

# WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

January 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Secretary: Graham Owen

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<http://www.wortleyrotary.co.uk/>



## NEWS

### Meetings

7<sup>th</sup> December – Normal Meeting followed by SGM and Council (thanks to Rtn Graham for the extra info)

Before the meal, President Peter welcomed guests Wally Hirst from RC of Sheffield Vulcan, and Emely Stephenson, who is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Kentucky who is studying for a Masters at Sheffield University. Although her first degree was in French (and a couple of years Pre-Med) she is now studying Health Care and hopes to work in a French speaking area of Africa dealing with improving Health Care. She is one of many Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Peace Scholars that Wally and Margaret have looked after. Members will recall that our own Rtn Annie looked after a scholar from Japan.

After the meal, President Peter invited Emely to say a few words about what she is involved with whilst she is here.



PDC Wally Hirst, President Peter, and Emely Stephenson

### Secretaries Notices

- 1) District Council Meeting 21/1/16 at the Holiday Inn, Warmsworth
- 2) An email has been received from Mike Storr Who looks after the District Quiz

for District 1220. There is an invite to take part in the quiz in the New Year.

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President Peter advised on times for the 17<sup>th</sup> December – Woolley Wood School is 13:00 for 13:30, and the Santa Sleigh Run will commence at 17:00.

Rtn John H advised that Wortley Hall Santa from 12:00 to 14:30 on 13<sup>th</sup> December is all sorted (Santa, Mrs Santa and Elves are all ready to rumble).

Hon Rtn Lewis read out the lists of groups for the Carol Singing on 14<sup>th</sup> December, and also asked for a show of hands from members interested in a trip to Beamish next summer (this will be progressed).

The various Committee Chairs were asked to outline upcoming activities in their area and areas where financial support from the club may be required or is being requested. Rtn Trevor advised that he hoped that the "Ethel Barge" would be supported.

Rtn Barrie advised that Jim Sorsby has sent his appreciation for the card received and that he is improving.

Rtn Bey advised that she has a potential speaker for a club meeting on Cystic Fibrosis.

Rtn Peter P met Hon Rtn Mike P earlier in the day, who has donated a tin full of copper coins and sends his regards to the club.

There being no other business, the Club SGM was held and the main positions for next year were ratified as follows:-

President 2016/17	Derek Ronksley
Pres Elect 2016/17	Ann Winnard
Secretary	Graham Owen

Treasurer and President-Elect were left as currently occupied (or not in the case of the Pres-Elect).

The club meeting then closed in the usual way.

14<sup>th</sup> December – No Meeting (Carol Singing)

21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

28<sup>th</sup> December – No Meeting

## EVENTS

### Santa visits Wortley Hall

Santa visited Wortley Hall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December along with his little band of helpers.

### Santa visits Woolley Wood School

Santa visited Woolley Wood School in the afternoon of December 17<sup>th</sup> before embarking on his journey around the Don Valley on the Northern Lights Tour (see below)

### Santa Sleigh Run (Don Valley / Northern Lights)

The first Santa Sleigh Run took place on 17<sup>th</sup> December when Santa visited Stocksbridge, Deepcar, Wharnecliffe Side, Worrall, Loxley, Wisewood, Winn Gardens and Oughtibridge. The pictures below were taken on the night.



### Carol Singing at local Care Homes

Rotarians and family and friends participated in this year's Carol Singing around 6 local Care Homes. We split in to 3 groups as follows:-

Group 1	Silver Lodge, Housley Aaron View, Lane End
Group 2	Nightingale Hartwell (both at Ecclesfield)
Group 3	Herries Lodge, Herries Road Park View, Shiregreen



Some singers from Group 1

After the singing, a number of us met up at Jumasrah Spice restaurant, Ecclesfield Common for a buffet dinner.



**Wortley Christmas Dinner**

After the meal, the entertainment was provided by local singers [Stevie Moore](#) and [Patricia Lynn](#) aided by our own “Fred” – did yer like that????



**The “after-sing” dinner**



**Stevie and Patricia**

### **Christmas Dinner**

The club held a Christmas Dinner with entertainment at Whitley Hall Hotel on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, commencing at 19:30.

Congratulations go to Rtn Trevor on the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.



**Presentation of Paul Harris Fellowship to Rtn Trevor by President Peter**

## Santa Sleigh Run on Christmas Eve

The second Santa Sleigh run took place on Christmas Eve, when Santa visited Wortley, High Green, Chapeltown, Grenoside, Ecclesfield and Thorpe Hesley. The pictures below were taken during the event. The collections raised a total of £1,633. Many thanks to all involved.



And look who else was there?  
<https://www.facebook.com/HalOfHallams/hire/>



**Hal of Hallamshire – The New Wantley Dragon**

### Miscellaneous

#### **New Year Message from DG**

There has a frenzy of activity amongst all of our Rotary clubs in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire with huge amounts of money being raised for needy people. I have been impressed by the imaginative ideas and how much they are appreciated by our local communities. Store collections have as always been well supported and it is good to hear “Oh its The Rotary” when people drop money in your bucket. The Santa Fun Runs, now established community events fully demonstrated by increasing number of runners, and drawing huge crowds. Santa’s Grottos are a magical experience when we are able to provide presents for the children wide eyed and truly believing. Sleigh runs where children and parents alike turn out to welcome Rotary some handing over food for the Food Banks and donations for the local charities we support. For those alone at Christmas many Rotarians and other volunteers are giving up their Christmas Day to bring a little cheer to those that would otherwise have been on their own. These are just a few of the many things that our 1270 Rotary Clubs have been undertaking over this Christmas period and which are making such a difference in peoples lives. No other time of year can Rotarians effectively epitomise by this years theme of “Be a Gift to the

World”. I extend my heart felt thanks to all Rotary Clubs for all you have done and will continue doing for your local and international communities. Happy New Year.

Margaret Taylor

#### **Rotary in Missouri help battle hunger in the Developed World**

Rotary members in District 6080 led by DG Steve Dulle have been collecting food and volunteering at food banks. To read more, click on the link here:-

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/news-features/clubs-battle-hunger-missouri-food-fight>

#### **RI renews Project Partnership with Shelterbox**

RI and Shelterbox have extended the project partnership for another 3 years continuing until at least 2019. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-shelterbox-renew-project-partnership/>

#### **Message from DG regarding Cumbrian Flood Appeal**

Thank you for all your support to date. The time has come to manage the aid being offered in a more targeted way. Richard has organised collection of items listed in my last message which I will direct once I know the locations where they need to go. Can I ask that we now don't organise any further collection of items although money is still needed especially in Cumbria.

#### **Message received via Rtn Philip from Mark & Emma Cooke**

Hi Philip

We hope this finds you well and that you and Jenny are all set for Christmas.

The Fire Art project that Wortley RC contributed towards back in 2009 has deteriorated over the years so the local Council and our Community Development Group has had the image boards scanned and reprinted and now have them re-mounted on a building wall within the park.



I just wanted to let you know that the investment made by the Club is still doing well and getting Wortley RC well known down under.

It looks like we have sold the farm and we have bought an acre block of land in town (Mirboo North) and are having a new pad built. Subject to the sale going through smoothly we'll probably be in a rental house between mid January and mid December. It would be great to catch up with you both when you're over.

Will keep you posted.

Kind regards and best wishes

Mark, Emma and Tommy

#### **RC of Beeston join with Tesco Extra to gift furniture to families in need**

RC of Beeston and Tesco Extra have clubbed together to provide plates, cutlery and cooking equipment for 3 Nottingham families in time for Christmas. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Beeston->

[organisations-club-gift-furniture/story-28341243-detail/story.html](http://www.lincolnshireecho.co.uk/Grantham-s-Runrise-Rotary-masterminds-collection/story-28361030-detail/story.html)

#### **Grantham people raise funds for Cumbrian Flood victims**

RC of Grantham Sunrise raised more than £1500 for Cumbrian Flood Victims during a street collection in the town. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.lincolnshireecho.co.uk/Grantham-s-Runrise-Rotary-masterminds-collection/story-28361030-detail/story.html>

#### **RC of Malton help out in Malton Santa Run**

RC of Malton helped other local organisations and individuals to raise money for a local charity by staging a seasonal run. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14147493.Santas\\_take\\_to\\_the\\_streets\\_of\\_Malton\\_for\\_fun\\_run/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14147493.Santas_take_to_the_streets_of_Malton_for_fun_run/)

#### **RC of Horwich support Community Christmas party**

RC of Horwich donated funds to help young people from 2 schools throw a Christmas Party for the local community. To read more, click on the link here:-

[http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/14160897.School\\_throws\\_community\\_Christmas\\_party/](http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/14160897.School_throws_community_Christmas_party/)

#### **RC of Darlington organise Bake-off competition for local schools**

RC of Darlington ran a Bake-off competition for local schools. To read more, click on the links here:-

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14157618.Darlington\\_bake\\_off\\_champions\\_crowned/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14157618.Darlington_bake_off_champions_crowned/)

or

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14133678.Inspired\\_Darlington\\_pupils\\_rise\\_to\\_Bake\\_Off\\_competition/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14133678.Inspired_Darlington_pupils_rise_to_Bake_Off_competition/)

#### **District 1220**

In the build up to the club's move to District 1220, links to information pages on the

district website will be included for you to have a look at. This month relates to Membership Service:-  
<http://district.rotary1220.org/service-committees/membership>

Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)

**DISTRICT / RIBI**

21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 District Council (Holiday Inn, Warmsworth, Doncaster)

6<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 RC of Scunthorpe Pentagon – Charity Collection at Glanford Park for Diabetes

21<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 National Immunisation Day (India)

27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 RC of Rotherham President’s Night (19:00-23:00)

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 RC of Spilsby Charter (venue TBA)

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 RIBI Annual Conference, Bournemouth

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 RC of Cleethorpes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Ball

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 Know your Blood Pressure Day 2016

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016 RC of Lincoln Colonia Charter (Afternoon tea at Doddington Hall)

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 Rotary Ride 2016 (for Prostate Cancer)

30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 District 1220 Conference (Scarborough Spa Theatre and Conference Centre)

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 RIBI Annual Conference, Manchester

**Future Duty Roster (Hosts)**

4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Visitor	Steve Patterson
	Fellowship	Trevor Fletcher
11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Visitor	Stephen Dobson
	Fellowship	Robert Godber
18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	Ann Winnard
25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Visitor	Annie Rouxville
	Fellowship	Stella Ward
1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2016	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Bev Wade
8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	Visitor	Bob Greaves
	Fellowship	David Humberstone
15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	Visitor	Derek Ronksley
	Fellowship	Geoff Humphreys
22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2016	Visitor	Iffat Hameed
	Fellowship	Jack Slater
29 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	Visitor	Jacob Davis
	Fellowship	John Evans
7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Visitor	John Haggerty
	Fellowship	Keith Bailey
14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Visitor	Lewis Atkinson
	Fellowship	David Atkinson
21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2016	Visitor	Muhammad Zahur
	Fellowship	Peter Dimelow
28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Visitor	No Meeting
	Fellowship	
4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Philip Sherriff
11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	Visitor	Rod Wadsworth
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	Visitor	Stephen Knight
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**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 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1895 in Bath Villas, Ashford. My father was a coal merchant, amateur musician and part-time church organist, and my mother was matron at a local school. I was brought up in Stamford, Lincs, and joined the Peterborough Cathedral choir, studied the organ and gained a scholarship to Stamford School. Aged 16, I earned a diploma as Associate of the Royal College of

**Dates for the Diary  
WORTLEY**

4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	New Year Message (Rev. Robert Bridgewater (Curate of Chapeltown))
16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Millionaires Night (Grenoside Community Centre)[19:30]
3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2016	Vintage & Classic

Organists, and was awarded a degree (Bachelor of Music) by the University of Durham 2 years later.

2. I was organist at St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray from 1914-1924 apart from 8 months in 1918 when I served in the DLI during WWI. During this time, I also worked on many musical projects in Leicester, Melton Mowbray and Stamford, conducting and producing operas of Gilbert and Sullivan others for amateur societies. When I was 24, I became England's youngest Doctor of Music, again from Durham University.
3. In 1921, Sir Henry Wood visited Leicester with the Queens Hall Orchestra, and I was asked to write a piece. Because of the time constraints, Sir Henry was unable to learn it, so I was asked to conduct the first performance. Later that year, I was invited to conduct the work at the annual promenade concerts. During the 1920s, I became one of the best known English conductors. I conducted the Mastersingers on tour in 1925, the London seasons for the D'Oyly Carte Company in 1926, and the newly rebuilt Savoy Theatre in 1929-30. During this time, I became particularly noted for performances of choral pieces including Handel's "Messiah" and Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast".
4. In October 1932, I contracted TB, and was unable to work for almost 2 years. In 1936, I conducted my first opera at Covent Garden, but didn't conduct there again until 1954. I made 3 lengthy tours to Australia and New Zealand, and almost accepted a permanent appointment there when WWII broke out. During the war, I directed the Halle Orchestra (1939-42) and the Liverpool Philharmonic (1942-48), and also became a popular Home Service radio broadcaster. I

was knighted in 1945. After the war, I continued to promote British Composers, conducting the premiers of Vaughan Williams Symphony No 9 in 1958 amongst others.

5. I was chief conductor of the Proms from 1948 until 1967, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra from 1950 to 1957. I made 2 tours of South America – 1950 and 1952. In 1961, when the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra was in danger, I played a major part in saving it. In 1967, I underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer, and made an appearance at the last night of the proms later that year. I died 2 weeks later, and was buried in Stamford cemetery alongside other family members. I was married once, and had 2 children, one of whom died of polio in 1944

#### ***Answers at the bottom of the newsletter***

#### **This Month's Joke**

In the beginning .....  
In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath

the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success.

Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew.

It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth.

### **Another Quick (and topical joke)**

The Labour party:

Tom Watson is deputy leader and Jeremy Corbyn is leader.....So its official - the Labour party is now run by Tom & Jerry.

### **Trust Me, I'm an engineer**



Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: **Harold Malcolm Watts Sargent**



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