

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

August 2013 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a terrific start to the year and we were blessed with good weather for the 2013VVR, looks like we may have cleared around £5000 which makes up a bit for last year's wash-out. Thanks to our honoured guest Mr Bobby Knutt, Plenty of ideas for the next year, and a good time perhaps to invest in some decent signage. With the date for next year to be confirmed, the clash with the Tour de France puts us in a dilemma whether to avoid it or exploit it. Earlier dates may fall foul of June rainy season but be more available for our regular exhibitors, later dates may be scuppered by holidays but take advantage of MitG and TDF publicity. Lots to think about on that score. Thanks to David Vernon-Edwards from the Sheffield Children's Hospital who provided us with very entertaining and informative potted history with old photos of origins of the SCH and their plans for the future – I'm sure Wortley will be proud to continue to support them in their fundraising efforts.

The days before VVR, The South Yorkshire Festival Car Parking raised a significant amount, although the entry fare doubled, raising over £400 for Wortley Rotary and ditto for Wortley Hall. However, a few more "jackets" would have been welcome as it turned into an "all-day duty" for some members. The Festival date is in August next year and hopefully will be better attended as it will not clash with MitG.

Music in the Gardens was also favoured by the weather gods, and again Wortley was well represented by its volunteers – some great acts and a good turnout by the public. Nice to be supported by the MC's from Radio Sheffield, who also gave Wortley's VVR a mention on the following Sunday.

Upcoming events include the practice Casino night at Philip's place (George and Dragon) on the 5th Aug, and the Castleton Camp evening on the 13th Aug (Tues). Members who can spare the time and availability please take the opportunity to visit the Camp's Rotary Centre run by Sheffield for selected school-children-starts about 6.30pm, for a couple hours, joining

in with the kids games and hospitality – our brief involvement is appreciated by the staff, the helpers and the kids and is a rewarding and humbling experience which fits Rotary perfectly so full kudos the Sheffield RC for this sort of commitment

One of the highlights I have the pleasure of helping with is the Scholarship Trust, and we had 4 tremendously impressive candidates this week – so much so that Lewis, Rod, Stephen and I could not eliminate any from the runner up position – hence we took the easy way out and asked the club if you were all willing to provide additional funding to grant these ambassadors of the next generation our appropriate encouragement – hopefully you will see what we mean when these scholars visit the club on Sept 16th for their presentation, which also coincides with the visit to our club by the DG.

In the meantime, hope you enjoy(ed) the summer and let's hope we can have an eventful and fellowship-filled year ahead.

David

PS – As the Sergeant has said – it is important all members keep an eye on their duty schedule, especially for Fellowship, which is available on the website (Attendance) and the newsletter – if you can't do your turn, please make the alternative arrangements yourself rather than leave it to the first unwitting member to arrive ! Fines for dereliction of duties will be given !!! And Subscriptions are due – cheques to Anne W please.

NEWS

Meetings

1st July – Presidential Handover Meeting

Handover went ahead as planned – but I would like to thank Steven for his work over the past year, his support and visits to the local and community events and club fundraisers over the year and especially with the sleigh refurb - he has done us all proud.



President David with Ex-Pres Steve.



New President inaugurates the President Elect



The New Vice President is inaugurated

8th July – Normal Meeting.

After the hectic week, President David expressed thanks to all those involved in the VVR, particular mention for Rtn Stephen D and Brenda for the organisational effort and preparation. With regard to MiTG, you will all have seen the correspondence received from the new DG, who attended the Classical Night. In case you haven't, it is reproduced in full in the EVENTS section.

15th July – Normal Meeting (Speaker from Children's Hospital).

There was a speaker at the meeting from the Children's Hospital - David Vernon-Edwards - he is the Charity Director of The Children's Hospital Charity. I know that at least one club member has been stimulated to think about what they could do to help as a result.

22nd July – Normal Meeting

President David welcomed 2 guests – Jade Ridley-Edwards from Wortley Hall, and the bulletin editor.

The usual visit to Castleton Camp is approaching (w/c August 10th), and volunteers are required for Tuesday 13th when Wortley are due to attend. There is a sheet in the folder – all those interested, please put your name down.

The mock interviews at Yewlands School are also in the offing. Again, volunteers are requested to help the young people with their interview techniques.

Rtn Lewis gave a report on the Scholarship interviews which were held before the meeting. There were 4 young people interviewed, and 1 winner has been selected for the £500 bursary. The trustees feel that the 3 other candidates were so good, that they requested a little more financial support from the club to allow a £250 bursary to be awarded to them. After a brief discussion, this was approved.

South Yorkshire Festival

This event raised just under £1000, which was shared between Wortley Hall and the club. A cheque was presented to Jade by Rtn Brenda for just over £474.



VVR Review

President David listed the possible dates for the 2014 event. After discussion, these were narrowed down to either 29/6 or 13/7 to fit in with next year's Tour de France, which is starting in Yorkshire. The date will be discussed and firmed up shortly. The organising of next year's event will be shared out between Rtns Stephen, Brenda, Peter C, John H and David H – this should avoid the bulk of the responsibility being placed on the shoulders of 1 or 2 individuals.

It was noted that there is a need for better signage at the event, and there should be a wider range of things to entertain children. Rtns Trevor, Stephen and Peter C will make a list of signs which are required - by the beginning of September.

Rtn Peter P suggested that more advertising may be required, particularly in the local press, both before the event and after (to advise where the monies have been distributed to).

There were also issues raised regarding the Meal Vouchers – The Hall and the Club will be working on this before the next event.

Rtn Anne Winnard is prepared to look after stall bookings – there were suggestions regarding sources to obtain more stallholders from – this will be taken forward.

All in all- the VVR was a great success and around £5,000 was raised.

Other Business

Rtn Philip commented that the club meals appear to be the same every week – this will be raised with Whitley Hall.

Rtn Derek advised that the proposed Theatre visit in September has been cancelled due to illness. The monies paid will be refunded in the next few weeks. He has submitted a list of possible shows to see over the next few months (See the MISCELLANEOUS section below for details).

Rtn Ann Willey advised that the Annual subs are now due – please pay any monies to her asap.

Dates for the Diary

August 5th – Casino Practice at George and Dragon

December 21st – Proposed Christmas Dinner date.

The meeting was closed with the Final and Loyal toast.

29th July – Normal Meeting followed by Council.

Events

3rd-6th July – MUSIC in the GARDENS

The 2013 MIG concerts were a great success overall, having been blessed with good weather. The range of music was wide and suited most tastes over the four days, some more than others. As each year goes by we learn more from the experience and significant improvements can still be made to maximise the event. As with the VVR, we need to constantly be moving forwards with our efforts to keep the event in the mind of the public and to avoid stagnation. Next year will be another challenge, bearing in mind the Tour de France timing.

The amount of charitable funds raised has not been finally pinpointed, but they will be significant after last year's disappointment. Once again whilst a great turnout of Rotary stewards overall was good to see, the participating clubs fell way short of help in the build-up on the Mon - Wed days. Much of the work fell on a few, and perhaps this could have been foreseen and resolved earlier. Our Peter Clarke was a significant help on this aspect I would add, and special thanks to him - and others who turned out as well as stewards.

This is one of relatively few 'precious' events and opportunities for Rotary to make its mark in the Community, and we must do what we can to maintain its position in the calendar and the City. Without these events, VVRs, Millionaires nights etc, we will be kicking our heels somewhat. "

Rod

Message from the DG regarding the Classical Night (received by Geoff Marston)

Good Evening Geoff

I wanted to personally thank and congratulate everyone involved in The Music in The Gardens, and Alex suggested the best way to guarantee I didn't miss anyone would be to send it to you and ask you to forward it. I will leave it to you if that's OK.

The VIP welcome right from the car parking arrangements to the hospitality tent was spot on, and I am sure the local civic dignitaries will have appreciated that as much as we did. A cold drink and snack was perfect for such a lovely evening. I am so glad you had luck with the weather this year.

What a great event this is, and it ticks so many boxes, from community service, fundraising, and Rotary fellowship with so many clubs working together. A low key "Rotary Presence" hit just the right tone.

Jackie and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole musical programme and especially The Last Night of The Proms and the fireworks. It was really fun to meet up with so many Rotary friends at such an informal party - and that's what it was - a party.

Thanks again.

Best wishes

Simon Kalson
RI District 1270 District Governor 2013-14
Rotary Club of Lindum Lincoln

6th July – SOUTH YORKSHIRE FESTIVAL

Club members fulfilled the Club's obligation to cover the car-parking at the South Yorkshire Festival. On a beautiful day Club Funds were bolstered to the tune of just under £500.



Car Parking at the SYF

7th July – VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY

The sun shone and people turned out in the hundreds to help make the Vintage Vehicle Rally a huge success. As usual there was the bouncy castle, the Rotary Raffle Stall, Granelli's Ice Cream, the Brass Band and over 200 wonderful vehicles on display. This helped the Club raise £5,000 net for Charity. A big thank you has to go to Mark - a Volunteer with the Children's Hospital Charity - who helped man the Raffle Stall for a couple of hours, together with Brenda's family who do the stall, year in year out. We had over 200 vehicles on display.

Deepcar Brass Band were brilliant as usual (we have had them twice in the past) as was the Folkrock Band that volunteered their services for free. The pictures below give some idea of the day.



Mr President and Rtn Lewis



Rtn Lewis and a melting 'Wortley'



Rtns Philip and Rtn Peter B on the gate



Rtn Roger at the Car entrance



Rtn Ann Willey manning the exhibiting Car entrance / exit



Mr President directs the Cars / exhibitors

Exhibiting Cars





View over the main exhibits to the Public Car Park



View of the stalls and Children's entertainment

At the Front



Rtns Stephen and Geoff on patrol



Wortley Hall front – plus queue for an Ice-Cream



The Motorcycle exhibits



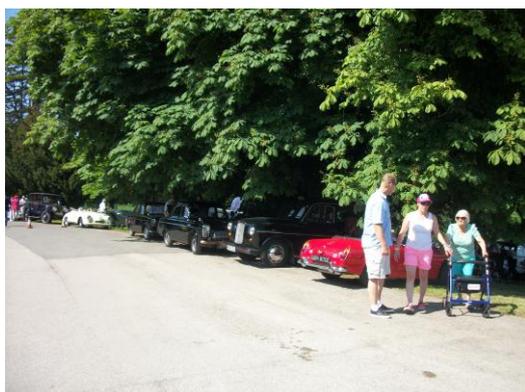
Selling Raffle Tickets



Deepcar Brass band entertains



Vintage Vehicles on show



And more.. hiding under the trees



Vintage RR



Overall Winner receives the Trophy from Bobby Knutt

The receipts for the day totalled around £8,000, and after costs were deducted, the total raised for club funds totalled £5,000. A good day for all.

The following is a list of the vehicles which won the prizes at the event:-

Class	Vehicle	Owner
Vintage & Thorough	Bentley 3lt 1926	S Hogg
Classic	Morris 8 Tourer	M Swinn
Vehicles of Special Interest	Fordson Tractor	Not Known

Motor Cycles	Ariel Red Hunter	R Dyson
Best in Show	Riley Lynx 1934	S Longbottom

The following letters were received by President David following the event:-

Hello David,

Just a few words to say what a great day for your event last Sunday. I hope it was a big fund raiser for you and that everything went well.

Your Club's organisation, with the help I know of other clubs, was terrific. We at Stainborough, with the help of Rockley, raised a reasonable amount for charity on the day through our toy sales and tombola.

Thank you for allowing us to be there and would you be kind enough to forward the details to our Club Treasurer, Karen Earnshaw, so that we can send you a donation (£200) on behalf of Stainborough Rotary Club for Sheffield Children's hospital.

Yours in Rotary

Geoff Goodlad
President Stainborough Children's Hospital

Hi David,

Just a quick email to say a huge thank you for allowing us to participate at your fantastic rally this afternoon with our 1931 Vauxhall Cadet.

So sorry that we had to leave a little before the end so sincere apologies (but a crisis was looming).

We have already pencilled in Sunday 6 July 2014. We will of course keep a close eye on the Wortley Hall website for updates. Let's hope the weather is as good next year.

Many thanks once again.

Regards.

**Paul Armstrong (and Anne)
Westfield Chauffeur Drive Limited**

Miscellaneous

Future Sheffield Theatre Dates

Following on from the visit to the Lyceum in May, unfortunately, the visit on 18th September next has been cancelled due to illness. Rtn Derek has circulated a list of possible future Theatre visits so that those that wish to go can choose what they would like to see. For information, or in case you missed it, the list is detailed below:-

2 Oct to 2 Nov 13	Winters Tale - William Shakespeare
21 - 26 Oct 13	Thriller Live (All Michael Jackson's hits)
29 Oct - 2 Nov 13	Priscilla Queen of the Desert
31 Oct to 23 Nov 13	Love your Soldiers. - Drama about Soldiers in Afghanistan and wives/girlfriends left at home
5 - 9 Nov 13	Christmas Carol - Northern Ballet
26 - 30 Nov 13	Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat
29 Nov 13 to 25 Jan 14	Oliver
7 to 11 Jan 14	The Nutcracker - Moscow City Ballet
13 Apr to 3 May 14	Dirty Dancing
7 May to 10 May 14	Brassed Off
18 to 22 March 14	Fiddler on the Roof starring Paul Michael Glaser

Please let Derek know which you fancy, as many as you like, and if we have enough interested, he will get some group bookings organised.

Join the fight against Prostate Cancer

Prostate Cancer UK has recently merged with Prostate Action to continue helping men with

both disease and cancer of the Prostate. Over the next 3 years, we will be tripling the research investment to £25m. If you believe that the club could help, have a look at this link: <http://prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/do-an-event/tea-for-victory?activitylist=&action-button=>. If you would like to do something a bit more adventurous, click here:-

<http://prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/do-an-event/conquer-ben-nevis?activitylist=7734&action-button=>

Princess Anne launches rescue boat

Princess Anne launched a new safety boat sponsored by RC of Sleaford. This will provide additional safety for disabled people wishing to take up sailing at Hykeham Sailability. Click here to read more:-

<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/princess-anne-launches-rotary-rescue-boat>

Ade puts the spotlight on polio

The Paralympic basketball player, actor and broadcaster, Ade Adepitan, will feature in a Channel 4 documentary on polio and the impact that it has had on his life. Click here to read more:- <http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/ade-puts-the-spotlight-on-polio>

Fundraising for “The Sick Children’s Trust

Some of you may have seen the article in the Sheffield Star (30th July) about the RC of Drone Valley raising over £1,000 for the above charity. The trust is raising money to provide a second house in Sheffield where parents can stay while their children are being treated in hospital. To read more, click on the following link:-

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/rotarians-dig-deep-to-fund-new-bedding-for-charity-1-5901696> or visit the Trust Website appeal page by clicking here:

http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/Events_Campaigns/Appeals/Branching_Out_-_Sheffield_2012_Appeal/?rand=371214073

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

5 th , August	Visitor	Geoff Humphreys
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
12 th August	Visitor	Howard Mills
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
19 th August	Visitor	Jack Slater
	Fellowship	Steve Patterson
26 th August	Visitor	Jacob Davis
	Fellowship	Anne Willey

Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

5 th September	Casino Practice at George & Dragon (Prep for Millionaires Night)
16 th September	DG Visit to Wortley
21 st December	RC Christmas Dinner

DISTRICT / RIBI

3 rd August, 2013	National Food Bank Collection (ASDA)
3 rd August, 2013	Rotary & Trussell trust Bring your own Picnic (Salisbury)
31 st August – 1 st September, 2013	District Training Officers Seminar
6 th September, 2013	Rotary Club of Bailgate Lincoln – 7 th Annual Charity Golf Day Team competition (Lincoln Golf Club)
13 th September, 2013	Rotary Club of Abbeylea 20 th Annual Charity Golf Day (Abbeylea Golf Club)
27 th September, 2013	Pre-Conference Golf (Blankney Golf Club)[tee times 10:30am onwards]
27 th -28 th September, 2013	District Conference 2013 (Lincoln)
5 th October, 2013	2 nd Lincoln Oktoberfest (Lincolnshire Showground)
1 st -3 rd November, 2013	RGBI Conference 2013 (London)
8 th -10 th November, 2013	Rotary Institute and Foundation Seminar (Horwood House Hotel, Little Horwood, Bucks)
15 th November, 2013	Children in Need
11 th -13 th April, 2014	RIBI Annual Conference (ICC, Birmingham)
1 st -4 th June, 2014	RI International Convention (Sydney, Australia)

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 19th June, 1876, the fifth child of the Rector of Netherseal and his wife. Due to ante-natal complications I was born in Edinburgh I was sent to a prep school in St Leonard's in Sussex and completed my education at Marlborough College, where I developed a flair for mechanical drawing. On completing my education, I became an apprentice at the LNWR works at Crewe under FW Webb. In 1898, I became a pupil of John Aspinall at Horwich (L&YR), working on a number of innovative designs. A year later, I met the lady, who two years later, became my wife. We set up home in Newton Heath, where 2 of our children were born (1 boy, 1 girl).

- 2) In 1901, I became Outdoor Assistant in the Carriage & Wagon Department, and a year later, became Assistant Works Manager at Newton Heath in 1902 before becoming manager in 1903. A year later, I became Assistant Superintendent of the Carriage & Wagon Department on the L&YR.

- 3) In 1905, I transferred to GNR as Carriage & Wagon Superintendent, and the family moved to Doncaster – a further son and daughter were born here. I became CME of the company on 1st October 1911. During WWI, I was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the RE(TF), and was awarded the CBE in

January 1920. Early locomotive designs included the K3s in 1920, and the A1s in 1922.

- 4) When the companies were grouped in 1923, I was appointed CME of the newly formed LNER, and moved to work at King's Cross. I bought a house at Hadley Wood, and became captain of the Golf Club. At the Railway Centenary in 1925, I conducted the Duke and Duchess of York around the exhibition. In 1929, my wife became ill, and died in August after a short illness - she is buried in Netherseal. To recover from this loss, I went to Canada, where I drove one of the CP steam locos.
- 5) I was knighted in 1936, and also awarded an honorary DSc by Manchester University. Amongst my achievements as CME of the LNER, were the design of the 1500v DC engines for the Sheffield to Manchester line via Woodhead, as well as numerous class of Steam Engine (the most famous being the class of A4 Pacifics – the 100th one to be built bears my name). I died on 5th April 1941, whilst still in office, after a short illness and am buried in Netherseal, Derbyshire.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So, he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day, he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

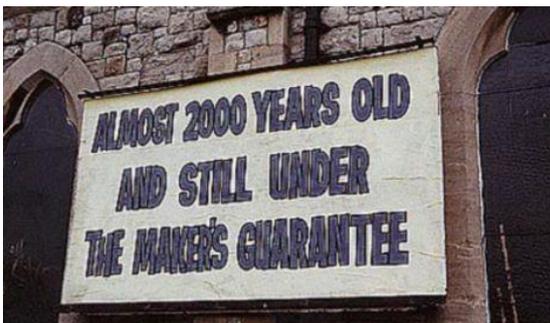
Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Europe, England, Japan, and New Zealand. In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it. The American decided to travel to Hartlepool to see if they had the same phone.

He arrived at Hartlepool Station and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 Pence per call.' The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'you're in Hartlepool now, son - "This is Heaven," so it's a local call'.

CHURCH SIGNS



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Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Sir Herbert Nigel Gresley