

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

October 2013 NEWSLETTER

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The meeting on September 16th was attended by the DG, who stimulated us all to engage in a lively discussion. He asked the question about how we appeal to younger potential members. It was nice to hear our scholars speak up, and their awareness of Rotary and any lack of, for which really Rotary has only itself to blame. Self-promotion seems to be the weak link in Rotary – are we too modest ?

Speaking of modest.... Mel Dyke's talk on the famous folk hailing from Barnsley and area was a fascinating piece of research, and raises the question of the effect the Calendar Girls had on fundraising. These women hailed from Barnsley and raised over 3.5M directly, not to mention the knock-on effect of other organisations that copied their idea – all begs the question: do we have willing Wortley Rotary members to pose for the Wortley Calendar 2014 !!? They Who Dare...? Names on a sheet in the yellow file please.....!!!!?

Don't forget the upcoming Wortley events - hope to see as many of you as possible – and bring a friend.

President David

NEWS

Meetings

2nd September – Normal Meeting

Secretary's Notices

The secretary advised the club that a condolence card had been sent to the President of Barnsley Rockley following the death of his wife.

Upcoming Events:-

- a) Mock Interviews at Yewlands School (27th November)
- b) Race Night at Grenoside (Date to be confirmed- November)
- c) Christmas Do – Date to be confirmed (Either 20th or 21st December)

The Club then sang Happy Birthday to the Secretary, Rtn Graham.

Rtn Lewis advised that the dates and relevant sheets for the Annual Carol Singing round local homes will be in the folder in 2 weeks.

President David advised that there will be a speaker at the club on 23rd September, and reminded members to update the web attendance or advise the Secretary if they will be attending and if they will be bringing guests.

The MiTG awards night will be on 30th September. Rtn Rod advised that this will be a Pie and Pea Supper at Niagara Sports Club. There was a surplus of £32k, and after the charity donations and other costs have been paid out, he advised that Wortley RC has been allocated £1.5k-£1.6k (which is the largest slice of the funds being allocated to the Rotary Clubs involved). One of the major reasons for this is down to the input provided by Rtn Peter C prior to the event. The attendances were pretty good (Thursday and Saturday better than Wednesday and Friday). Next Year's Date is still being discussed in view of the Tour de France – last thinking is 20th July 2014.

Council meeting was postponed until next week.

Rtn Peter P suggested that the club should think about suggesting that a full page advert in “Morgan’s Classic Yearbook” may increase support for the Children’s Hospital – the VVR is currently advertised in it. There was a brief discussion about this. He has been advised that the club has raised £22-25k over the last decade.

Rtn Peter also enquired whether there was anything to report re the District Conference – no news at present. Also suggested that the club needs to publicise what was raised at the VVR – figure is around £5k.

Rtn John H asked if members had seen the signage for the recent event at Wentworth Woodhouse and whether members thought something similar might be useful for future VVRs – there was a brief discussion.

Rtn Geoff reminded the club of the marshalling of the Weston Park Cancer Charity Walk.

The meeting closed with the usual toast.

9th September – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President David welcomed 4 visitors from RC of Denby Dale (including former Wortley President, John Goldthorpe). They passed on greetings from their president, and President David asked them to return greetings from Wortley.

Rtn Geoff advised that he had been talking to members of RC of Retford, who have 63 members, and now have a waiting list of people who wish to join the club.

Secretary’s Notices

Rtn Graham advised the club that he had received a cheque from RC of Stainborough for £200, which represented 10% of their take at the recent VVR. He has received correspondence from RC of Mexborough inviting members to attend their Charter (Black Tie / Posh Frock do).

On a serious note, he advised that according to the Website, 27 members were due to attend tonight’s meeting, and only 17 of those had actually attended. This could cause problems with the venue. He contacts Whitley Hall with

the numbers due to attend at 10.30am on the day of the meeting.

EDITOR – I discussed this with President David, and have contacted Connor to suggest that the default be changed from attending to apologies.

President David reminded members that a Council Meeting would follow the normal meeting, and also reminded members that the DG will be attending next week’s meeting, and there will be a presentation to this year’s scholarship winners.

Committee Reports (INTERNATIONAL)

Rtn Derek advised that he had received an e-mail regarding the situation in Syria asking for help. He advised that the Race Night on 16th November will be raising funds for future International issues, but was wondering if the club could support some immediate contribution to the appeal for aid. Click on one of the links below to read more about the 2 areas to be considered at council after the meeting:-

www.shelterbox.org

www.aquabox.org

Rtn Barrie proposed that the club considers supporting the provision of at least 2 Shelterboxes (£590 each) and 1 Aqua box (£120 each). This proposal was seconded by Rtn Lewis, and after a short debate, the decision will go to council for ratification.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rtn John H advised that he had attended a meeting regarding the proposed District restructuring. It is a possibility that the South York’s clubs may be joined with Derbyshire / Notts, or the district above. However, this is unlikely to happen for 3-4 years.

Rtn Lewis advised that the lists for the Carol Singing on December 16th is now in the folder, so if you wish to participate, please ensure that your name is on the list.

Rtn Peter C advised that he has had a further meeting regarding the possible fundraising for the Children’s Hospital. This is a bit more complicated than was first envisaged due to past problems they and other hospitals have had with

prospective partners, so they are looking for trusted partners. Rtn Peter is continuing to engage with this idea, and the club also wants to be involved in promoting fundraising for this worthy cause.

The meeting closed with the usual toast.

President's Notices following Council

- 1) **Please note that of the 27 members who were apparently registered for meals last night, 17 actually turned up. (plus several visitors from Denby). PLEASE ENSURE YOUR ATTENDANCE IS UP TO DATE. SEC GRAHAM CAN ALSO BE CONTACTED ON MOBILE 07979 877 219, CALL, TEXT, EMAIL, NOTIFY ON WEBSITE by 10am Monday morning please.**
- 2) Club has decided to send 2 shelterboxes and 1 Aquafilter to Syria, from our club proceeds of the MitG donation, which as Rod pointed out was due in no small part to Peter Clarke's show of force on the MitG setting up.
- 3) Peter has also met with the Children's Hospital (you may recall Brenda's excellent previous speaker) David Vernon and is following up the club involvement with this Making It Better new children's hospital appeal.
- 4) Next Monday the DG will be visiting and we also present the 4 scholarship winners their bursary cheques.
- 5) Also, request from Sec please to wear name badges if you have them
- 6) Various events being gathered in the yellow club file – please ensure you mark availability and numbers on each as early as possible.

16th September – Scholarship Presentation and Visit by DG

President David welcomed the District Governor Simon Kalson, and 6 guests, including the 4 recipients of the Annual Scholarship Award and Assistant Governor Hilary Smith, to the meeting.

Secretary's Notices

Rtn Graham advised the club of the following:-

- 1) Regarding the Disability Games, RC Barnsley Rockley has asked each Rotary Club who support the event to

nominate a team manager for future events.

- 2) Rtn Brenda / RC Barnsley Rockley have arranged for a speaker who will attend the club meeting on 21/10 - Andy Hanselman. He is a motivational speaker, and will be bringing Disability Games competitor Thomas Holmes and his Trainer, Mark Dolan.
- 3) Next Week's speaker is Mel Dyke
- 4) The MitG presentation evening is on 30th September, and those club members who are not going to this have been asked whether they wish to have a meeting at Whitley Hall, or have a scatter week.

President David reminded the club that there are now various lists in the folder for upcoming events. Can members ensure that they fill them in if they are intending to attend?

Scholarship Presentation



Chikumo, Jacob, President David, Emma and Stefan

Rtn Lewis outlined the history of the Scholarship Fund, and then invited President David to make the presentations to the four selected scholars – 1 cheque for £500, and 3 cheques for £250 were presented.

President David then introduced the DG. After passing greetings between clubs, he initiated a Q&A style discussion aimed particularly around the need to encourage and engage younger people to join Rotary. Some very good ideas were put forward for the club to ponder – publicising ourselves more particularly

OTHER BUSINESS

Rtn Steve P advised that there is a sheet in the folder for the "Night at the Dogs" he is arranging – 2nd or 3rd Tuesday. Will probably

involve a 3 course meal. Those interested should put their names down.

Rtn Barrie asked if the Secretary could advise at each meeting who is on duty the following week before the meeting closes. The Secretary announced the duty list for next week's meeting.

The business concluded, the meeting closed with the usual toast.

23rd September – Normal Meeting

As Barrie reported last night, the club sends best wishes to Peter Boler, recovering in hospital. We also send our best wishes to our guest Ayumi, after last night's drama. Hopefully all are recovering well.

Thanks to Mel (Anne's speaker guest) for her enthralling take on Barnsley famous folk, apologies for being cut short by circumstances but I'm sure all agree it was a very entertaining rapport and Mel certainly had a lot of interesting reflections, hopefully we can invite Mel back for another evening in the near future.

Dates for the Diary:-

No meeting at WHH next week (30th) as half the club are at Niagara for the MitG presentations – booking for approx. 12 members – please confirm attending to me if you haven't already.

October 8th - Ex Pres. Steve Patterson is arranging an evening at Owlerton Dog races, meal etc, £17 pp. No's please to me or Steven

Oct 30th – Bowling night with Barnsley Rockley and Barnsley clubs at Barnsley.

November - Grenoside Race night (Derek) - again no's please asap.

30th September – No Meeting at Whitely Hall – MitG presentation

Miscellaneous

BARNSELY ROCKLEY ROTARY CLUB
BOWLING - WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Email received from Kathy Markwick:-

Hi

Just a reminder re Alan's recent note regarding our bowling event - you and your colleagues are more than welcome to join us.

Cost is £15 for two games of bowling and two course meal with tea or coffee or £5 if not eating - 5.45 for 6pm start.

Please let Alan know ASAP if you are joining us.

Kind regards.

Kathy

Theatre Visit November 20th

A reminder, that on Wed 20th Nov I am booking tickets for Cabaret, starring Will Young. It's at the theatre in Hull, those that have already said they are going, this is just a reminder, any others, please let me know asap.

Rtn Derek

Lamb for Sale

I have a farmer client, in the Derbyshire Dales, who has this year's lambs for sale, as whole lambs, ready butchered etc, ex Hallam members already know the quality.

I will be putting an order in, in the next couple of weeks, anyone who would like one, or to share one with a friend, please let me know.

The cost will be approx. £90 dependant on weight. They will be delivered in November, I will bring to your house for you.

Rtn Derek

Belsen Diary helps End Polio Now

A British Medical student's diary from 1945 is being published to with proceeds going towards End Polio Now and Amnesty International. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/belsen-diary-helps-end-polio-now>

Rotarian Action Groups – Promoting MS Awareness

This is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting awareness of MS. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

<http://www.rotary-rfmsa.org/>

Literacy in a Box

This is a scheme run by RC of Roborough, Plymouth, supplying essential school items to help improve levels of literacy. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

<http://www.literacyboxtrust.org.uk/>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

7 th October	Visitor	Peter Boler
	Fellowship	Derek Ronksley
14 th October	Visitor	Peter Clarke
	Fellowship	Geoff Humphreys
21 st October	Visitor	Peter Dimelow
	Fellowship	Howard Mills
28 th October	Visitor	Peter Perry
	Fellowship	Jack Slater
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

16 th September	DG Visit to Wortley
8 th October	Evening at Owlerton Dog Races
30 th October	Rotary Club of Barnsley Rockley Bowling event (17:45 for 18:00)
November	Race Night at Grenoside (Date to be advised)
27 th November	Mock Interviews at Yewlands School
21 st December	RC Christmas Dinner

DISTRICT / RIBI

6 th September, 2013	Rotary Club of Bailgate Lincoln – 7 th Annual Charity Golf Day Team competition (Lincoln Golf Club)
13 th September, 2013	Rotary Club of Abbeydale 20 th Annual Charity Golf Day (Abbeydale Golf Club)
27 th September, 2013	Pre-Conference Golf (Blankney Golf Club)[tee times 10:30am onwards]
27 th -28 th September, 2013	District Conference 2013 (Lincoln)
5 th October, 2013	2 nd Lincoln Oktoberfest (Lincolnshire Showground)
10 th October, 2013	World Porridge Day
24 th October, 2013	World Polio Day
26 th October, 2013	Bill Huntley Memorial Peace Seminar (University of Bradford)
1 st -3 rd November, 2013	RGBI Conference 2013 (London)
8 th -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 Pressure Day
10 th April, 2014	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 on 8th January 1942 in Oxford, the eldest of 3 children. My parents lived in London, but my mother went to Oxford so I was born in relative safety. My parents also adopted another boy. I began my education at Byron House School. IN 1950, my father became head of parasitology at the National Institute for Medical Research, and we moved to St Albans. Here, I attended the High School for Girls as younger boys could attend one of the houses.
- 2) I attended Radlett School on our return to England, and then went to St Albans School from September 1952. I went to Oxford University aged 17 on a Scholarship to study Physics / Cosmology, and after gaining a 1st Class Honours Degree, began my graduate work at Trinity Hall, Cambridge in October 1962. My health was deteriorating, as I had been experiencing problems with increasing clumsiness during my final year at Oxford. These worsened, and with speech problems, my family realised that there were problems, and I went for tests which diagnosed my serious illness – I was given 2 years to live.
- 3) After the diagnosis of ALS, I became very depressed, but a burgeoning relationship with my sister's friend

kept me going, and we became engaged in October 1964. Despite the progression of the illness, I returned to work, developing a reputation for brilliance and brashness. I began thinking about the theories of the creation of the universe. I married in July 1965, obtained my D.Phil degree in March 1966, and shared the Adams Prize. My health continued to decline over the next few years, but with the help of my family and other personal assistants, my career still continued to develop apace. I was using a wheelchair by 1969. However, I became Lucasian Professor of Mathematics for 30 years from 1979.

- 4) I continued to win further academic awards for my work throughout the 70s and early 80s, and in 1982 was awarded a CBE. I began to write a book about the Universe, and the first draft of this was completed in 1984 and finally published in 1988. In 1985, I contracted pneumonia which almost killed me. I survived, and was made companion of honour in 1989. Eventually, my illness meant that I could no longer speak, and started using technology to help me communicate. This is how the world sees me now.
- 5) I have 12 honorary degrees, have been married twice and had 3 children, and am still active at Cambridge University's Dept for Applied Maths and Theoretical Physics. I have recently spoken about the current debate surrounding assisted suicide.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

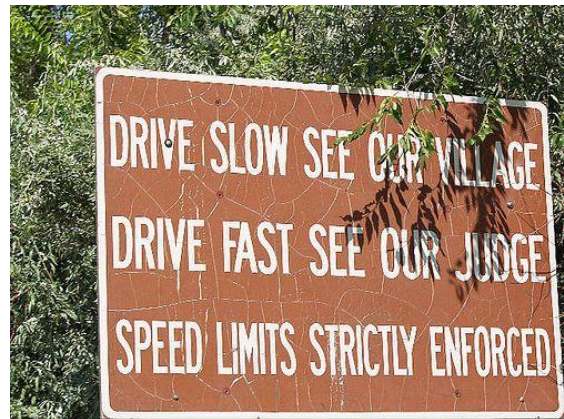
The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says.
"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan, His old man's a Rolling Stone."



GREAT SIGNS





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

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Stephen William Hawking