

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1220

November 2020 NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

Meetings

5th October – Club ZOOM Meeting

President Steve welcomed 12 members and 2 guests to the meeting.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) Email received from Yorkshire Air Ambulance offering talks at On-line meetings. Club interest to be passed back.
- 2) Next 2 on-line meetings have speakers invited.

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Club Business

- 1) District Advertising Video mentioned at a previous meeting was discussed at District Council. A video will be made, but no cinema campaign will be sought.
- 2) NurtureNature – update re the conversations held recently was relayed.
- 3) Email received via Rtn Brenda regarding potential Santa Sleigh appearance and Hillsborough Morrisons on 5th December. This has been parked until after the District On-line Seminar on 14th October regarding the issues at present.
- 4) RGBI Risk Assessment now covers COVID.
- 5) New Members – Rtn Philip expressed his delight that Lesley has decided to join the club before President Steve formally admitted his better half to the club.

Any Other Business

- 1) Rtn John E updated the club re the latest publicity. Litterpick was in Look Local / Barnsley Chronicle, and the Masks / Shields info being prepped for sending out.
- 2) Hon Rtn Lewis advised that the Masks / Shields projects have now finished for the time-being. We have helped allocate 24%

of the 55k Masks that the sewing groups have produced. Also thanks to Marilyn and Linda for their efforts as part of the group.

- 3) Rtn Peter advised re the Flower Tubs for Grenoside (Planters / Flowers) for which a Sheffield City Council Grant is due.
- 4) Rtn John E updated the club regarding a club member's family issues, and the club will be sending a get well soon card and flowers.

The meeting concluded after Rtn Philip gave the Last Word.

12th October – NO MEETING (Pandemic Restrictions)

19th October – Club ZOOM Meeting

President-Elect Trevor welcomed 11 members and 2 guests to the meeting.

We started with a presentation by Matthew Price from Brain Tumour Research, who told us a bit about what the charity does, how it developed, and what they are aiming for (goals and awareness). Currently predominantly based in the south, but trying to expand to centres in the north – this has been delayed by the current COVID issues. A Q&A session followed before PE Trevor thanked Matt for talking to the club.

Club Business Meeting followed as follows:-

Secretary's Notices

- 1) Speakers at 2 of the 3 scheduled Club Meetings in November – details already notified.
- 2) News of former club president's (Geoff Allen) passing relayed to the meeting.

Other Club Business

- 1) Rtn Philip reported back regarding the District Seminar he attended concerning Santa / Christmas Activities. This will be discussed at an extra On-line meeting next

week as we need to decide what activities we can do as a club as quickly as possible.

- 2) **Rtn Steve K** advised that the crocuses supplied by the club to Chapeltown have now been planted.
- 3) **PE Trevor** reiterated his thanks to members who helped out with the recent litterpick.
- 4) **Sec** advised that we now have the Remembrance Wreaths. 2 are with the Sec (Stocksbridge and Chapeltown). They need collecting for action as agreed by the club.
- 5) **Rtn Philip** advised that he hasn't received any reply regarding any club requirement at Fox Valley.
- 6) **Rtn John E** updated the club regarding ongoing publicity (Barnsley Chronicle should be printing article about the Masks / Shields this week)

The meeting ended following the conclusion of the business.

26th October – Special Club ZOOM Meeting – Santa / Christmas activities and District / RGBI Guidance

President Steve welcomed 15 members to the meeting arranged to discuss options for Christmas Activities.

Club Business

Rtn Philip outlined and expanded on the discussions at the District Meeting as per bullet point email sent to all members, and updated members on discussions with other local clubs regarding their possible activities.

A general discussion around the various issues regarding things such as publicity required. Following this, a proposal was made to cancel all Santa related activities which was seconded and supported by all those present. This will be publicised through various channels (Look Local / Website / Facebook).

Other Business

- 1) **Rtn Steve K** thanked the club for the card following the recent death of his Father-in-law.

The business being concluded, the meeting then closed.

Miscellaneous

Whitley Hall restaurant 1584 Menu (May 2020)
No Meetings Likely – Pandemic Restrictions

PARKER WHITLEY INVESTMENT CLUB

Sadly another casualty of 2020 is the demise of The Parker Whitley Investment Club which in its twentieth year has run its course, Covid is not necessarily the reason though, the sad passing's of Rtn's Barrie & Keith in 2019 is the real reason.

PWIC was in its twentieth year, it was I believe the brain child of Barrie & Keith, and had some twenty or so Rotarians investing in the club & hoping to become millionaires which unfortunately didn't happen but it kept everyone interested with regular dividends.

A number of the members at the close were no longer Rotarians, some for a number of years but kept up the monthly subscriptions to continue to be involved.

Barrie undertook his role of 'trader' very serious and was always prepared to listen to members suggestions and tips, he did a sterling job, as did Chairman Keith and secretary Malcolm.

When it was decided to fold the club and dispose of the stock etc the secretary Rtn Malcolm Webb, former DG and a past president of Wortley RC, for the newer Wortley members that probably don't know him, took it upon himself to carry out this task which I know first hand was far from easy.

Malcolm has spent many hours on the phone and emails with the bank and Share Club, he involved Rod and myself on some matters and I can tell you the members of PWIC are indebted to Malcolm without any shadow of doubt.

On behalf of the membership thank you Malcolm it is much appreciated you have done an excellent job.

Philip Sherriff

Geoff Allen

One of our past presidents, Geoff Allen, 1991, passed away suddenly on 9th October. He left the area many years ago and lived in the Nottingham area.

He was known to many as Geoff the Vet, and was head of Springfield vets for several years and a clever guy. He was 74.

He was a close friend of several members whilst he lived in Wortley.

Rod

Other News

Click on the links to read

District 1220 News

<https://district.rotary1220.org/salvation-army-ripley-sings-rotary-club-praises>

<https://district.rotary1220.org/flowers-provide-final-jigsaw-piece-for-struggling-families-in-matlock-area>

<https://district.rotary1220.org/foodbank-fears-harvest-festival-shortfall-as-demand-for-services-soars>

<https://district.rotary1220.org/homeless-become-providers-during-covid-lockdown-as-rotary-steps-up-to-help>

AquaBox related (District 1220)

None

World Water Works Charity (District 1200)

<http://www.watersurvivalbox.org/index.html>

Shelterbox

<https://www.shelterbox.org/operations-update>

Rotary in the news this month

<https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/18770873.great-skipton-santa-fun-run-goes-virtual-bid-help-struggling-charities/>

<https://www.ilkeygazette.co.uk/news/18770973.rotary-celebrates-record-day-recycling/>

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/18811260.hexham-rotary-members-lead-latest-fight-polio/>

<https://www.timesandstar.co.uk/news/18793926.cockermouth-clean-team-hit-streets/>

<https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/18813596.stokesley-landmarks-go-purple-world-polio-day/>

<https://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/news/18774307.cambrian-rotary-clubs-work-hope-house-snowflake-garden/>

<https://www.whitchurchherald.co.uk/news/18782102.caversham-residents-enjoy-village-bloom-thanks-whitchurch-rotary-club/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-54361590>

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/18791038.yorks-virtual-dragon-challenge-raises-20k-hospital-charity/>

<https://www.wharfedaleobserver.co.uk/news/18807627.derek-surpasses-fundraising-target-handover-2-500-airedale-hospital/>

Double Rainbow over Sheffield

On Saturday 10th October, some of you may have seen the Double Rainbow that appeared over Sheffield. For those of you who missed it, here's a couple of pictures taken in S35.





Dates for the Diary

WORTLEY

**Subject to Current Health Lockdown
(where cancellation is known, Event is marked as such)**

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| 2 nd November, 2020 | Talk by Tom Hunt (End Polio Now) [ZOOM] |
| 30 th November, 2020 | Talk by Charlie Reeder (Yorkshire Air Ambulance) [ZOOM] |
| Ongoing | NurtureNature Collaboration |
| 10 th May, 2021 | Talk by Julian Parkes (Trinity House) |

DISTRICT / RGBI

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| 31 st October, 2020 | RC of Wirksworth / Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Halloween Virtual Balloon Race |
| 13 th November, 2020 | RC of Derby Satellite "Murder Most Fowl" – Zoom Event |
| 18 th December, 2020 | RC of Sheffield The Great Rotary Bake-Off (ONLINE) - £15 RYLA (Castleton) |
| 13 th -16 th February, 2021 Spring 2021 | District End Polio Now Sponsored Walk (postponed from 6/9/20) Volunteer EXPO (NEC) Buxton RYLA |
| 7 th -9 th May, 2021 | RI Convention (Taipei, Taiwan) |
| 21 st -23 rd May, 2021 | Rotary & Inner Weheel Thanksgiving Service (15:00) |
| 6 th -10 th June, 2021 | District Handover Dinner (19:00 for 19:30) |
| June 20 th , 2021 | District 1220 Conference (Southport) |
| June 25 th , 2021 | |
| 1 st – 3 rd October 2021 | |

- 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 8th October, 1932 in Tredegar, Monmouthshire. When I was 14, I turned down a place at Grammar School to become a miner, thus following in my father's footsteps. I was buried in a rockfall, and quit mining, becoming a police officer when my family moved to Stoke-on-Trent.
2. By his time, I was already competing in the sport in which I made my name, and beat my fellow Welsh compatriot Jack Cowey in the British Youth Championship. After winning the Welsh Amateur title from 1950-1955, I entered the English event the following two years without success. When I re-entered it in 1964, I won it, beating the man who was one of my main rivals when I turned professional.
3. After winning the English Amateur title in 1964, I was invited to tour South Africa, and on the back of that success, I quit Policing and became a full-time professional competitor. Two years later, I made my first appearance in the World Professional Championship, and the following year, I won the title, beating John Pulman in the final. I won the first Pot Black Championship in 1969, and Johns Spencer and I became two of the main players in the 1970s Snooker Boom.
4. I was regarded as adding a touch of humour and entertainment to the game, and played 17 World Championship matches without defeat, winning the title 4 years in a row. This run ended in the first championship to be held in The Crucible Theatre, when I lost to John Spencer in the Quarter-finals. I won the title the following year beating Perrie Mans, and remained a top player well into the 1980, though I only reached 1 more World Final – losing to Alex Higgins in 1982.
5. My eyesight began to deteriorate, and I eventually called a day on my career in 1991, although I played on the Seniors event until 2000. I now live in Torquay, and still follow the game. I am also president of Churston Golf Club in Devon. The Welsh Open trophy is now named after me

REMEMBER THE 4-WAY TEST

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

A mother took her daughter to the doctor and asked him to give her an examination to determine the cause of her daughters swollen abdomen. It only took the doctor about 2 seconds to say "Your daughter is pregnant."

The mother turned red with fury and she argued with the doctor that her daughter was a good girl and would not compromise her reputation by having sex with a boy. The doctor faced the window and silently watched the horizon.

The mother became enraged and screamed, "Quit looking out the window! Aren't you paying attention to me?"

"Yes, of course I am paying attention ma'am. It's just that the last time this happened, a star appeared in the East, and three wise men came. I was hoping that they would show up again."

Another Short Funny

Genuine Examination answer

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

More Off-the wall Quotes

1. The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree. **Spike Milligan**
2. Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror. **Jean Rostand**
3. We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea. **W.H. Auden**
4. If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. **Johnny Carson**
5. Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. **Steve Martin**

6. As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. **John Glenn**

Anniversaries this Month

- 1) English Parliament passed the first Act of Supremacy, making the monarch Head of the Church of England (1534)
- 2) Israeli PM Yitzhak Rabin assassinated (1995)
- 3) James Naismith (Inventor of Basketball) born 1861
- 4) Lord Lucan disappeared (1974)
- 5) Robert Catesby and Thomas Percy executed (1605)
- 6) Ethelred the Unready ordered the massacre of all Danes in England (1002)
- 7) Qantas airline founded (1920)
- 8) Kings Cross Underground fire (1987)
- 9) Henry Purcell died (1695)

Who Am I Answer:-

ANSWER: Raymond Reardon, MBE