

# WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

## February 2014 NEWSLETTER

**President: David Humberstone**

**Secretary: Graham Owen**

**Website:**

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



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, with the Millionaires Night behind us it is no time to rest on our laurels as we know, the VVR will be upon before we know it. So can I urge the VVR committee to mobilise and for all members to get involved as much as possible. This and the forthcoming MitG2014 are our main summer events and fundraisers so let's make sure we deliver the Wortley expectations! Finalised figures of what was raised from the Millionaires Night had yet to be finalised at time of press, but it appeared to have been a success and thanks to all involved for the effort, especially the ladies who sourced and wrapped 300 tombola prizes and those Friends and Families of Rotary who helped!

Rtn Barrie raised the prospect of donations to the local Food Bank and has undertaken some groundwork approach in this , club agreed and we will cover this further at Distribution.

Unfortunately reports have reached us that the Wortley Expeditionary Force has suffered another casualty and Rtn Trevor has a broken hip whilst on the annual skiing and falling trip – we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery and return.

Apologies for my missing ADG Hilary and you all on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – your President was struck down with the “man-flu” and was obviously concerned enough not to want to infect you all - Thanks to Deputy Haggerty for standing in – and of course welcoming our three newest members, Mohammed, Iffat and Steven . we hope you enjoy and get involved in the club events.

PS – Please note the WHH price increase to £13 for the meal from February. As ever, members are urged to provide accurate reporting of intention to attend or not at their own peril. Sergeant is authorised to fine and not permit excuses!!

**President David**

### NEWS

#### Meetings

6<sup>th</sup> January - Normal Meeting followed by Council?

President David welcomed the Speaker (Rev Canon Peter Wright, and his wife Beryl to the meeting (and also promoted him to Bishop).

The Christmas Sleigh run on 24<sup>th</sup> was phenomenal (Nearly £1400 collected on the night), and just under £1600 in total on the 2 runs. Thanks to all involved.

The carolling was undermanned – this needs to be addressed for next year (maybe reducing the number of homes visited) – to be discussed.

The club has been asked to consider which MitG charities to support in 2014. Rtn Philip advised that there is a meeting this Thursday (9/1) where 8 charities will be selected as the on-night beneficiaries. Rtn Ann W volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of the club as Philip is unavailable. The club then decided on 8 nominees to put forward at that meeting.

Rtn Barrie asked if anyone had seen the Club snowflake at the Children's Hospital – a number of members had done so.

#### Millionaires Night

2 weeks to go – Rtn Peter P is taking numbers and ticket sales are running at around 150, so there are 50 tickets left. Rtn Philip regarding the drinks for the event – he will be speaking to

Ed Birkby and requested help on the Saturday morning to deal with the supplies to the venue.

There are 250 prizes for the Tombola (last year this made £240) which led to a brief discussion after which it was agreed to charge £2 for a strip of tickets.

President David then introduced the Speaker, Rev Canon Peter Wright, who delivered the New Year message – he emphasised the problems facing many young people today, and mentioned a charity he is involved in (Morthyng Ltd) who are helping with these issues. Maybe it might be an area which Rotary can get involved.



Rev Canon Peter Wright with President David

The meeting then closed with the Final / Loyal Toast.

13<sup>th</sup> January – Normal Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> January – Normal Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> January – Normal Meeting

Best wishes to President David who had been visited by the Heavy Cold Gang of viruses over the weekend and didn't want to share them with us. Apparently he's dousing them with a Northern medicine called Scotch. It could be a long battle but he has plenty of ammunition.

Last night we almost got the meals ordered number to match the members attending!! We're getting there! For those who bet on the menu but were unable to attend Steve Patterson is paying out those who bet on pork. Steve also, on behalf of the club, thanked Brenda for her magnificent efforts on the tombola at Millionaires' Night which incidentally raised £1216.16.

We were graced by the presence of DAG Hilary. It was her penultimate visit as DAG as she retires from that post at the end of this Rotary year.

The 'President for One Night' – Rtn John Haggerty had the pleasure of inducting 3 new members – Steven who has moved over from Bridlington (well the East Coast is falling into the sea); together with Iffat and Muhammad who were members of Hallam before it closed. Welcome to all three and we look forward to them becoming very involved with the club.

Don't forget that next meeting – 3rd February – the cost of the meal goes up by £1 to £14.

## Events

### Millionaires Night

The first Millionaires Night run by Wortley Rotary Club was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January at Grenoside Community Centre. It seemed to go very well from what I saw on the night. Some pictures from the event are included below – if you want more, have a look on the Website.



Tombola Prize Table



Mr President hands over some cash!



**The Games commence**



**Games in progress**

### Miscellaneous

On Monday, 10th February, the club meeting will be attended by two speakers, Amber Fox and Patrick Roe Martin. Two young adults from the local community who the club are helping to sponsor on their trip to Nepal to have an adventure but also help to build a school. They will tell us their hopes and aspirations and then upon their return they will tell us what really happened!!

**Letter from John Hewko (General Secretary of RI)**

**DEAR ROTARIAN,**  
This past year was one of exciting achievements and forward momentum for Rotary, as highlighted in the 2012-13 Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Annual Report.

We launched a bold new chapter in our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that makes your contributions to the vital polio eradication end game work three times as hard.

We also finished preparing for the global launch of our new grant model, boosting our ability to help more communities secure and sustain a better quality of life. And we carried out our first projects with Mercy Ships, while building on our work with Aga Khan University, UNESCO-IHE, the Rotary Peace Centers, and other partners.

In addition, The Rotary Foundation earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator, and the Wise Giving Alliance.

I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary. You can order print copies of the report at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org). For those who want a more detailed look at Rotary finances, the audited financial statements are available for download. Thank you for the important role you play in Rotary's work to help meet critical human needs, strengthening the groundwork for a more peaceful world.

Sincerely,  
John Hewko  
General Secretary  
Twitter: @johnhewko

### Message received re MiTG

To the Secretaries of the Rotary Clubs of Sheffield, Wortley, Rotherham Sitwell, Eckington and Dronfield

The Management Committee of Music in the Gardens has decided to support the following charities in 2014.

**Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice**  
**CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young)**  
**St. Wilfrid's Centre**  
**The Soldier's Charity**  
**Lost Chord**  
**Cystic Fibrosis Centre**

**The Cavendish Centre  
Start a Heart24:7**

Representatives of all 6 Clubs were involved in making the recommendations to the full Management Committee.

Obviously several charities will be disappointed that we are unable to support them this year - BUT, given good weather and good attendances etc. we would hope to be able to allocate a sum of money to each of the 6 Clubs for you to decide upon further financial support to charities of your choice.

For your information, I now list the charities that have been unsuccessful, should you wish to consider your Club's support when the final allocation of money is known in the early autumn.

Roundabout, Sheffield  
Friends of Rowan School  
St. Luke's Hospice  
Water Aid  
The Full Monty Club  
Teenage Cancer Trust (Yorkshire)  
Children's Hospital Charity  
Macmillan Cancer Support  
St. Andrew's Family Support Unit  
Embrace  
Rotherham Cancer Care Centre  
Ashgate Hospice, Chesterfield

There was also a general request from the Sheffield Hospitals Charity, but this has been given covered by giving specific support to the Cystic Fibrosis Centre.

May I remind you of the basic allocation of the surplus from the event -

Sheffield Botanical Gardens Trust	15%
Rotary Foundation	10%
Main Charities	50%
Allocations decided upon by the 7* participating Clubs	25%

(\* 6 Rotary Clubs plus Rotaract)

I should be obliged if you would make your Members aware of our decision and possibly note the unsuccessful charities for possible support.

Regards,

Alex. F. Ritchie  
Chairman, Music in the Gardens Charities Sub Committee

## New Eye Hospital opens

A New Eye Hospital funded by Rotarians in England and India has been opened in West Bengal by Past RI President, Kalyan Banerjee.

To read more about this, click on the link here:-  
<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/new-eye-hospital-opens>

## Rotarian wins Times Sternberg Prize

This prize is awarded to people over the age of 70. It was set up by Sir Sigmund Sternberg to recognise the dedication and contribution to society of those who work for good causes. This year's winner is a member of RC of Sherborne Castles. To read more, click on the following link:- <http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/rotarian-wins-times-sternberg-prize>

## Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

3rd February	Visitor	Derek Ronksley
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
10th February	Visitor	Geoff Humphreys
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
17th February	Visitor	Howard Mills
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
24th February	Visitor	Jack Slater
	Fellowship	Stephen Knight
3rd March	Visitor	Steven Patterson
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
10th March	Visitor	Trevor Fletcher
	Fellowship	John Evans
17th March	Visitor	Andrew Jackson
	Fellowship	John Greaves
24th March	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	John Haggerty
31st March	Visitor	Annie Rouxville
	Fellowship	Keith Addy

## Dates for the Diary

### WORTLEY

10th February, 2014	Two speakers from the local community will attend the weekly meeting (See Notice above)
7th April, 2014	Annual General Meeting (Whitley Hall)
12th May, 2014	Club Assembly (Whitley Hall)
29th June, 2014	Vintage Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)
30th June, 2014	Presidential Handover (Whitley Hall)

### DISTRICT / RIBI

4th February, 2014	World Cancer Day
21st – 23rd February, 2014	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)
13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	Club Visioning Explained Webinar (19:00)
23rd February, 2014	Global Swimathon

23rd February, 2014	World's Greatest Meal	2)	In 1920, my mother married again, thinking my father was dead (he actually lived until 1938). The family moved to Detroit as part of the post WWI Great migration in 1926 following problems with the KKK, and my brother and I worked for the Ford Motor Company. I attended a vocational school for a while learning Cabinet-making.
24th February – 4th March, 2014	Fairtrade Fortnight		
3rd-9th March, 2014	Climate Week		
29th March, 2014	Earth Hour (20:30-21:30)		
5th April, 2014	Know your Blood Pressure Day		
10th April, 2014	RC of Birmingham Centenary Celebration (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)[18:30-01:00]		
11th-13th April, 2014	RIBI Annual Conference (ICC, Birmingham)		
12th-13th April, 2014	Presidential New Generations Conference (Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Birmingham)	3)	
26th April, 2014	RIBI Young Chef Competition (Dundee)		
3rd May, 2014	RIBI National Young Musician Final (Truro)		
10th May, 2014	RIBI Youth Speaks Final (Maidstone)		
1st-4th June, 2014	RI International Convention (Sydney, Australia)		
25th-27th July, 2014	RIBI Interact Rally (Rock UK, Irthlingborough)		
20th – 22nd February, 2015	RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)		
10th-12th April, 2015	RIBI Annual Conference (Belfast Waterfront Conference Centre)	4)	My career blossomed until I met Max Schmeling in 1936, when I suffered my first professional defeat. A year later I won the World Heavyweight title by knocking James Braddock out in round 8. In 1938, I fought Schmeling again, and battered him in 124 seconds. From January 1939 to May 1941, I defended the title 13 times, before joining the US Army in early 1942. After the war, following financial problems, I resumed my Boxing Career before retiring after managing to beat Jersey Joe Walcott (the result was booed by the crowd), but was forced to return to the ring when the IRS said I owed them more than \$500,000.

## 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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1914 in Chamber's County, Alabama, the seventh of Eight children. Both my parents were the children of former slaves – my father was African American, and my mother was half Cherokee. I had a speech impediment which led to me not talking much until I was 6 years old. My father was committed to a mental institution when I was 2 years old.
- 5) By now my reflexes were not good, and I lost to Ezzard Charles in 1950, before being hammered by Rocky Marciano after which I retired permanently. I then became a professional wrestler, but retired

from that when I discovered I had a heart complaint – I continued to act as a Wrestling Referee until 1972. I was married 4 times, having 3 natural children and 3 adopted one. I died from a cardiac arrest on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1981 and am buried at Arlington National Cemetary. My old adversary, Max Schmeling was one of the pallbearers.

*Answers at the bottom of the newsletter*

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

Two Irishmen flew to Canada on a hunting trip. They chartered a small plane to take them into the Rockies for a week hunting moose. They managed to bag six. As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose.

The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six. The pilot let us take them all and he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. The plane took off. However, while attempting to cross some mountains, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down.

Somehow, surrounded by the moose bodies, Paddy and Mick survived the crash. After climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

#### **In Honour of Stupid People**

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods.

1. On Sainsbury's peanuts --  
**"Warning: contains nuts."**
2. On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding --  
**"Product will be hot after eating."**
3. On a bag of Doritos --  
**"You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside"**
4. On a bar of Dial soap --  
**"Directions: Use like regular soap."**
5. On packaging for a Rowenta iron --  
**"Do not iron clothes on body."**
6. On most brands of Christmas lights --  
**"For indoor or outdoor use only."**

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Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Joseph Louis Barrow (Joe Louis)