

# WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1220

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Hon Rtn Ken Brown



The Club has been saddened to learn of the death of our oldest member, Honorary Rotarian Ken Brown. Apart from his business interests Rotary was his life being a regular attended at meetings and events until as recent as last November. He joined the Club in 1975 three years after its foundation and was President in the year 1983/84. With his interest in financial matters he was always on hand to challenge, suggest and encourage the Club to maintain the right sort of control on its finances – as such, his input over the years has been tremendous and will be sadly missed. In the 1970s/1990s when the Club was developing its relationship with the local community you find Ken playing his part in Stage Shows at the Newton Hall, working at the Ecclesfield Gala and the Annual Santa Claus' Float on Christmas Eve round all the villages. His quiet sense of humour and open friendliness made him an integral part of the Club's life.

He grew up in North Sheffield and was educated at Firth Park Grammar School. His life vocation was with cycles and motor cycles, trading through his shop in Chapelton on Burncross Road where now stands the Tesco Garage. When the site was redeveloped he set up in Goldthorpe until his retirement when he and Jean moved to Ward Green. Not long after Ken suffered a major heart scare from which he recovered and his resilience and fortitude

over the last 25 years has been remarkable. In this time he was able to keep in touch with his family, his first love, his Rotary life and the Stock Market – another of his life-sustaining past-times.

Ken will be ever remembered and sorely missed by all who knew him.

## NEWS

### Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> January – No Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> January – Normal Meeting with Speaker

President Derek welcomed guests Lesley (Wife of Rtn Steve P), Rtns John Goldthorpe, John Horrocks-Taylor and Gil Davies from RC of Denby Dale, and speaker Rt Rev Tim Ellis.

### Secretary's Notices

- 1) It's happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the smartphone today (thanks to Steve Jobs and Apple).
- 2) There is a speaker next week who will be talking about Polio eradication.

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Tickets need selling for the Millionaires Night on 21<sup>st</sup>/ So far 80 out of 200 have definitely been sold.

Hon Rtn Lewis advised that the July Trip to the Black Country Museum in Dudley will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. So far 22 people have put their names down to go. Numbers to be finalised by the end of the month.

Rtn Anne advised that she had been approached to become District Assistant Governor, and had initially accepted before deciding to decline to continue to fully serve Wortley club.

Rtn Steve K reminded members who drink Yorkshire Tea to save the Bar Codes from the

boxes which can be used to raise money for the Wheelchair Association.

Rtn Philip expressed his personal thanks to Rtn Steve P for his efforts during the Santa season. This was echoed by the club (today and at a previous meeting), and was also supported by Rtn Trevor. Thanks to all those who participated in the Christmas Santa activities – the total sum raised by all events was over £3,000.

The president invited Tim Ellis to deliver a new year message to the club. It was an amusing, and anecdotal account of his 40 years in the ministry, and was well received by members and guests who were present.

The meeting closed after the talk in the usual way.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> January – Normal Meeting with Speaker (Thanks to Rtn Graham for the information)

A good night last Monday with a good, enthusiastic speaker - Greg Maskalick on the subject of Polio Eradication. Greg is the ADG of Central Group and the District Spokesperson on Polio. Originally from the USA and actually the home of where the Polio Vaccine was discovered, he is now a British Citizen, retired teacher and yesterday opened his very own micro brewery. Good place for a trip!!!

We have entered a Quiz Team into this year's district competition. Team members now required.

I will be away for the Mondays of 13th, 20th and 27th February. For those dates, Rtn David Humberstone will collate the dinner numbers. Same rules apply re booking but to him please for those dates. His contact details are in the directory but the Attendance Page on the website is a good place to start.

Hosts for 23rd are Rtns Anne & Philip.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Normal Meeting (Thanks to Rtn Graham for the information)

A bit different this week. The table was set at WHH as one oval which allowed everyone to have fellowship over the meal and join in the conversation afterwards during the discussion. There were 13 of us but we have decided to keep that table format and WHH has said it is no problem up to a maximum of 30.

The Quiz Team has been entered and we will know our first opponents at the end of this month. We just need a Team now!

We have decided to buy 2 boxes of silk crocus button holes to support Polio Plus. We look to each member buying one for themselves and also for family members. Other can be sold at the VVR and other events.

President Derek has circulated an email re RIBI and we discussed it briefly and several questions that need to be asked of RIBI have been noted by the President but we will be discussing the subject in a future meeting. In a nutshell, RIBI is in financial trouble and, as in any business, cuts are being made. A few bullet points are that the budget for the RIBI President is being cut by £10,000 for 2017/18. DGs will no longer have their expenses to travel to RIBI Conference subsidised. There is a recommendation that RIBI Conference is scrapped and a 'PR Conference' put together to replace it.

The recommend subs to RIBI are £60 per member this July, £62 next July and £65 in 2019/20. RIBI has a deficit of £108,000 and this is expected to rise to £348,000.

There is a recommendation to withdraw from Charities at Conference that are not 'Rotary Linked' (eg AquaBox, Shelter Box). The RIBI President will only make visits to clubs/districts to an event that adds value to Rotary's Public Image. Committees at RIBI for what we know as Community, Vocational, International and Youth Committees end on 30th June and will be replaced by 2 committees of 'Domestic' and International'.

Rtn Anne reported that the Millionaires' Night raised £1400 in round figures. There was a brief discussion about the night but this was guillotined by the President as we are to discuss Millionaires' Night at the Business Meeting. Rtn Philip detailed the wines, beers and spirits left over from the night and these were bought by members around the table; the wines being reserved for prizes at VVR and weekly raffle.

Just a reminder that I am away on 13th, 20th & 27th February so Rtn David Humberstone is submitting meal orders to WHH. Please help him by filling in the Attendance Page on the website. I understand that one of our non-electronic members will appear as +1 on another members attendance.

Next week, {30th} it is the Business Meeting. If you have a subject you wish to raise, please let me know then I can put an agenda together. So far we have: Millionaires' Night, The 45th Charter, Membership and Santa's Sleigh. Any more?

**Hosts are: Rtns Roger and whoever Rtn Stephen D selects to stand in for him whilst he's away getting his knees brown. Book early for a seat at The Oval.**

### 30<sup>th</sup> January – Business Meeting

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence following the news of Hon Rtn Ken Brown's death yesterday.

President Derek mentioned the upcoming Charter (menu was circulated), and that we are still waiting for the vegetarian option to be confirmed.

### Secretary's Notices

Only one notice this week – RC of Sheffield will now only be meeting twice a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week)

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The Business Meeting commenced, and the following topics were discussed:-

- 1) 45<sup>th</sup> Charter Night
- 2) Millionaires Night
- 3) Santa's Sleigh
- 4) Membership
- 5) Any Other Business

Following the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the Club meeting closed in the usual way. The DGE will be attending next weeks meeting. Hosts: - Rtn Steve P and Jack Slater

## EVENTS

### **Millionaires Night 2017**

This event took place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at Grenoside Community Centre, commencing at 7:30pm. The weather was better than it had been the last couple of years. The 'customers' are getting the idea now and everyone came dressed to impress.

Thanks to all those who helped, especially our 'Friends of Rotary' - Blake, Bev, Brenda, Nigel and Ann, and to Rtn Anne's family of Tombola Experts. To our very efficient 'Bottle Boy' Robert who did a sterling job as Co-ordinator of Recycling. Thank you. Lastly, we must not forget our Ticket Security Staff, Hon Rtn Lewis and Rtn Jacob.

The winner of 1st prize with a sum of around 2.3 BILLION Tavs (that apparently is the currency after the Taverners) was a lady who wishes to remain anonymous. Second prize went to a young man whose photograph is shown below - he asked for his prize - a bottle of Bollinger - to be auctioned off. President Derek did that and it raised a further £40 for our coffers.

Pictures taken during the event are shown below:-



Manning the Bar



The Raffle (Organiser in picture)



President Derek converses with Fellow Rotarians before the event



More Rotarians conversing before commencement of proceedings



Views of the Gaming Area at the start of the Second Half



Hall View just after the event commenced.



The Card Tables



The Runner-up collects his Prize from the President

## Miscellaneous

### **Grants announced as part of Rotary's ongoing efforts to eradicate Polio**

Rotary has announced \$35m in grants to help support the efforts to eradicate Polio, making a total of \$149m in the last year. To read more, click on the link here:-  
<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-announces-35-million-support-polio-free-world>

### **Rotary Good News Week – Another exciting year for Rotary Youth**

The youngest groups of the Rotary Family continued their expansion in 2016 as part of Rotary's "Step Up to Serve". To read more, click on the link here:-  
<http://www.rotarygbi.org/another-fantastic-year-for-rotary-youth/>

### **Music for Aquabox**

The Ashlea Guitar Duo ([Steve Marsh & Nadia Marsh](#)) will be performing to raise funds for Aquabox on 11<sup>th</sup> March. To read more, click on the link here:-  
<http://www.aquabox.org/news/2017/01/15/music-for-aquabox/>

### **RC of Grantham Sunrisers help support local Air Ambulance**

RC of Grantham Sunrisers made a surprise donation to the local Air Ambulance following a talk at a club meeting. To read more, click on the link here:-  
<http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/grantham-sunrisers-give-generously-to-the-life-saving-work-of-the-air-ambulance-1-7776298>

### **RC of Northwich enable local student to help build school kitchen in Swaziland**

RC of Northwich helped fund a local students trip to Swaziland where he helped build a new School Kitchen. To read more, click on the link here:-  
[http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/15031857.Northwich\\_student\\_helped\\_build\\_a\\_new\\_school\\_kitchen\\_in\\_Swaziland/](http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/15031857.Northwich_student_helped_build_a_new_school_kitchen_in_Swaziland/)

### **Rotary Pirates help raise funds for new rescue boat**

RC of Pickering raised funds to help the local mountain rescue team buy a new rescue vessel. To read more, click on the link here:-  
[http://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/news/15041912.Pirates\\_help\\_raise\\_cash\\_for\\_new\\_rescue\\_boat/](http://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/news/15041912.Pirates_help_raise_cash_for_new_rescue_boat/)

### **Future Duty Roster (Hosts)**

6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	Visitor	Steve Patterson
	Fellowship	Stephen Knight
13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	Visitor	Barrie Clinton
	Fellowship	Trevor Fletcher
20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	Visitor	Bob Greaves
	Fellowship	Peter Boler
27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	Visitor	Geoff Humphreys
	Fellowship	David Humberstone
6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Visitor	Jacob Davis
	Fellowship	Jack Slater
13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Visitor	John Haggerty
	Fellowship	John Evans
20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Visitor	Keith Bailey
	Fellowship	Stella Ward?
27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Visitor	Lewis Atkinson
	Fellowship	David Atkinson
3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2017	Visitor	Peter Dimelow
	Fellowship	Peter Clarke
10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017	Visitor	NO MEETING
	Fellowship	
24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017	Visitor	Philip Sherriff
	Fellowship	Anne Willey
1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2017	Visitor	NO MEETING
	Fellowship	
8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Visitor	Roger Hirst
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Visitor	Stephen Knight
	Fellowship	Steve Patterson
22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2017	Visitor	Trevor Fletcher
	Fellowship	Barrie Clinton
29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Visitor	NO MEETING
	Fellowship	
5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Visitor	Peter Boler
	Fellowship	Bob Greaves
12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Visitor	David Humberstone
	Fellowship	Geoff Humphreys
19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Visitor	Jack Slater
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Visitor	David Atkinson
	Fellowship	Lewis Atkinson

**Dates for the Diary**  
**WORTLEY**

31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 45<sup>th</sup> Charter (Baldwins Omega)[19:30 for 20:00]  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017 Vintage and Classic Car Rally (Wortley Hall)  
 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Trip to Black Country Museum (Dudley)

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 Mansfield Road, Nottingham [19:00-23:00]  
 RC of Barnsley Rockley Sportsman's Dinner (Holiday Inn, Barnsley)[19:00 for 19:30]  
 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 Young Musician Concert (Palace Theatre, Mansfield)  
 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Burton upon Trent Charter evening (Pirelli Stadium)[19:30-23:00]  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 RC of Warsop, Shirebrook & District 47<sup>th</sup> Charter Night (19:00-23:00)[The Hostess Restaurant, Sookholme]  
 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 RC of Church Wilne 32<sup>nd</sup> Charter Night (Time *TBC*)[Trent Lock Golf & Country Club]  
 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 RIBI Annual Conference, Manchester  
 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 Know your Blood Pressure Day  
 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 RC of Dronfield Charter Anniversary (Baldwin's Omega)  
 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 District Council (Derbyshire Hotel)  
 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 RC of Vale of Belvoir 5<sup>th</sup> Charity Cabaret Night  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017 *District Handover Lunch (TBC)*  
 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 RC of Chesterfield Scarsdale 25<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Day [Chesterfield Golf Club]  
 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 RC of Church Wilne Annual Charity Horse Ride (*Details TBC*)  
 29<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 District Conference (Llandudno)

**DISTRICT / RIBI**

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 RC of Nottingham Charter Evening (18:30-00:00)[Nottingham Forest Football Entertainment Suite]  
 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Rotherham President's Dinner (Carlton Park Hotel)[19:30]  
 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Newark Charter [The Show Ground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe] (19:00 for 19:30)(Closing Date 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2017)  
 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Retford Charter Dinner (*Time TBC*)[The Olde Bell, Barnby Moor]  
 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Newark Castle Valentines Fun Quiz Night (19:15 for 19:30)[Cedric Ford Pavillion, Newark Showground] - £15 ph  
 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Chesterfield Scarsdale Charter Night [Proact Stadium, Chesterfield]  
 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 RC of Long Eaton Dawnbreakers 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charter (19:00-23:30)[Trent College, Long Eaton]  
 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Castle Donington Music Festival (Methodist Church, Castle Donington)  
 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 District 1220 Young Chef Final (Ashfield School, Kirkby in Ashfield)[13:00]  
 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Kirkby-in-Ashfield Charter (Hostess Restaurant, Sookholme Road, Mansfield) [19:30]  
 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Long Eaton 90<sup>th</sup> Charter Celebration (Swancar Farm, Trowell Moor)[18:30 for 19:00]  
 11<sup>TH</sup> March, 2017 RC of Buxton 50:50 Charity Swimathon (Buxton Swimming Pool)[15:30-18:00]  
 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 Guitar Concert in aid of Aquabox (Town Hall, Wirksworth)[19:00]  
 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Matlock 89<sup>th</sup> Charter Night (19:00-21:00)[New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath]  
 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 RC of Carlton 40<sup>th</sup> Charter (The Park Inn,

**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 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1919 in Liverpool. I went to Greenbank Road Primary School and St Francis Xavier College before leaving at 16. I worked for a telephone company, and Liverpool corporation before the outbreak of war in 1939. During this time, I became interested in amateur dramatics and eventually joined the Liverpool Playgoers club.

- 2) When war started, I was called up and joined the Royal Navy on minesweepers. During this time, my ship was torpedoed, and I was rescued with a knee injury. When the war ended, I joined the Liverpool Old Vic, debuting in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" for a year, before moving on to the Perth Theatre in Perth. Here I met my future wife. In 1947, we moved to London and married, having 3 daughters and 3 sons. I appeared alongside Robert Donat and Margaret Leighton in "A Sleeping Clergyman" at the West End Criterion Theatre.
- 3) I moved into Films, appearing in 40 between 1948 and 1971, where I was often cast as a Police Inspector or as a Navy or Army officer. One of my first appearances was in "Saraband for Dead Lovers" (1948) which starred Joan Greenwood and Stewart Granger. I also appeared in "Whisky Galore!" (1949), "Treasure Island" (1950), and "Angels One Five" (1952). I appeared in a number of Ealing Comedies at this time such as "The Titfield Thunderbolt"
- 4) The same year, I appeared in a film that I am probably best known for – "Genevieve" which also starred "Kenneth More", Dinah Sheridan" and "Kay Kendall" Over the next decade, I appeared in a number of films including "The Battle of the River Plate" (1956), "The Treasure of Monte Cristo", and "The Longest Day" (1962). My film career began to fade after that and I never played a lead role again after 1963.
- 5) I did continue to work in TV, starring as Commander George Gideon in "Gideon's Way", and also appeared in "The Saint" alongside Roger Moore. I also took over from Kenneth More in a long-running TV advert for Coffee on British TV. I didn't get to retirement, dying on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1975 at Portlock Weir in Somerset whilst on holiday. I was buried at Sunbury Cemetery near the family home in Shepperton.

*Answers at the bottom of the newsletter*

This Month's Joke

**One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing**

**community service this week.'**  
**The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.**

**Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.'** The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there were a 'thank you' card and a dozen doughnuts waiting for him at his door...?

**Then an MP came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.'** The MP was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen MPs lined up waiting for a free haircut.

**And that, my friend, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.**

**BOTH POLITICIANS AND NAPPIES NEED TO BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!**

Another Quick joke

**A Yorkshireman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant last night...**

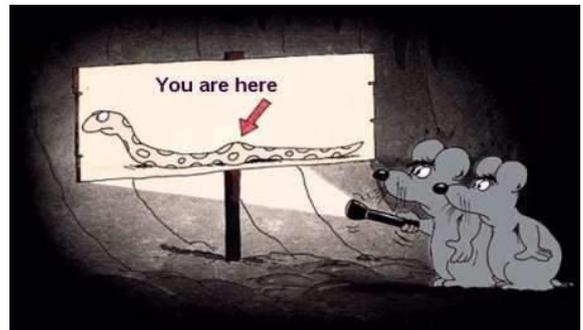
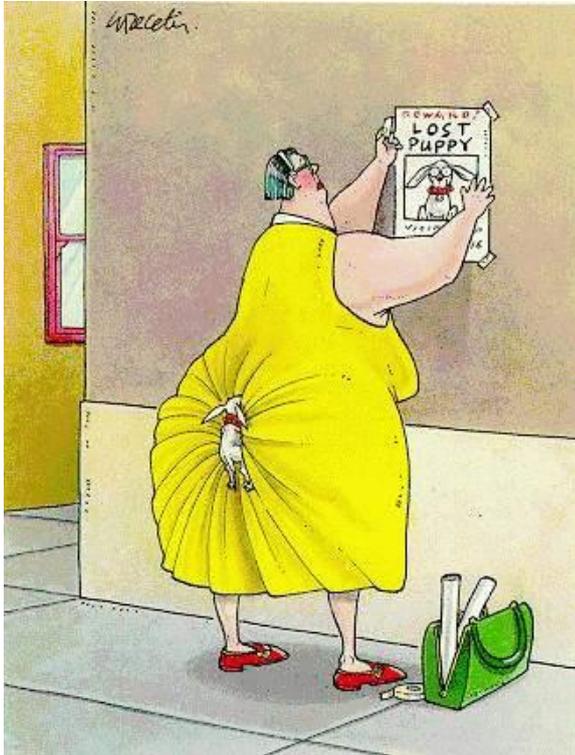
**"Did you smell that food?" she asked...  
 "Wonderful!"**

**Being the 'Kind Hearted Yorkshireman',**

he thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"

... So they walked past it again.

### Things to make you smile



Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at [dma170162@hotmail.com](mailto:dma170162@hotmail.com)

Who Am I Answer:-

**Answer: Harold Thomas Gregson (John Gregson)**

