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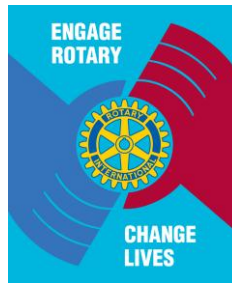
November 2013 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AN INSPIRING EVENING (21st October)

The evening Rotary business was suspended in view of the number of visitors and guests, which included The Barnsley Disability Games Superstar (and local celebrity) Thomas, , and his family.

Mark Dolan, Thomas' trainer for their Boccia team Sheffield Smashers gave a talk and video about Thomas and the team and Andy Hanselman followed up with a brief inspirational talk - Engaging Rotary - Changing Lives ??

Organised by Kathy Markwick and our own Brenda, and accompanied also by Rockley's President Stephen Woodcock, including guest family Harrods (Roger, Pauline and Megan) (whom a few members should know!) the evening raised just over £100 for Thomas team appeal and the promise of Wortley's continuing support.

On the downside, the turnout by Wortley was disappointing and rather embarrassing and special thanks to those members who did turn up and despite being outnumbered by guests and visitors ensured everyone was looked after. It does however, beg the question of whether the Club is actually going to encourage speakers and events like this in future.

There were no doubt many valid reasons for the no-shows, but I would urge all members to consider the implications, and especially if the club wants to make a success of the coming events and in doing what Rotary should be known best for.

President David



LEST WE FORGET

This month, once again, we are called to

remember those who died in war for the freedom we take for granted today. This year I would like to share with Rotarians a very personal revelation which came to me whilst researching the Atkinson family tree. An article dated 11th November 1929 in the local Darlington paper written by my father - he was a Field Sergeant in the Durham Light Infantry when he was wounded near Ypres in 1917 and his wounds resulted him being Honourably Discharged. In 1929 he was President of his local British Legion Branch and he wrote:

"Once again the Empire today does homage to that vast, immortal army who died that we might live. Again is it vividly brought home to us by the sight of Flanders poppies, religious and other memorial services, of the terrific sacrifices made by the British Empire during that tragic period from August 1914 to November 1918.

Again, we ex-servicemen think of those with whom we marched along the roads to the familiar strains of "Tipperary", "Who's your lady friend?" and the like, and who are no more. We recall the training, the embarkation, our baptism of fire, the walking wounded wending their way back to the dressing stations, followed by screaming, murderous shells; the stretcher cases, lines of men outside the casualty clearing stations; the on-coming troops, guns, transport, ever moving forward; Ypres, Armentieres, Vimy Ridge, Albert, the mud, aerial torpedoes, whizz bangs, and Heaven knows what else; and I often say myself, "Was it worth while?"

I look at the British Empire Casualty figures of over 8,000,000 out of which 1,080,919 lives were lost....and I say most emphatically, never again must the British Empire be plunged into such a catastrophe! Never again.

In the words of that immortal soldier-poet, Col. John McCrae, " If ye break faith with

us who die, we shall not sleep." Let us all strive to keep faith with the dead by caring for the living and work for that peace which is so essential to the peoples of all nations."

As we all know his hopeful optimism was dashed less than 10 years later with the outbreak of World War II and since then endless conflicts with many more millions dying so needlessly as the power people seek to increase their power and control.

Human beings will never learn until they find that deep and last peace within themselves that can only come from an in-dwelling God who brings peace beyond our understanding and ability. We Rotarians, as we look toward "Service above Self", need to ensure we have that inner peace.

Rotarian The Rev. Lewis Atkinson



NEWS

Meetings

7th October 2013 - Normal Meeting

President David welcomed members to the meeting and, in the absence of the Secretary (due to a family illness), proceeded to detail the upcoming events:-

Dog's Night – 8th October – Rtn Steven P advised members regarding the arrangements for the evenings event.

Mock Interview – 27th November – any volunteers for this need to put their names in the folder with preferred times am/pm.

Santa Sleigh – 19th and 24th December – Ideas for routes were requested (particularly in relation to the 1st run (week before Christmas Eve). Rtn Steven P mentioned the sweets for distribution (numbers required etc). It was suggested by members that 3,000 should be purchased to cover both runs.

Race Night – 16th November – Rtn Derek requested that everyone should try to encourage

as many people to attend (family members, friends etc).

Barnsley Bowling Invite – 30th October – again anyone wishing to go need to make it known. Would be nice if Wortley can put team in for this inter-club social !

Grenoside Millionaires Night – January 2014 – President David read a letter regarding Jessica Harman (via Rtn Peter P) which could be a possible cause to which the monies raised could go. After a brief discussion, the club agreed that this is likely to be a nominated cause.

Speaker – October 21st – Andy Hanselman will be attending this meeting (organised via Rtn Brenda, and Kathy Markwick following on from the Disability Games. He will be providing an inspiration and motivation talk. The idea is to raise funds for Sheffield Smashers (see <http://www.scci.org.uk/2012/11/sheffield-smashers-celebrate-one-year-anniversary/> for a bit more info). There may be a raffle, and the meeting will be open to guests.

November 11th – Rtn Anne W is organising a Remembrance Day Special – The War in Malta. Guests will be welcome.

December 16th – Carol Singing

December 21st – Christmas Dinner at Wortley Hall (Black Tie).

President David then asked for updates from the various committees:-

Rtn Peter P advised re the Bike Race and Grenoside Park.

Rtn Anne W (vocational) – advised that she was hoping to arrange 2 speakers over the next couple of months. She also advised that she had attended the Wentworth Country Show the previous day, and there had been a number of attractions for children (may be worth considering for the VVR in 2014). President David advised that Rtn John H, Rtn Anne W and himself are liaising with Wortley Hall, but requested that more help would be appreciated from the rest of the club.

Rtn Derek (International) – the fundraiser had already been discussed (nothing else to add).

Other Business

Rtn Lewis advised the club that Lauri Chapman (last year's Scholarship winner) will be attending next week's meeting.

Rtn Philip advised that in relation to the upcoming Millionaires Night, we need to organise another practice evening, and also ensure that we have the required number of people to run the event. Rtn John H will be arranging a practice at Wortley Golf Club.

Rtn Barrie advised that Rtn Peter B is now back home (he had spoken to him earlier in the day). He feels fine, and hopes to back at the club soon. The club sends its best wishes for a speedy return.

Rtn John H advised that he will be attending a meeting with Barnsley Rockley regarding the 2014 Disability Games

Rtn Philip – advised that he has purchased 3 wreaths for the Remembrance Services in the RC of Wortley Area (Chapelton, Stocksbridge and Wortley).

Rtns Derek advised that Rtn Graham and he visited RC of Dronfield last Tuesday. Greetings were exchanged and passed back to the club. He also passed back thanks from the organisers of the Ecclesall Woods Run for helping with the marshalling.

The meeting then closed with the loyal toast.

14th October – Normal Meeting

President David welcomed Lauri (Last year's Scholarship winner) to the meeting.

Secretary's Notices

- i) Next week's there will be a Guest speaker (Andy Hanselman) who will be accompanied by Thomas Holmes and Mark Dolan (Disability Games competitor and Trainer). There is likely to be 8-20 attendees from Barnsley Rockley, and there will be a raffle to raise funds for Sheffield Smashers.
- ii) Open invitation to RC Barnsley's 90th charter on 12th November (speaker will be Alan Jagger).

iii) Disability Games planned for 30/3/2014. There is a meeting at Barnsley Rockley on 13th November.

iv) Rtn Brenda will not be able to devote her usual amount of time to next year's VVR so Rtn Stephen Dobson has volunteered to take over her role.

v) Is there any mileage in putting some of the lists from the Yellow folder on a clipboard to aid the progress round the club.

Other Business

President David thanks Rtn Steve P for organising the Night at the Dogs last week. Rtn Steve P reported that he had received a refund in lieu of a Discount that was on offer on the Website – this has gone to Club Funds.

Rtn Peter Boler had been in contact to thank the club for the card and fruit.

Mock Interviews (27/11) – President David requested that anyone interested in taking part should register their interest before Wednesday.

There will be a meeting this week at Wortley Hall to discuss next year's VVR (Club Issues will be raised).

The proposed Christmas Dinner on 21/12 is likely to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Rtn John H advised the club that he has met with the TESCO community champion in Penistone regarding the gifts for the Santa Sleigh runs.

Millionaires Night Preparation

Millionaires Night is drawing closer and members still feel somewhat untrained in the gambling arts. So, 28th October at the club will be a training night. We all need to do a little to ensure this event is a success from the 'off'. If successful it can be a great cash raiser. On 4th November those who volunteered to start pulling together all the strands of the organising will report to the club and on 23rd November we (all of us) go live at Wortley Golf Club with the first Millionaires Night.

Rtn Steve P asked whether it would be a good idea to ask one of the Taverners to attend to provide guidance at the Casino Practice (28/10)

at the club meeting. Rtn Peter P advised that this is likely to be the case.

Rtn Peter P also advised that Elizabeth Birkby has broken her hip, and asked if the club should send a card. Rtn Lewis updated the club regarding the latest situation as a result of his Sunday Duties at Grenoside Church.

Rtn John H advised regarding the proposed 'For-Real' Casino run at Wortley Golf Club on 23/11. It was suggested that the event needs co-ordinating, and Rtns John H, Peter P, Rod and Steve P will lead on this, although any help would be appreciated. There then followed a club discussion regarding the Millionaires Night (organising issues etc).

Rtn Lewis then introduced Lauri Chapman (Scholarship Winner 2012) who updated the club on her first year at University, and fielded a number of questions from Club Members.



President David and Lauri

Members Notices

Rtn Peter C reminded the club regarding the Scrap Metal recycling initiative he is involved in – if anyone has any scrap, let him know or deliver it to his premises in Deepcar.

Rtn Graham (Sec) reminded the club of the rotas for next week.

The meeting then closed with the usual toast.

21st October – Fundraising Night for Sheffield Smashers

Tonight's meeting was given over to a talk by Andy Hanselman, and there was a raffle to raise money for Sheffield Smashers. Pictures

and comments received can be found under the EVENTS section later in the bulletin.

Please note, due to lack of numbers, the proposed Christmas Dinner (21st Dec) has been cancelled.

28th October – Normal Meeting

EVENTS

October 21st – Fundraising Night for Sheffield Smashers

President David's Message at the start of this month's Newsletter details the evening's events – see below for pictures and messages received regarding the fundraising event.



President David and Thomas



Andy & Thomas



Mark & Thomas

The following messages regarding the Evening were received by President David:-

Hi all,

I just wanted to say on behalf of everyone at the Sheffield Smashers we had such a wonderful night.

The presentation from Andy was amazing and we all thoroughly enjoyed it :-). Thanks to Andy and everyone else for organising the night and raising the money for our club. I cannot tell you how much the money means to us and keeps us moving forwards as a club. The funds will be spent on either new equipment or put towards

tournament costs to allow our players to keep improving.

We are all looking forward to the launch event in November and hopefully will be able to bring some more players along.

Again, it was a wonderful night and thank you for all your efforts with our club :-)

Regards

Mark Dolan
PE and School Sport Coordinator
Talbot Specialist School

Head Coach
Sheffield Smashers Boccia Club

Hi David

I really enjoyed the night and I am extremely pleased that you found Andy, Thomas and Mark inspirational. The feedback I have received has been excellent.

We would like to express our thanks to all who contributed to the raffle, which raised £104.50 for the Smashers!! Everyone's generosity is very much appreciated.

We are all really looking forward to working with the Smashers in the future and hopefully to seeing some of you at our Launch event on 13/11.

Kind regards.

Kathy

There will be 8 races, and a Pie and Pea Supper.

The Cost is £10 per per person.

As there is no bar in the Scout HQ, it is "a bring your own" wine / beer etc. Please ensure that all your guests are aware of this.

Please push this event with all friends and family, and with your work colleagues.

Letter from the Secretary

Fellow Rotarians

At last evening's meeting (21st October), President David and the few Wortley Rotarians present were embarrassed with the poor attendance of club members. We were greatly outnumbered by our guests and visitors from the Rotary Club of Barnsley Rockley.

What compounded the disappointment further was that the Treasurer, Rtn Anne, had to write a cheque for £200 to cover meals ordered (or not cancelled on the website attendance page) by Wortley Rotarians.

Club funds are now depleted by £200 so in the spirit of Rotary and following what I understand is a protocol at Wortley, I look to those Rotarians who had not apologised by 10.30am Monday morning on the web site or by a telephone call/email to myself and, for whom a meal was ordered, to forward a cheque for £13.00 to Treasurer, Rtn Anne.

If by any chance you are unsure whether or not you apologised I have the list from the 'Attendance Page'.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

This is a Christian-based organisation which has been using light aircraft to bring help and hope to isolated people in the developing world. It works alongside many partners, including Rotary International, to deliver care to people of all faiths and none, and it ensures that people living in isolated and inaccessible communities where road access is difficult or impossible receive the

Miscellaneous

**RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 16th
November**

A race night has been organised in aid of International Funds for our club, to be held on Saturday 16th November. Start 7:30 for 8:00pm. in the Scout HQ on Salt Box Lane, Grenoside.

aid they require. To read more, click on the link below:-

<http://www.maf-uk.org/Home/1.id>

Award Winner records Charity CD

RIBI Young Citizen award winner, Grace O'Malley has recorded a charity single with 87 year old Chelsea Pensioner, Denis Shiels. It will be released ahead of 11th November. To read more, click on the following link:-
<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/award-winner-records-charity-cd>

Final push to help eradicate POLIO

24th October was World Polio Day, and RIBI teamed up with Ade Adepitan, to help urge members of the public to join the final push to help eradicate POLIO from the world. To read more, click on the following link:-
<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/join-the-final-push-on-world-polio-day>

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. To read more, click on the link below:-
<http://www.rotaryxmaspuddings.co.uk/>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

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| 4 th November | Visitor | Philip Sherriff |
| | Fellowship | Jacob Davis |
| 11 th November | Visitor | Rod Wadsworth |
| | Fellowship | John Evans |
| 18 th November | Visitor | Roger Hirst |
| | Fellowship | John Greaves |
| 25 th November | Visitor | Stephen Dobson |
| | Fellowship | John Haggerty |
| 2 nd December | Visitor | Steve Patterson |
| | Fellowship | Keith Addy |
| 9 th December | Visitor | Trevor Fletcher |
| | Fellowship | Keith Bailey |
| 16 th December | Visitor | Annie Rouxville |
| | Fellowship | Peter Appleyard |
| 23 rd December | Visitor | Ann Winnard |
| | Fellowship | Peter Boler |
| 30 th December | Visitor | Barrie Clinton |
| | Fellowship | Peter Clarke |

Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

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| 10 th November | Wreath laying at Remembrance Day services in Chapeltown, Stocksbridge and Wortley |
| 16 th November | Race Night at Grenoside (19:00) |
| 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, Chapeltown, Ecclesfield & Grenoside) |
| 18 th January, 2014 | Millionaires Night (Grenoside Community Hall) |
| January, 2014 | Burns Night |
| 29 th June, 2014 | Vintage Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall) |

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| 1 st -3 rd November, 2013 | RGBI Conference 2013 (London) |
| 8th-10 th November, 2013 | Rotary Institute and Foundation Seminar (Horwood House Hotel, Little Horwood, Bucks) |
| 15 th November, 2013 | Children in Need |
| 21 st – 23 rd February, 2014 | RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC) |
| 5 th April, 2014 | Know your Blood |
| 10 th April, 2014 | Pressure Day |
| | 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 Dublin on 26th July 1856, My father was a grain merchant / civil servant, and my mother was a professional singer. I had 2 sisters. I was educated briefly at Wesley College, Dublin, before moving to a private school and then to Dublin's Central Model school.
- 2) When I was 16, my mother left home, along with my 2 sisters. I remained in Dublin with my father becoming a clerk in an estate office, before joining my mother's household in 1876. With the help of my mother, her voice teacher and one of my sister's I was able to study in libraries and the British Museum, and began my writing career. My earnings from this remained negligible until 1885, when I became a critic of the arts
- 3) My plays were first performed in the 1890s, and by the turn of the 19th Century, I was an established Playwright I became a dedicated socialist and a member of the Fabian Society. At this time, I met my future wife, who I married in 1898. I was already a member of London County Councillor as a Progressive, being elected in 1897. In 1906, we moved to Ayot St Lawrence in Hertfordshire where we lived for the rest of our lives – we also had a residence in London.
- 4) I wrote 63 plays, and was prodigious in my output as a novelist, critic, pamphleteer, essayist and correspondent. My works include

the plays The Philanderer and Pygmalion, and I was a co-founder of the London School of Economics. One of the libraries there is named after me, and holds my personal papers and photos. I also helped found the "New Statesman" with other members of the Fabian Society.

- 5) Towards the end of my life, I joined the Interplanetary Society. When I died on 2nd November 1950 aged 94, my ashes, and those of my wife were scattered along footpaths and around the statue of St Joan in our garden. My home is now a National Trust property and is open to the public, and a theatre on Euston Road, which opened in 1971, was named in my honour.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Irish sausage?"

The assistant asks, "Are you Irish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, just because I asked for Irish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"

The assistant replied, "Because you're in Halfords."

GREAT SIGNS



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Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: George Bernard Shaw