

**WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB
DISTRICT 1270**
December 2013 NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We presented the club's VVR cheque to Sheffield Children's Hospital representative David Vernon Edwards who you may recall visited the club earlier this year to tell us about the hospital building and its history and its future, something we are hoping to engage with further thanks to Steven and John's efforts to get wider District support for their Make It Better Appeal

Thanks to our quiz team in the District Quiz this month, Peter D and Judith, Steve P and Ann Winnard, who held the Wortley torch aloft coming in a respectable third place at Sheffield's Royal Victoria.

We also welcome new members Mohammed and Ifat, who visited the club recently and decided to stay. We hope you enjoy the club and find plenty to do here.

The Mock Interviews took place in November at Yewlands school, with some club members involved, providing interview experience for Y10 pupils.

Busy December coming up with all the usual club events – carolling on the 16th, sleigh runs on the 19th and 24th, please assist where you can. We are hoping to have the club Christmas Dinner on the 9th, including a Christmas Quiz kindly being put together by Derek and which

will be the last meeting before the New Year return on the 6th Jan, at which point it will be all hands to the deck for the Millionaires Night. Tombola prizes still needed in abundance please.

And finally, I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

President David

NEWS

Meetings

4th November - Normal Meeting followed by Council

President David welcomed all members to the meeting.

Secretary's Notices

1) Following the problems with the fundraiser last month, the issues surrounding the ordering of meals and attendance was discussed. The website default has now been changed to apologies, and all members have been advised to confirm attendance on the website and / or by phone to the Secretary for the next few weeks to act as a double check.

2) Correspondence has been received regarding the Snowflake at the Children's Hospital. The club will be getting a prominently [placed in recognition of the continuing contribution we make towards this worthy cause. There is a presentation night on November 25th to present the latest cheque.

3) Radio Sheffield are looking for Rotarians who speak URDU, Members are asked to advise if they know anyone in Rotary who can.

4(Numbers are requested for the upcoming practice evening arranged for the 18th November as there will be no sit-down meal, but a Pea and Pie supper is being laid on. Those intending to be there are asked to fill in the form circulated at the meeting.

Other Business

Rtn Derek advised that 35 people have indicated that they will be attending the Race Night on 16th November. He confirmed that he will be emailing all club members tomorrow as the event is not viable if less than 50 people attend. In the event of this figure not being achieved, the fundraiser will be cancelled.

President David advised that Rtn Peter P has supplied the name of the young lady from Grenoside who will be supported as part of the Millionaires Night.

Rtn Philip advised that he has spoken to former Wortley President Malcolm Webb. Sheila is doing well, but he hasn't felt like doing much in terms of Rotary, but he looks forward to reading the Wortley Rotary Bulletin.

The business was then concluded with the Final Toast

11th November – Normal Meeting (Speaker – Rtn Anne Willey)

Tonight we were treated to a nostalgic Remembrance Day meeting. Treasurer Rtn Anne decorated the tables with poppy petals and Union flag napkins and the Rev Jan Hardy gave a poignant grace. We then saw excerpts from a DVD showing how the island of Malta suffered during WWII and was awarded the George Cross by the King. Many thanks to Anne for her time.

Next week it is planned to give everyone the opportunity to see what is expected of the club at the Millionaires Night in January. This will involve having the various gambling 'tables' on display so that everyone will be able to see in what way they can help on the night. To try and speed things up meal wise we, President David and I, have arranged a 'quicker' (hopefully) meal. It will be beef pie, chips, peas and gravy followed by Black Forest Gateau and cream.

One member has suggested that instead of assembling in the lounge after paying the

steward we move into the dining room where the 'gambling tables' will be set up and we can start the familiarisation before the buffet and then carry on afterwards. There may be a deal to learn and we need to get it sorted before the 'big night' if we are to be successful. The Millionaires Night will hopefully become a good fund raiser for the club.

The Head Chef of Whitley Hall sees our request for 'pie, chips and peas' as a special function with a special menu for some reason and would like numbers attending 48 hours in advance. President David and I have spoken with other staff who are liaising between the Club and the Chef and we are trying to make things run smoothly. This will be helped if members can complete the website attendance sheet by Saturday lunchtime. The 'non website users' can let me know by email/phone please.

18th November – Casino Practice Evening

We had something of a different evening at the meeting tonight - a buffet of pie, peas and chips. No pork or chicken in sight and no cries that we usually get when the veg arrives of: 'no carrots', 'I don't like courgette' and 'nothing yellow for me!!!!'

We are now skilled in Black Jack, Roulette and Craps, thanks to the chap who came to advise us on running a Millionaires Night. He gave good advice on how to make the evening run smoothly. Sorry I cannot remember his name?

Malcolm Webb visited and gave good news regarding Sheila's recovery.

Next week we are presenting the cheque to the Sheffield Children's Hospital so lets make it a good night. 4 members will venture to Sheffield to win the first round of the District Quiz. They are Rtn and Mrs Dimelow, IPP Steve Patterson and the brains of the team..... Rtn. Ann Winnard. Please do not disturb them as they are studying hard and trying to learn difficult things such as the names and colours of the Teletubbies and the cast of Home and Away in alphabetical order.

Those present agreed to the President's suggestion that we send 1 x Shelter Box and 1x AquaBox to the Philippines Disaster Appeal so I will be sending the cheques in the absence of Treasurer Anne.

25th November – Normal Meeting

Miscellaneous

September Council Meeting

The Club Council meeting on 9th September discussed the following:-

- i) Owlerton Greyhound Track had requested, via Steve Patterson, the possible use of the Sleigh. This was left pending as IPP Steve was not present at the meeting.
- ii) The Secretary was asked to contact Steven re the possibility of a club evening 'At the Dogs'. This was arranged and took place in early October.
- iii) Philip Sherriff told the meeting that he had a 'ticket' allowing 12 persons admission to the Owlerton Stadium which included a buffet and £200 in drinks over the bar. He was willing to donate this towards the club night out.
- iv) The Treasurer submitted a report in absentia. Council members discussed the current situation regarding issues of Gift Aid for the "Harry Brearley 100th Anniversary of Stainless Steel and the magazine 'Stainless'" and asked the Secretary to write to Rtn John Dunkley to determine the current position.

Vintage Vehicle Rally

- v) John Haggerty reported that the 'Scalectric Man' had paid £51.46 to the Mountain Rescue organisation and that we owe him £99 which needed to be paid asap. The Secretary was asked to inform the Treasurer of this and asked for a cheque to be sent.

Millionaires Night

- vi) It was agreed by Council that more time needs to be given to practice for the Millionaires Night. John Haggerty reported that he had made provisional arrangements with Wortley Golf Club to hold a practice night there.

Any Other Business

- vii) During the club meeting it had been agreed by all members present to provide monies for the purchase of 2 x Shelter Boxes and 1 x Large AquaBox (capable of providing 100 people clean water for 6 months) following a Rotary Appeal due to the current situation in Syria. Council agreed to send the monies

(approx. £1480) and asked the Secretary to inform the Treasurer of the matter.

- viii) The Secretary requested that all members wear Club name badges for the DG's visit on 16th September.

Santa's Sleigh Attention all Rotarians

The newly refurbed, smartly painted, superlightweight, wonderfully lit Santa's Sleigh is on standby to take off on 19th and 24th December.

Santa has booked his seat.

His crew needs finalising so please be prepared to sign up for crew duties on Monday. Santa needs helpers of every shape and size. He needs elves and as a dual gender club he also needs elvesses. Robbers, disguised as 'bucket holding donation accepters' are needed as are drivers, pilots and co-pilots.

Please get your name down for both dates if you haven't already done so.

Fellow Rotarians

It is my pleasure to notify you in writing that the SGM of the Rotary Club of Wortley will be held on Monday 2nd December 2013 at the usual meeting of the club.

At this meeting we will:

- 1) Approve the club accounts
- 2) Elect the President for 2014/15
- 3) Elect the President Elect for 2014/15
- 4) Elect the Vice President for 2014/15
- 5) Elect the Secretary for 2014/15
- 6) Elect the Treasurer for 2014/15
- 7) Elect 2 voting delegates for the RIBI Annual Conference at Birmingham 11th - 13th April 2014.

Regards.

Graham
(Secretary)

Rotary Christmas Puddings

RC of Cwmbran Vale have been raising money by selling Christmas Puds to other clubs and businesses for the last 8 years, and have donated more than £100,000 to a number of good causes - Please note that they are supplied in Trays of 12 at £10 each.
To read more, click on the link below:-
<http://www.rotaryxmaspuddings.co.uk/>

Lifestraws to the Philippines

RC of Brynmawr have supplied 5,000 Lifestraws which are now on their way to the Philippines following the Typhoon.
Lifestraw is a portable water filter which removes harmful bacteria / parasites, thus providing access to safe clean water. To read more about this, click on the following link:- <http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/lifestraws-on-the-way>

Prince Charles praises Polio efforts

At n official visit to the Serum Institute of India in Pune, Prince Charles congratulated RI's 'End Polio Now' campaign for helping to eradicate Polio in India and worldwide. To read more click on the following link:
<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/prince-charles-praises-polio-efforts>

Or click on the link below, to visit the "End Polio Now" website:-
<http://www.endpolio.org/>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

18 th November	Visitor	Roger Hirst
25 th November	Fellowship	John Greaves
2 nd December	Visitor	Stephen Dobson
9 th December	Fellowship	John Haggerty
16 th December	Visitor	Steve Patterson
23 rd December	Fellowship	Keith Addy
30 th December	Visitor	Trevor Fletcher
	Fellowship	Keith Bailey
	Visitor	Annie Rouxeville
	Fellowship	Peter Appleyard
	Visitor	Ann Winnard
	Fellowship	Peter Boler
	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Peter Clarke

Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

23 rd November	Millionaires evening practice (Wortley Golf Club)
27 th November	Mock Interviews at Yewlands School
16 th December	Carol Singing at the Local Care Homes
19 th December	Sleigh Run (Stocksbridge, Deepcar, Oughtibridge & Loxley)
21 st December	RC Christmas Dinner
24 th December	Sleigh Run (Wortley, High Green, Chapeitown, Ecclesfield & Grenoside)
18 th January, 2014	Millionaires Night (Grenoside Community Hall)
January, 2014	Burns Night
29 th June, 2014	Vintage Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)

DISTRICT / RIBI

15 th November, 2013	Children in Need
9 th January, 2014	Deadline for submissions for free trees from the Woodland Trust (to plant in March)
31 st January, 2014	Deadline for entries for the Rodney Huggins Environmental award
21 st – 23 rd February, 2014	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)
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 (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)[18:30-01:00]
11 th -13 th April, 2014	RIBI Annual Conference (ICC, Birmingham)
1 st -4 th June, 2014	RI International Convention (Sydney, Australia)
20 th – 22 nd February, 2015	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)

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 in Cardiff on 15th January, 1893, the son of a rent collector and a singing teacher and choral conductor. As a young boy, I sang in the Eisteddford , and through my mother's teaching in London, I met many leading performers of the day.
- 2) I was educated in Cardiff, and Gloucester. Here I was tutored in music under the Organist at the cathedral. I won a scholarship to Magdalen College School in Oxford, becoming a solo treble in the college choir. I began to write songs, and one of them was published when I was 15. On leaving school, I taught piano in Cardiff, before moving to London in 1913. Here, I met Sir Edward Marsh who was a patron of the arts. He encouraged me to compose, and introduced me to many people who were in a position to help further my career in music.
- 3) When WWI began, I wrote a song which was to become a hugely popular song of the time – that was "Keep the Home Fires Burning". I avoided normal enlistment, although I did join the RNAS crashing an airoplane twice, before working in the Air Ministry performing clerical duties for the remainder of the war. After the war, I continued to write music, as well as acting on stage and screen. I also wrote the dialogue for "Tarzan the Ape Man"
- 4) During the 1930's, I wrote a number of non-musical plays, including "Proscenium" in 1933. I then turned my hand to writing musicals – these included "Glamorous Night", and "Careless Rapture" , and I starred in all of them. The last one "The Dancing Years", ran for 696 performances until 8th July 1944. During WWII, I presented 2 more new shows, the second of which was "Perchance to Dream".
- 5) My last full scale musical was "King's Rhapsody" in 1949, which ran for 841 performances. My last show was "Gay's the Word". I died on 6th March, 1951, and after cremation, my ashes were buried at Golders Green Crematorium. Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians records that "until the advent of Andrew Lloyd Webber, I was the most successful composer of British Musicals in the 20th Century"

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for £2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs...'

'Then, I'll have to charge you £3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said..

'How do you want your eggs?' the

waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

YOU COULDN'T MAKE THIS UP (True stories to make you cringe)

1. My daughter and I went through the McDonalds take-away window and I gave the girl a £5 note. Our total was £4.20, so I also handed her a Twenty pence piece. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me £1 back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said 'We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing.' The girl then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change..

Do not confuse the girls at MacD's.

2. I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the Highways Department to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

Story from Crayford, Kent, UK

3. I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an Irish airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

Happened Luton Airport UK

4. When my husband and I arrived at Our Local Ford dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door

handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the Mechanic "It's open!" His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

This was at the Ford dealership in St Albans, Hertfordshire UK.

Below is supposed to be the Monster Raving Loony Party manifesto for the 2005 election – Read and enjoy:-

**MONSTER RAVING LOONEY PARTY
MANIFESTO**

- a) We will issue a 99p coin to save on change.
- b) The Official Monster Raving Loony Party will not join the single European currency. We will invite all Europeans countries to JOIN THE POUND.
- c) Rich people should be taxed to pay for the printing of money, as they use most of it.
- d) Tax credits will be paid to nice people. There will be a "total bastard" tax for everyone else.
- e) Any cabinet minister found telling lies will be shot across the English Channel in a high velocity circus cannon to save time and first class travel expenses.
- f) All children will be given two birthdays like the Queen.
- g) All students will be awarded The Louis Pasteur degree for the scientific research into the growth of mould.
- h) We intend to make free university tuition available to all students named Grant.
- i) Police helmets will be re introduced and made even sillier. The higher a police rank then the higher their hat becomes. At Christmas they will be able to put flashing lights on them and generally decorate them. Once they have achieved the rank of Chief Constable the height of their hats will not allow them to leave their office, which they don't anyway.
- j) The Millennium Bridge will be made wobbly again, by building a pub at either end.
- k) All foxes will be issued with sheep's clothing.
- l) Half the grey squirrel population will be painted red in order to increase the red squirrel population.
- m) All houses built on flood planes will have foundations made of sponge, in order to soak up surplus water.

- n) Fox hunting will be re-introduced under the "one hound one fox"¹² policy to make it a bit fairer.
- o) All WMD's (weapons of Mass Distraction) will be made highly visible so that we can find them.
- p) Any politician wanting to start a war will be shipped off to the country in question with a bag of conkers. They can then conker the country themselves.
- q) The white cliffs of Dover will be painted blue to camouflage our islands.

To keep up with the present government we promise to introduce many policies that have not been thought through properly, purely for cheap votes.

These include:

- 1) Making everyone a lottery winner
- 2) Giving everyone a quid who votes for us

and finally

- 3) The Queen - In future the National Anthem will be "Bring Me Sunshine" as sung by Morecambe and Wise. It is quicker, more tuneful and people know the words. On state occasions Prince Philip will juggle his spectacles up and down and say, "Hey!!" before the whole of the Royal family do the dance off at the end. If the music cannot be found because it was left in the pub then it may be substituted by "The Hippo Song" by Flanders and Swann.

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

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