

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

October 2015 NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

Meetings

7th September – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President-elect Derek welcomed guests Ken Pickering (RC of Mexborough) and the 2 Scholarship recipients. He also presented Rtn Annie R with an award for introducing a new member to the club.

Hon Rtn Lewis then introduced James Bradshaw and Jack Tibble (2015 Scholarship Recipients), and they introduced themselves and gave a brief talk to the club about their upcoming first year studies. President-elect Derek then presented them with their awards



Pres-elect Derek and James



Pres-elect Derek and Jack

Secretary's Notice

1. RC of Rotherham Sitwell has a Charter on 3rd October
2. If any member wishes to nominate a Charity to receive donations for the clubs fundraising proceeds, they should pass this information to the club as soon as possible
3. The Council Of Legislation (COL) will meet in 2016 in Chicago and already the proposals for amendments to current Rotary 'law' have filled 400 pages – if you want to read them!!!!

Rtn Rod advised that the total receipts from the 2015 MiTG is likely to be in excess of £50k – the total from the event alone excluding the bucket collections is £45k. The presentation night is listed in the Dates for the Diary section.

Rtn Stephen K outlined the current situation with regard to International issues.

Rtn Trevor advised that the VVR committee had visited Wortley Hall to look at various issues arising from this year's event with a view to implementing improvements for next year.

Rtn John H reminded the club that the Millionaire's Night will soon be upon us again, and requested that members start to think about obtaining prizes for the raffle. He also mentioned the Santa Sleigh runs which will also be upon us shortly, and the Carol Singing which will be organized by Hon Rtn Lewis. There was a brief discussion regarding the Santa Sleigh event, and Rtn John was asked by the club to obtain the chocolates.

Rtn John E asked about the early start issue, this is a one-month trial, and will be reviewed after that.

Rtn Barrie proposed a vote of thanks to Whitley Hall for the service at the meeting, particularly as the Hall was quite busy. This was passed on to the staff.

There being no more business, the meeting closed with the final and loyal toast.

14th September – Normal Meeting

21st September – Normal Meeting (Thanks to Rtn Graham for the information)

A small but select group met last night.

The present situation from RI/RIBI on the Syrian crisis is that ...'there is no policy yet.' HM Government is funding the transport and resettlement of Syrian Refugees from the camps into the UK and therefore it is not known at this stage what will be needed (if anything) upon their movement to the UK. RIBI do not want to start collecting funds and/or clothing etc for it not to be needed. The advice is to hold fire until we KNOW. I understand that Hon Rtn Lewis is in contact with churches in the area where such items as winter woollies and blankets are being collected but I think the priority there is to send the items to the 'refugees on the move' that we see daily on TV walking from country to country.

I have received no adverse comments in reply to the 7 day notice I announced about Robert Godber (ex of RC Wombwell) who has made application to join our club. Therefore he will be put through the grill and really roughed up by the Membership Committee in the cellars of WHH in a few weeks' time when he returns from holiday.

Next Monday (28th) will be the last 'trial date' for the new meeting time. At that meeting a vote will be taken to decide whether we keep the new time or revert to the 'old' time. WHH will then be informed ready for the meeting on 5th October. The club members present last night decided that for this vote members do not need to be present.

If you are going to be absent next week (28th) please let me know your choice by email, text, phone call or the system with a stamp on an envelope! I have already received one vote by email this morning at 6.52am (just as I returned from my morning jog!) I do not want to accept on the night the 'so and so told me he wanted to vote for ...'. If you want to vote please be at the meeting or let me know beforehand.

Also on 28th Rtn John Haggerty will do a short presentation on how we can run a 'membership strategy'. John has attended a seminar and will have some good tips.

Rtn Geoff Marston (RC Sheffield - now in another district!) has offered to talk to us about Castleton Camp. I'm trying to fix a date and am looking at 26th October.

It's not long to Christmas now so please start entering into your diaries the dates we do the usual things to ensure that you will be out there selling RC of Wortley.

Next week's hosts are: on the Wheel taking the money - Rtn Anne Winnard (who might just wear 'that' dress again) and on Fellowship Rtn Trevor.

28th September – Normal Meeting

After opening the meeting, President John & Rtn Trevor outlined the discussions that have been going on between the club and Wortley Hall regarding the VVR / South Yorkshire festival arrangements.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) A vote was taken on the time of the regular club meeting following the 4-week experiment with an earlier start. It was decided to continue with the earlier start at 6:15pm for 6:45pm
- 2) There will be no club meeting on 12th October as some members will be returning from the trip to Auschwitz, and others will be attending the presentation evening from MITG.
- 3) An e-mail has been received from the DG – Districts 1220 and 1040 have accepted the clubs who have decided to join them following the disbandment of 1270, 1070 have yet to meet, so watch this space. Following their decision there will be a Cluster Meeting to introduce the new groupings once decided and the times will be circulated when known.
- 4) There is an event to celebrate UN Older Persons Day on 1st October on the Moor in Sheffield --> this is a Free event if anyone is interested.
- 5) Rotary Club of Doncaster is having 'An evening with the Vulcan Bomber. Cost is £38 if anyone is interested. Robin Hood Airport 7th November.
- 6) If anyone is interested in being on an RIBI Committee, the deadline is 16th October.
- 7) There will be a speaker (Geoff Marston) on 26th October who will be talking about Castleton camp.

- 8) There is a Sheet going round for people who are interested in participating in the Mock Interviews to indicate when they are available. Date is in the Diary below.
- 9) Arrangements are being made for the donation to Woolley Wood School to be presented.

The Quiz team was formulated with President Peter as captain ably supported by Rtns Trevor, David and Bev, with Rtn Stephen K as 1st Reserve.

Rtn Trevor advised that there are still some Rotary T-shirts available for a donation.

Hon Rtn Lewis requested confirmation that the Carol Singing will take place on 14th December. The club also decided on a venue for the 'afterglow' – Indian Restaurant at Ecclesfield Common.

Rtn John H outlined details of a meeting he recently attended regarding recruitment and retention of members, and the various ways clubs can be organised as the average age of Rotarians is now 74. A brief discussion ensued. Further info is available from John.

Hon Rtn Lewis asked for opinions re a number of ideas for another club trip next year – suggestions so far are The Space Museum and The National Arboretum. Any other requests / suggestions will be gratefully received.

Rtn Trevor asked if the final MiTG figure was know. Rtn Philip outlined the final totals, and RC of Wortley will be receiving £1800 to distribute. This led to a discussion re the VVR and clash with MiTG.

The meeting was closed in the usual way.

EVENTS

2015 Scholarship presentation

The presentation for the 2015 Scholarship awards took place at the meeting on 7th September. See the meeting report above for pictures and brief details.

Miscellaneous

Message from the Club Secretary:-

It is now time to go into training to win the very last District 1270 Quiz. The trophy is currently held by Louth who donated it last century. The final winners may get to keep it!!!

The group we are in for round one is:

Rivelin will host Sheffield Vulcan, Rotherham, Rotherham Sitwell and Wortley. Round one to be completed before 30th November.

So into training. Get the books out and learn all those quirky questions such as:
 What is the colour of the second G in the Google logo?
 What is the colour of the second house in Ballamory?
 Who paints the front door of No 10?

Team to be selected soon. If you're absent - you could be chosen!

Graham

Another message from the Club Secretary

All 3 'Receiving Districts' have agreed to the club distribution. The details now go to RIBI and then onward to RI in Chicago. We just have to wait now.

Heroin overdose inspires Rotary member to rally club and community against rising drug usage.

Roland van Kaler, a member of RC of Tecumseh, Michigan started a project to build drug lockers to keep kids out of medicine cabinets. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/heroins-comeback>

RC of Derby celebrate Arboretum's anniversary

RC of Derby joined community groups to celebrate Derby Arboretum's 175th anniversary. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Rotary-Club->

[Derby-celebrate-Arboretum-s/story-27795739-detail/story.html](http://www.derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/parks-and-open-spaces/derby-aboretum/)

Click here to look at the City Council website for the arboretum:-

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/parks-and-open-spaces/derby-aboretum/>

RC of Wearside raises funds for the Great North Air Ambulance

Rotary Club of Wearside have raised funds to support the Great North Air Ambulance by holding a Dragon Boat Race in Hetton Lyons Country Park. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/wearside-rotary-clubs-hold-ambitious-dragon-boat-charity-race-in-hetton-lyons-country-park-1-7445947>

Memory Club funded by local Rotary Club starts up in Eden

RC of Upper Eden have provided funding to enable a Memory Club for people with Dementia to start up. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/13781166.Memory-club-to-start-up-in-Eden/>

RC of Biddulph sow the Green Seeds of success

RC of Biddulph have been working hard, sprucing up the towns 'Garden of Tranquility' To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.cheshireindependent.co.uk/2585/Sowing-The-Green-Seeds-Of-Success.html>

RC of Knaresborough walk to raise funds for local Children's Hospice

RC of Knaresborough raised over £1,000 for Martin House Children's Hospice thanks to a recent fundraising walk. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/local/rotary-club-walk-for-hospice-1-7473050>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

5 th October, 2015	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	Muhammad Zahur
12 th October, 2015	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Annie Rouxeville
19 th October, 2015	Visitor	Bob Greaves
	Fellowship	Bev Wade
26 th October, 2015	Visitor	David Humberstone
	Fellowship	Brenda Russell
2 nd November, 2015	Visitor	Geoff Humphreys
	Fellowship	Derek Ronksley
9 th November, 2015	Visitor	Jack Slater
	Fellowship	Iffat Hameed
16 th November, 2015	Visitor	John Haggerty
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
23 rd November, 2015	Visitor	Keith Bailey
	Fellowship	John Evans
30 th November, 2015	Visitor	Muhammad Zahur
	Fellowship	Lewis Atkinson
7 th December, 2015	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Peter Dimelow
14 th December, 2015	Visitor	Roger Hirst
	Fellowship	Philip Sherriff
21 st December, 2015	Visitor	Stephen Knight
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
28 th December, 2015	Visitor	No Meeting
	Fellowship	

**Dates for the Diary
WORTLEY**

9-12 th October, 2015	Trip to Auschwitz
12 th October, 2015	MiTG Presentation Night (Abbeyle Sports Ground)
25 th November, 2015	Mock Interviews, Yewlands School
14 th December, 2015	Care Home Carol Singing
24 th December, 2015	Santa Sleigh

DISTRICT / RIBI

31 st October, 2015	The Rotary Peace Fellow Bill Huntley Memorial Seminar (University of Bradford)
7 th November, 2015	RC of Doncaster Charter "Evening with the Vulcan" (Robin Hood Airport)[18:45 for 19:30]
11 th November, 2015	RC of Idle & Greengates Jazz Evening (Venue TBA)
4 th December, 2015	Festival of Christmas Trees (RC of Bridlington)
9 th December, 2015	Bradford Rotary Carol Service (Venue TBA)
6 th February, 2016	RC of Scunthorpe Pentagon – Charity Collection at Glanford Park for Diabetes
17 th March, 2016	RC of Spilby Charter (venue TBA)
1 st -3 rd April, 2016	RIBI Annual Conference, Bournemouth
23 rd April, 2016	RC of Cleethorpes 50 th Anniversary Charter Ball

22nd May, 2016

RC of Lincoln Colonia
Charter (Afternoon tea
at Doddington Hall)

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 10th July, 1943 in Richmond, Virginia, USA - The eldest of 2 children. When I was 7, my mother died, and my brother and I were raised by our father who worked for the Richmond Recreation department. He encouraged me in my academic and sports work, but forbade me to play American Football because of my slight build, which led me to get the childhood nicknames "Skinny" or "Bones".
2. I started playing the sport that made me famous when I was aged 7 and continued to practice whilst attending High School. Robert Johnson, who funded the ATA Junior Development program was advised of my ability, and he coached and mentored me for 7 years from 1953 helping me to develop my game and the importance of racial socialization. This became a hallmark of my game. In 1958, I became the first African-American to play in the Maryland Boys' Championship.
3. In 1960, I was barred from playing Caucasian youths in Richmond during the school year, and was unable to use the indoor courts in the city. I moved to St Louis where I could compete more freely, and lived with Richard Hudlin, a friend of Robert Johnson who was a Tennis Coach. He encouraged me to develop the serve-

volley game as I was now stronger and more physically mature. I was awarded a Tennis scholarship to UCLA in 1963, and after graduating, joined the US Army in 1966, serving 3 years in the US before being discharged in 1969.

4. By this time, I had already been selected to play for the USA in the Davis Cup, and won the NCAA singles and double titles. In 1968, I won the US Amateur Championships, and the first US Open of the open era in 1968, becoming the first black male to win both championships in the same year. I also helped the USA win the Davis Cup that year. In 1970, I won the Australian Open, and also helped the USA win a third consecutive Davis Cup. Over the next few years, my career grew, and I played in South Africa, losing twice in their Open final against Jimmy Connors. In 1975, I beat Connors to win the Wimbledon singles.
5. I played a few more years before retiring in 1980, after having Heart surgery the previous year. I took on many roles after retirement, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1985. I had another round of Heart surgery a couple of years before, and in 1988, was hospitalized with what was eventually diagnosed as HIV. In 1992, I made this public after a new publication decided to print the story. I spent the rest of my life raising awareness of the illness. I died on 6th February, 1993.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke / Funny Story

***Bill and his wife Blanche go to the Yorkshire Show every year, and every year Bill would say,
" Blanche, I'd like to ride in that there 'elicopter "***

Blanche always replied, " I know Bill, but that 'elicopter ride is twenty quid, and twenty quid is twenty quid! "

One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, " Blanche, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that there 'elicopter, I might never get another chance "

To this, Blanche replied, "Bill that 'elicopter ride is twenty quid, and twenty quid is twenty quid "

The pilot overheard the couple and said, " I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's twenty quid. "

Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, But still not a word...

When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, " By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed! "

*Bill replied,
" Well, to tell you t'truth I almost said summat when Blanche fell out, But tha' knows, twenty quid is twenty quid! "*

Another Short Joke

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice:

"Hi sweetheart. It's Eric. I'm on the train".

"Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting".

"No, honey, not with that blonde from the accounts office. It was with the boss".

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life".

"Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart"

Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly. When the young woman sitting next to him had enough, she leaned over and said into the phone, "Eric, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Eric doesn't use his cell phone in public any longer.

FUNNY SIGNS that make you smile

1. Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office:
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
2. On a Church's Bill board:
"7 days without God makes one weak."
3. In a Non-smoking Area:
"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."
4. At an Optometrist's Office:
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
5. At a Car Dealership:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

RULES ARE RULES or DUMB GETS DUMBER (OOPS!)

Good news: It was a normal day in Sharon Springs , Kansas , when a Union Pacific crew boarded a loaded

coal train for the long trek to Salina

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Bad news: Just a few miles into the trip a wheel bearing became overheated and melted, letting a metal support drop down and grind on the rail, creating white hot molten metal droppings spewing down to the rail.

Good news: A very alert crew noticed smoke about halfway back in the train and immediately stopped the train in compliance with the rules

Bad news: The train stopped with the hot wheel over a wooden bridge with creosote ties and trusses. The crew tried to explain this to Union Pacific higher-ups but were instructed not to move the train! They were informed that Rules prohibited moving the train when a part was found to be defective!



**'REMEMBER,
RULES ARE RULES!'
Don't ever let common sense get in
the way of a good Disaster!**

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

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: *Arthur Robert Ashe, Jr.*