there running around town, claiming there's a Labrador Retriever in here with two assholes!"

Nun Grading Papers (more fun answers from the Elementary School Test Papers)

1. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE . NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
2. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD

WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY
INGREDIENTS.

3. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
4. THE GREATEST MIRACLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBeyed HIM.
5. JESUS WAS BORN BECAUSE MARY HAD AN IMMACULATE CONTRACTION.
6. IT WAS A MIRACLE WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND MANAGED TO GET THE TOMBSTONE OFF THE ENTRANCE.
7. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at
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Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: James David Graham Niven