

# **WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270**

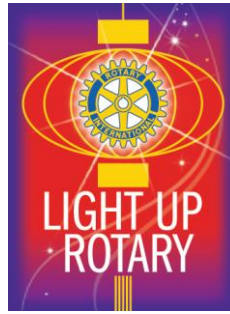
**December 2014 NEWSLETTER**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER**

The month began in a sombre mood with our wreath layers on duty for Remembrance Sunday

Chapelton Philip Sherriff & Anne Willey  
Stocksbridge Steve Paterson  
Wortley John Haggerty

There were other Members at the sites supporting The Club

On the following day we held a Remembrance Meeting with a speaker covering World War 1. Grateful thanks to Anne Willey for creating a really great occasion.

The month became joyful - we had a presentation meeting where three charity's were given £500 each by their Champions

DIABETES UK Sheffield	Championed by Anne Willey
FABLE [for a better life with epilepsy]	Championed by Graham Owen
Woolley Wood School	Championed by Peter Clarke

The night was really enjoyable and if we could create similar nights every 3 months, Rotary would become better known in the local area and give all of our members targets to work towards.

NOW for a big effort to close 2014 really well.

We have community projects to get involved in Carol singing in 6 care homes on 15th December

Santa Sleigh Northern Lights Tour on 18th December

Santa Sleigh on Christmas Eve 24th December

At Wortley Hall for the first time we are providing Santa on his Sleigh with helpers [small team on both dates]

Sunday 14 December 12- 3pm  
Sunday 21st December 12-3pm

Santa will have a grotto in the hotel, who will provide the presents for Santa to hand to the children eating at their Christmas Carvery

We have a Christmas Meeting with Seasonal food on the 22nd December - a good opportunity for good fellowship, also to celebrate our return to our former good relationship with Whitley Hall.

When we start 2015, please remember The Club has a big challenge with the Millionaires Night at Grenoside Saturday 17th January where we will need as many members as possible to set up the rooms, run the games, the bar, the raffle and to empty the room at the end of the night.

Can I take the opportunity to Wish You All and Your Loved Ones a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May 2015 Be a Great Year for You All

President John

Final thought from the District Conference

Your life is your message to the world, Make sure it is Inspiring

Your beliefs don't make you a better person, Your behaviour Does

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by chance,

You have to make things happen.

## NEWS

### Meetings

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President John welcomed members to the meeting

#### Secretary's Notices

- 1) Boards are going round for various upcoming events – specifically MiTG Charities presentation night (24/11), Christmas Dinner (22/12), and particularly next weeks meeting (Speaker on WWI)
- 2) Rock 'n@ Roll evening being organised by Rtn David H's dad this Friday.
- 3) Feedback on Mock Interviews has been sent to Ecclesfield School
- 4) RC of Barnsley Charter Evening is tomorrow night should anyone wish to go, contact them direct.

President John visited Penistone Church FC – the possible Millionaires evening is not likely to happen before the new year as they are having a deal of success on the field at the moment. There may be something organised early in the new year after Grenoside – watch this space.

RC of Stainborough have a Chess competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> November for those Grand / Not so Grand Masters amongst us.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, there is a meeting to decide on the charities who will be the beneficiaries of next years MiTG – one or two suggestions were thrown into the hat by members.

The quiz team, as mentioned as a postscript to last weeks meeting, came 5<sup>th</sup> – this was apparently not last as 1 team failed to turn up.

#### Other Business

Rtn Anne W reminded members that tombola prizes for the Millionaires Night in January are still required.

Next Sunday – Remembrance Sunday – the wreaths will be laid at Chapeltown, Stocksbridge and Wortley.

Rtn Stephen D asked about the signs for the Father Christmas Runs as they need putting up as advertising for the event. There followed a short discussion about this issue.

Rtn Muhammad thanked Rtn Derek for the information regarding the first Muslim VC recipients.

Rtn Peter P asked the Secretary for confirmation that the speaker for 8<sup>th</sup> December (Assistant Commissioner for the Explorer Scouts) has been added to the list – confirmed.

The meeting then concluded with the loyal and final toast.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> November – Normal Meeting with Speaker

President-Elect Peter welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and thanked Rtn Anne W for arranging the room layout for the evening.

The meeting was reminded that the Remembrance wreaths were laid at various services over the weekend.

Rtn Philip attended the service at Chapeltown and Rtn Anne W laid the wreath.

Rtn Peter P advised on proceedings at Wortley.

Rtn Lewis advised on the proceedings at Stocksbridge where Rtn Steve P laid the wreath. He also made the meeting aware of the situation with regard to the status of the church.

Rtn Rod advised the meeting that he had attended the service at the Cenotaph in London.

#### Secretary's Notices

- 1) Secretary had received a message from Rtn Steve P congratulating Rtn Lewis on his sermon at Stocksbridge on Sunday.
- 2) Reminder that November 24<sup>th</sup> is the Wortley MiTG Charity presentation event.

## Other Business

Rtn Trevor thanked the club for the flowers sent to his wife during her recent hospitalisation.

Rtn Anne W reminded the meeting that Tombola prizes for the Millionaires Evening in January are still required.

Rtn Derek gave a final reminder to anyone wishing to place an order for lamb needs to let him know very quickly.

Rtn Anne W then introduced the speaker, Tony Dodsworth and his wife, Jane. Tony then gave an interesting talk focussing on the Home Front during the Great War. The following information on the talk was supplied by the Secretary, Rtn Graham (many thanks to him)

*Tony Dodsworth spoke about the First World War from an unusual angle. He showed us how advertising was used at first to recruit instead of Government conscription. We saw photos of the Sheffield Pals (Middle Class Working Men) and the Barnsley Pals (Working Class Lads who described their Sheffield 'Brothers in Arms' as the The Tea and Cake Lot). He explained how the Hun were always displayed in cartoon fashion whilst our lads were strong and brave.*

*To the surprise of many he described the bombardment of Scarborough and Whitby from German ships and how Rawmarsh has a claim to fame of being bombed from a Zeppelin - probably blown of course whilst looking for Sheffield. The site became a tourist attraction with folks arriving by the bus load to see the crater. Disaster Tourism in its infancy! However, in WWII Rawmarsh missed out and as a tourist destination it realised it had had its day.*

*All in all a great night organised by Rtn Anne Willey. Congrats to Anne.*



**Rtn Anne W and Tony Dodsworth**

The meeting was then closed by P-E Peter C with the loyal and final toast.

## 17<sup>th</sup> November – Normal Meeting

## 24<sup>th</sup> November – Normal Meeting

President John welcomed guests from the 3 organisations receiving monies from the MiTG presentation, and also partners, families and friends of Rotarians to the meeting.

The club has received correspondence from the Children's Hospital advising that the club has a Snowflake on the wall, and inviting members to attend the switch on ceremony which is next Tuesday.

## Secretary's Notices

- 1) SGM next week at which officers etc for next year will be ratified.
- 2) Members from Abbeydale club will be attending next week.

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Mock Interviews at Yewlands School are this Wednesday. Rtn David H reminded members who are attending re the arrangements.

Rtn Anne W advised that Rtns Brenda, Ann W and herself had wrapped 150 Tombola prizes for the Millionaires Night. They still require some more prizes – 200 in total should be enough.

Rtn Peter D advised that he had spoken to Hon Rtn Mike P's son, and reiterated the offer to bring him to any meeting should he wish to attend.

Rtn Philip S advised that Rtn Peter P has handed the plaque in memory of Norman Scholey to him. He read the inscription out to the meeting, and will arrange for it to be attached to the Santa Sleigh.

The 3 presentations from the MiTG proceeds then took place. Rtn Anne W introduced Professor Simon Heller, and Susan Hudson, from Diabetes UK (Sheffield), and handed the cheque to Simon, who thanked the club, and gave a brief talk outlining what they do. Rtn Graham introduced Sandra Howard and James McKennan from FABLE, and handed the

cheque over to Sandra. She thanked the club, and gave a brief talk outlining what they do. Finally, Rtn Peter C introduced David Whitehead from Woolley Wood School, and handed over the cheque. David briefly outlined what the school does, and what the money will be used for.

The meeting then closed with loyal and final toast.



James McKennan, Sandra Howard, Rtn Graham, Rtn Anne W, Prof Simon Heller, Susan Hudson, Rtn Peter C and David Whitehead

### Miscellaneous

#### **Books for South Africa**

On Tuesday, 25th November, Graham Owen, John Evans and myself, took some 160 boxes of books from Peter Clark's warehouse at Deepcar to the centralised warehouse at Leicester, via Dronfield School, all of these are for the schools in Kwazulu Natal South Africa.

Photos kindly sent to me by the Librarian at Dronfield School.

Rtn Derek



#### **Crowds pack Chorley Beer Festival**

More than 1,000 people attended this event organised by RC of Chorley Astley which ran from October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. To read more about this event, click on the link below:-

[http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/archive/2014/11/04/11573664.CHEERS\\_Crowds\\_pack\\_Chorley\\_Beer\\_Festival/](http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/archive/2014/11/04/11573664.CHEERS_Crowds_pack_Chorley_Beer_Festival/)

#### **Charity Concert raises £2,000**

A Musical Evening, organised by RC of Durham Bede on 7<sup>th</sup> November, raised over £2,000 for various charities. To read more, click on the following link:-

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/11607107.Charity\\_concert\\_raises\\_2\\_000/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/11607107.Charity_concert_raises_2_000/)

#### **Stroke Unit in York supported by local Rotary Club**

RC of York Vikings have helped support a team set up to provide support to Stroke patients at York Hospital. To read more, click on the following link:-

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11606103.Stroke\\_support\\_is\\_improving\\_at\\_York\\_Hospital\\_unit/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11606103.Stroke_support_is_improving_at_York_Hospital_unit/)

#### **Rotary teams up with Local School PTA to build school garden**

RC of Northwich Vale Royal joined the PTA of Cuddington Primary School to provide a Fruit and vegetable garden as an amenity at the school. To read more, click on the following link:-

[http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/archive/2014/11/18/11608599.School\\_garden\\_built\\_thanks\\_to\\_volunteers/](http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/archive/2014/11/18/11608599.School_garden_built_thanks_to_volunteers/)

### Surgical Glove Campaign to tackle Ebola crisis

Rotary Clubs in London are taking part in this London initiative to help purchase these much needed items. For more info, click on the following link:-

<http://www.rotarygbi.org/surgical-glove-campaign-tackle-ebola-crisis/>

### Miles to End Polio event raises more than \$6m

General Secretary John Hewko and 6 RI Staff members took part in this event in Tucson, Arizona. To read more, click on the following link:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/miles-end-polio-6-million-crosses-finish-line-polio-eradication>

### Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2014	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Derek Ronksley
8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Visitor	Bev Wade
	Fellowship	Geoff Humphreys
15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Visitor	Bob Greaves
	Fellowship	Ifat Hameed
22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2014	Visitor	Brenda Russell
	Fellowship	Jack Slater
29 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Visitor	David Humberstone
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Visitor	John Evans
	Fellowship	Ken Brown
12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Visitor	John Greaves
	Fellowship	Lewis Atkinson
19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Visitor	Keith Addy
	Fellowship	Muhammad Zahur
26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Visitor	Keith Bailey
	Fellowship	Peter Boler
2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2015	Visitor	Peter Clarke
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015	Visitor	Peter Dimelow
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2015	Visitor	Philip Sherriff
	Fellowship	Stephen Knight

### Dates for the Diary WORTLEY

1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2014	Club SGM and Council
14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Santa at Wortley Hall (Lunchtime)
15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Carol Singing round Local Nursing Homes
17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Club Theatre Trip (Anything Goes)
18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Santa Sleigh (Don Valley)
21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2014	Santa at Wortley Hall (Lunchtime)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2014	Christmas Dinner (Whitley Hall)
24 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Santa Sleigh (Wortley-Ecclesfield)
5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	New Year Message (Rt Rev Dr Tim Ellis)
17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Millionaires Night (Grenoside)

### DISTRICT / RIBI

20th – 22nd February, 2015	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)
2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015	Climate Week
March, 2015	Earth Hour
21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2015	RIBI Regional Assembly (Manchester)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2015	RIBI Regional Assembly (Birmingham)
10th-12th April, 2015	RIBI Annual Conference (Belfast Waterfront Conference Centre)
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2016	RIBI Annual Conference, Bournemouth

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1914 in Acton, Middlesex, the son of a tram driver and laundress. I worked as a printer's apprentice and band vocalist, and, after coming of age, started playing drums in London

Nightclubs and touring music halls to earn money to pay for acting lessons.

- 2) I continued my foray into the entertainment industry by working at Butlin's Holiday camps and performing in repertory. I joined the Unity Theatre, where I gained respect as a stage producer. However, my burgeoning career was cut short by WWII when I joined the Royal Army Ordinance Corps. However, I was injured in a explosion during battle training. I returned to acting, and, after getting noticed in a play, began to appear in post-war films. I appeared in films such as "School for Secrets (1946), "The Story of Robin Hood and His Merrie Men" (1952) and "The Ship that Died of Shame" (1955).
- 3) I continued to perform on stage, appearing with Katherine Hepburn in "As You Like It" in 1950, and also used my musical talents appearing in "The Mikado" and "The Threepenny Opera". I wrote songs, musicals and plays over the years, and partnered by Mike Sammes, wrote items recorded by the likes of Harry Secombe and Sir Cliff Richard. In the 1960s, I produced the stage musical, "The Matchgirl", and collaborated with songwriter Tony Russell on the musical "The Matchgirls" about the London matchgirls strike of 1888.
- 4) At this time, I also began to focus on film slapstick, appearing in a number of Carry On films, and the film "On the Fiddle", which also starred Alfred Lynch, John Le Mesurier and Miriam Carlin. In the 1970s, I secured the part for which I will probably always be remembered, when I started playing a character in "Last of the Summer Wine", which I appeared in until my death.
- 5) I was twice married, the first marriage producing my 2 children.

Throughout my life, I was a strong supporter of the Labour Party. I was awarded the OBE in 1976, for my work for the National Association of Boys Clubs, and my role as chair of the Performing Arts Advising Panel. I was also awarded an honorary degree by Bradford University in 1998. I died on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1999 in Highgate, London, and was buried in Upperthong, Holmfirth. Following my death, my son joined the cast of the show until it finished.

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

#### **This Month's Joke (Yorkshire Humour)**

***One day a Barnsley man decided to retire... He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank. He soon found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas and coconuts. After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to the shore. In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?" She replies, "I rowed over from the other side of the island where I landed when my cruise ship sank."***

***"Amazing," he notes.. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you." "Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of some raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm tree branches, and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree."***

***"But, where did you get the tools?" "Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron, I used that to make tools and used the tools to make the hardware." The guy is stunned. "Let's row over to my place," she says. So, after a short time of rowing, she soon docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a***

**long stone walk leading to a cabin and treehouse.**

**While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumb struck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down, please." "Would you like a drink?" "No! No thank you," the man blurts out, still dazed.. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice" "It's not coconut juice" winks the woman, "I have a still, how would you like a Tropical Spritz?" Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk.. After they exchange their individual survival stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower and shave? There's a razor in the bathroom cabinet upstairs."**

**No longer questioning anything, the Barnsley lad goes upstairs into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone. Two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism. "This woman is amazing," he muses. "What's next?" When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but some small flowers on tiny vines, each strategically positioned, she smelled faintly of gardenias. She then beckons for him to sit down next to her.**

**"Tell me," she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've both been out here for many months. You must have been lonely. There's something I'm certain you feel like right now, something you've been longing for, right?" She stares into his eyes. He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean ..." he swallows excitedly as tears start to form in his eyes, "You've made a chip pan?"**



**If you ever complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it**

**when washing your hands, here are some interesting facts about the 1500s**

1. Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.
2. Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying. It's raining cats and dogs.
3. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway.. Hence the saying a thresh hold.
4. Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

5. Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.
  
6. England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a ...dead ringer.

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Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: William John Owen Rowbotham MBE (Bill Owen)