

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1220

July 2016 NEWSLETTER

President: Derek Ronksley

Secretary: Graham Owen

Website:

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



NEWS

Meetings

6th June – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President Peter welcomed members to the meeting – no guests present today.

There was a discussion about the upcoming VVR. There are now 75 vehicles and 35 stalls registered for the event. A number of issues were discussed and resolved. Due to the clash this year with another local Vehicle event, Wortley's VVR will be moved to the 2nd Sunday in July (this may be next year or the year after and will be confirmed in time for the upcoming event).

A suggestion was made by Rtn Trevor that we should consider doing a fundraising calendar – this idea will be investigated.

Rtn Barrie advised that he had been to Wortley Hall, and looked at the bridge whilst there. He congratulated the Bridge Builders on their efforts.

Secretaries Notices

- 1) The 2017 Rotary Convention will be held in Atlanta.
- 2) District 1220 Conference will be held on 30th September in Scarborough. Application forms are available for those interested in attending.
- 3) District Governor is holding a Garden Party from 2-5pm on 12th June.
- 4) The average age of Wortley Rotary Club can be calculated in several ways (a bit like Government Stats really). If you exclude Honorary Members, it is 65.3. If you include Honorary Members, it rises to 67. If we want to fiddle, sorry, I mean improve the figures, we could recruit twenty 12 year olds and the average age comes down to 46.2.
- 5) Hosts for next week are Jacob and Roger.

Rtn Barrie advised that at the proposed Bows Night on 8th September, there will be a trophy for the winners

The meeting then closed in the usual way, and the Council meeting followed shortly afterwards.

13th June – Normal Meeting

President-Elect Derek welcomed members to the meeting.

With special thanks to President Peter (who was unfortunately detained elsewhere and missed it), and as Jim Bowen might have said – “Let’s look at what you could’ve had” - here’s what the 25-foot Pig turned into this week:-



Steak pie, chips and mushy peas

Rtn Philip reminded members present that the MiTG participation lists need to be in as the council are insisting on 50 stewards each night.

Rtn Stephen D gave an update on the preparations for the VVR. Everything is in hand.

There were no Secretary's notices this week.

Hosts next week will be Hon Rtn Lewis and Rtn Geoff.

Hon Rtn Lewis advised the meeting regarding the situation with Rtn Ken Brown.

The meeting was then closed in the usual way.

20th June – Normal Meeting

President-Elect Derek welcomed members to the meeting.

He advised that, as there had been a limited response to his email regarding Theatre Tickets for a show at Christmas, this was no longer being pursued. Also, as President, he will be presenting the prizes and plaques at the upcoming VVR. Members were encouraged to take raffle tickets if they can.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) Handover next week.
- 2) The website issues have now been resolved, so members still having problems accessing it should let it be known.
- 3) Woolley Wood School have extended an invite to 2 assemblies in July (Achievement and Leavers)

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Rtn Stephen D updated the meeting on the VVR. Everything is organised in and in hand. Jobs list will be circulated later this week. VVR publicity to be followed-up week before the event.

Rtn Barrie suggested that the club consider making a contribution to the fund set up in memory of Jo Cox, the MP who was murdered last week whilst doing her job. This will be considered by Council.

Rtn John E asked for an update on MiTG. Rtn Philip updated the meeting with the current situation. Ticket sales have broken even – any volunteers to act as stewards etc can still be submitted.

Rtn Anne asked a couple of questions re the VVR – both were addressed by PE Derek. There then followed a brief discussion regarding other aspects relating to the event.

Rtn Anne also advised that a card has been sent to Rtn Ken as agreed at a previous meeting.

The meeting then closed in the usual manner.

27th June – Presidential Handover Meeting

President Peter started the meeting by invitinbg Rtn Trevor and FoR Howard to give a final

update on the arrangements for Next Sunday's VVR. Rtn Trevor outlined the allocation of duties, and FoR Howard advised regarding the number of entrants, programmes etc. The infrastructure is all in place – advert was in Look Local last week, and there will be a flyer in it this week. A discussion then ensued regarding other arrangements.

President Peter welcomed our Guests – Tony and Ann Goodliffe. Tony is a member of RC of Weald of Kent, and his wife Ann is the newly installed President of Maidstone Inner Wheel. Tony passed on greetings and a banner from RC of Weald in Kent.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) Council will meet next week.
- 2) Hosts are the Atkinson clan

The Presidential Handover then took place. Firstly, Incoming President Derek passed the President-Elect role and insignia onto Rtn Trevor, and Outgoing President Peter then passed the Presidency and insignia onto President Derek - See pictures below.



Incoming President-Elect



Handover of the Presidency

There being no further business, the meeting closed, and some members went to watch the footy – we won't mention that too much!!

Miscellaneous

RI President's Welcome Address to the 2016 Rotary Convention

There is a story of a king, who received a gift of two magnificent falcons from Arabia. He called his falconer to him and said, "Take these birds, and train them well."

Some months passed, and the king asked for a report on his new birds. The falconer said, "Your Highness, one of the birds is flying majestically, across all your lands. The other one — he found himself a nice branch the day he got here, and he hasn't moved since."

Of course the king was very disappointed in this. What is a falcon for but to fly? He called healers and experts from throughout the land — but the bird wouldn't budge.

Finally the king thought, "All this time I have been looking for experts on birds. Perhaps I need to find an expert on branches." So he called a farmer and said, "I will give you my best field if you can make that bird fly."

The farmer said, "Yes, Your Highness," and he went outside.

Ten minutes later, the king looked out the window. The bird was soaring off, over the treetops. The king ran outside and said, "The field is yours! How did you make this miracle?"

The farmer held up his hand and said, "It was very easy, Your Highness. I broke off the branch on which the bird was sitting."
We cannot fly without leaving our perch.

And sometimes, if you want to do your best, to fly your farthest, you have to say, I am going to leave the things I know. I am going to devote myself totally to the task that lies ahead; I will fly forward as I am called, and I will not glance back. Being the president of Rotary is not just an honour, although it is. It is, first and foremost, a job. And from the day I was nominated, I approached the job of running Rotary as I would the running of any big business: striving to keep our costs low, our productivity high, our operations efficient — and focusing on increasing value for our members. And what I asked of our members, I have also asked of our leaders and our staff.

K.R. Ravindran Korea 29 May 2016

Aquabox received Royal Award

The Aquabox charity, run and managed by a fellow 1220 Club, has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. To read more about this, click on the link here:- <http://www.rotarygbi.org/aquabox-receives-royal-award/>

Or click on the link here to read a report on our new district's website:-

<http://district.rotary1220.org/derbyshire-charity-aquabox-recognised-with-the-queens-award-for-voluntary-service-for-2016>

RC of Lunesdale event raises £3,700

A charity walk, organised by RC of Lunesdale, raised £3,700 for charities. To read more, and see a few piccies, click on the link here:-

http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/14551298.Rotary_Club_of_Lunesdale_walk_raises_3700_for_charities/

RC of North Wirral event raises money for Children's charity

RC of North Wirral organised walk has raised £6,000 for Children's charity "Stick n Step". To read more, click on the link here:-

http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/14553860.Coastal_walkers_raise_thousands_for_Wirral_childrens_charity_Stick_n_Step/

RC of Stainborough give £3,125 to local hospital

RC of Stainborough have presented a cheque for £3,125 to Barnsley Hospital. The money will go to the Tiny Hearts appeal. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/health/rotary-club-donates-to-barnsley-hospital-1-7325124>

RC of Bishop Auckland's Charity Golf Day raises funds for 3 charities

RC of Bishop Auckland's eighth charity golf day raised money for 3 charities. To read more, click on the following link:-

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14536084.Bishop_Auckland_Rotary_Club_join_forces_with_golf_club_for_annual_charity_fundraiser/

RC of Pickering help raise £16,000 for charity

RC of Pickering have, over the last 18 months, helped to raise £16,000 for Marie Curie by taking part in the Volgalonga Regatta in Venice. To read more, click on the link here:-

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14572037.Pirate_crew_raise_16_000_for_charity_in_Venice_boat_race/

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

4 th July, 2016	Visitor	David Atkinson
	Fellowship	Lewis Atkinson
11 th July, 2016	Visitor	Peter Clarke
	Fellowship	Peter Dimelow
18 th July, 2016	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
25 th July, 2016	Visitor	Philip Sherriff
	Fellowship	Anne Willey
1 st August, 2016	Visitor	Roger Hirst

8 th August, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Stephen Dobson Stella Ward
15 th August, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Annie Rouxeville Stephen Knight
22 nd August, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Steve Patterson Trevor Fletcher
29 th August, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Barrie Clinton NO MEETING
5 th September, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Bev Wade Bob Greaves
12 th September, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	David Humberstone Geoff Humphreys
19 th September, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Jack Slater Jacob Davis
26 th September, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	John Evans John Haggerty
3 rd October, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Keith Bailey Peter Boler
10 th October, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Lewis Atkinson David Atkinson
17 th October, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Peter Dimelow Peter Clarke
24 th October, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Rod Wadsworth Peter Perry
31 st October, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Anne Willey Philip Sherriff
7 th November, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Stephen Dobson Roger Hirst
14 th November, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Annie Rouxeville Stella Ward
21 st November, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Steve Patterson Stephen Knight
28 th November, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Barrie Clinton Trevor Fletcher
5 th December, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Bob Greaves Bev Wade
12 th December, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Geoff Humphreys David Humberstone
19 th December, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	Jacob Davis Jack Slater
26 th December, 2016	Fellowship Visitor	NO MEETING

Dates for the Diary WORTLEY

30 th June – 3 rd July, 2016	Music in the Gardens (Botanical Gardens)
3 rd July, 2016	Vintage & Classic Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)
11 th July, 2016	Speaker – Elizabeth Anderson (Stroke Research)
13 th July, 2016	Trip to Beamish Museum
8 th August, 2016	Visit to club by Scholarship Student Chikumo Fiseko
5 th September, 2016	2016 Scholarship Presentation
8 th September, 2016	Club Bowls Night (Thornccliffe Bowling Club)
12 th September, 2016	Speaker – Matilda Swinney (Operation Raleigh)
21 st November, 2016	DG's Visit
12 th December, 2016	Club Carol Singing
19 th December, 2016	Christmas Party
January 2017	Millionaires Night (Grenoside Community

31st March, 2017
Centre)
45th Charter (Baldwins
Omega)

DISTRICT / RIBI

8 th July, 2016	RC of Wollaton Park Charity Golf Day (Wollaton Park Golf Club)
10 th July, 2016	RC of Amber Valley Charity Horse Ride (9:30-12:30) {See Website for details}
12 th September, 2016	RC of Sutton-in-Ashfield Paul Harris National Golf Championships (Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell) – <i>In Aid of Rotary Foundation</i>
14 th September, 2016	RC of Doncaster St Leger 35 th Charter Dinner (The Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster)[19:00-22:00]
15 th September, 2016	RC of Southwell Charter (Southwell racecourse) [19:00 for 19:30]
30 th September to 2 nd October 2016	District Conference (Scarborough Spa Theatre and Conference Centre)
6 th November, 2016	RC of Chesterfield 94 th Charter Anniversary Luncheon (12:30- 13:00)[Ringwood Hall Hotel, Rimmington]
4 th December, 2016	District 1220 Inner Wheel and Rotary Carol Service (Greasley Church, near Eastwood)
7 th March, 2017	RC of Kirkby-in-Ashfield Charter (Hostess Restaurant, Sookholme Road, Mansfield) [19:30]
7 th -9 th April, 2017	RIBI Annual Conference, Manchester

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 20th November, 1917 in Hoyland Common in the West Riding of Yorkshire, the youngest child of a miner. I had 10 siblings. When I was

5 months old, my father died from injuries due to an Industrial Accident. I left school at 14, and worked down the pit until I was 22. As a teenager, I was a member of Tankersley Amateur Dramatics Society, and taught myself ventriloquism.

2. I joined the RAF in 1941, and performed in a RAF Variety show. When I left the RAF, I vowed never to go down the pit again, and started to forge a career in Show Business with my first booking in Bradford in 1946. A year later, I married, and the following year, got an audition at London's Windmill Theatre. I did 6 shows a day as a comedian, and also made my first Radio appearance in 'New to You'.
3. I toured with Laurel and Hardy, and Oliver Hardy persuaded me to give up the ventriloquism to concentrate on becoming a comedian which I did. I did include the ventriloquism in my act during the rest of my career. I appeared in the Royal Variety Show, and on variety Bandbox as well as having my own Radio Show before turning to TV.
4. My first TV appearance was in 1955 on Henry Hall's Guest Night. By 1960, I had my own TV series, basically appearing as myself. I developed my trademark during the long running TV series of the 1960s that bears my name – this was an optical trick using a shop window to give the impression of levitation. I was the subject of "This is your Life" in 1963.
5. I was forced to retire in the 1980s due to health problems, but still appeared in radio shows and making guest TV appearances until shortly before my death. My last regular TV appearances were in the sitcoms "How's Your Father" and "Oh Happy Band". I died of spinal cancer on 20th

July, 1989 in Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire. There is a Blue Plaque on the house where I was born.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre.

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

"The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope.

Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves.."

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain."

The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask,

"Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used!!."

Another Quick joke

I came out of the chip shop with a meat and potato pie, large chips, mushy peas & a jumbo sausage. A poor homeless man sitting there said "I've not eaten for two days." I told him "I wish I had your will power."

Children are Quick – statements to make you smile.

1. **TEACHER:** Maria, go to the map and find North America .
MARIA: Here it is.
TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?
CLASS: Maria.
2. **TEACHER:** Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
3. **TEACHER:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
WINNIE: Me!
4. **TEACHER:** Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '
MILLIE: I is..
TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'
MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'
5. **TEACHER:** Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.
6. **TEACHER:** Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on

talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at dma170162@hotmail.com

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Harry Worth (Harry Bourton Illingsworth)