

## WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB

### DISTRICT 1220

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hiya Fellow Rotarians, that's my holidays out of the way for another year (feel like another one by now five days after getting back) .

Anyhow Christmas is fast approaching and we are getting asked by Fox Valley and Stocksbridge Council about a few dates, so I hope we are all going to try our best to commit. Remember our Christmas dinner 18th December.

Also in January we have our Millionaires Night. I know Anne is very keen to impress and I have been asked that ALL (YES I REPEAT ALL ) members that attend that night please wear Monkey suits is that the right word (BLACK TIE) as I want to impress people of Grenoside and show that we can make an effort.

I'm sorry if this does not agree with some members, but this is a Casino night and members of staff that work at Casino always look the part so should we.

Christmas Eve - We shall soon have to do our yearly exercise of getting the old float out and get it ready for the tours. In advance, I would like to thank those who make the effort year in year out.

Again, many many thanks to all

President TREV

### NEWS

#### Meetings

#### 4<sup>th</sup> September – Normal Meeting

President Trevor welcomed members and guests Bev Fletcher and Pat Kendall-Taylor from Snowdrop.

There were no visits to other clubs, and no Secretary's notices.

President Trevor reported that he had received a call from Wortley Estates regarding the monies collected at the South Yorkshire Festival – there will be further discussions regarding this issue before final distribution.

President and VP will be attending a meeting on Thursday regarding defibrillators.

Rtn Geoff reported that the VVR Committee had met and set the organisation for next year's event underway.

President reported that he and other members will be attending the Peak Group meeting on Thursday.

The Sgt at Arms now has some new regalia (A sash), and this was ceremonially presented to Rtn Jack (see below).



Sgt at Arms in New regalia

Rtn Rod was asked to introduce the speaker (Pat) from Snowdrop. She gave a 15 minute talk on the work of the organisation in alleviating the problems caused by Human Trafficking. After a brief Q&A session, Rtn Rod expressed the club's thanks, and then President Trevor presented a donation from the club to this worthy cause. To read more about this cause, click on the link here:- <https://snowdropproject.co.uk/>



**Charitable Presentation to Snowdrop**

Rtn Barrie advised the club that his grandson is taking part in a sponsored boxing match to raise money for “Dreams come True”, and asked whether the club would like to donate something to this cause. The issue will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Rtn John H advised that Wortley Hall Santa events over the Christmas Period have been advertised.

The meeting then closed in the usual way.

### **11<sup>th</sup> September – Normal Meeting**

IPIP Rod welcomed members and guests Carol Bailey, Cheryl Davidson (Children’s Hospital Charity), plus this year’s Scholarship Awardees Laura Gibbons and Nazia Akhtar

#### **Secretary’s Notices**

- 1) There’s a big push on in District for Shelterbox publicity particularly with the current problems (Earthquakes, Hurricanes etc)
- 2) We have received an invite from Ecclesfield School to do Mock Interviews (End Oct / beginning of Nov).
- 3) Received a number of Charter Invites (See Sec if interested for details)
- 4) Next Week’s Hosts – Fellowship Rtn John H), Visitor TBA.

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No visits to other clubs were reported.

If anyone has any questions for RIBI to be raised at the District Assembly in Llandudno, please submit them.

Rod reported that he had attended a meeting last Thursday with Ecclesfield Parish Council regarding Defibrillators. It is suggested that we may partner the council in providing funding for some of these in the area. The level of this support will depend on the discussions within the club re the current International situation. After further discussion, the club agreed to send financial support to cover 1 Shelterbox and 1 Aquabox.

Rod then introduced Cheryl from the Children’s Hospital Charity, who outlined the current status. An open invite was extended to club members for a tour of

the new build. After a brief Q&A session, Rod presented a cheque for £3,000 as previously publicised. Click on the following link if you wish to read more about the charity:- <http://www.tchc.org.uk/>



**Charitable Presentation to Sheffield Children's Hospital**

Hon Rtn Lewis then introduced the 2 Scholarship recipients for 2017, and they gave a brief talk about their upcoming plans and thanked the club for the award. Rod then presented cheques for £500 to both Laura and to Nazia.



**Scholarship Presentation 2017**

Rtn Philip advised that he had been speaking to Graham, and the delivery address for the Rotary magazines needs amending.

Rtn Barrie asked members for advice regarding the donation to his grandson’s fundraiser as mentioned last week. Due to health reasons, he will no longer be able to take part, but the club agreed to send the donation.

The business being concluded, the meeting closed in the normal way.

### **18<sup>th</sup> September – Normal Meeting**

### **25<sup>th</sup> September – Normal Meeting**

#### **Bobby Knutt – A Tribute by Rtn Philip**

At the club meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we held a minutes silence in respect of the sudden passing away of Bobby Knutt earlier in the day whilst on holiday in France.

Bobby, real name Robert Wass, has been a supporter of our club for a number of years - he was a Honorary

member of the club, a loyal supporter of the VVR as both a entrant and presenting the winning owners prizes. He has entertained us at Christmas party and was MC at our 35th Charter at Wortley Hall five years ago.

Bobby was one of the few 'clean' comedians who had the ability to make you laugh without having to be blue, he has appeared in numerous television programmes, Coronation Street, Emmerdale, Last of the Summer Wine, Heartbeat and more recently Benidorm, this is to name a few. He has spent a good number of years entertaining on cruise liners P & O in particular.

He appeared in Pantomime for many years in Sheffield at the Crucible and Lyceum theatres always as the kids favourite funny man, 'Hey Up Knutty' was his catch phrase with the kids at the panto's.

He has written and released two books which are both good reads - he was about to release his third book .

Jacob introduced Knutty to our club and we have had the pleasure of a few social evenings with him and his late wife Donna.

I can remember seeing him in the George & Dragon - he was having lunch with one of his friends of the entertainment field, Roy Walker. He waved me over and introduced me to Roy as ' this is Phil we are both members of the same Rotary Club' then gave me his cheeky wink.

Rest in peace Knutty

### Miscellaneous

#### **Millionaire's Night**

I have offered to 'spear-head' one of our important money raising events - 'The Millionaire's Night'. I respectfully ask all members to keep clear to attend when booking any holidays etc - our members are diminishing so we need '**all hands on deck**' so to speak. The date is **Saturday 20th January 2018** - please make a diary entry now for next year|

I will be asking a few members to be part of my team, as Rtn Geoff has done for the VVR - my aim is to glamorize and encourage ticket sales which will mean we raise more money to distribute locally| The plan is to hold the first meeting in September an early start to the organising is essential!

I look forward to all members help in this event - much appreciated - **Rtn Anne**

#### **Oaks Colliery Disaster Talk**

I have booked Joan and Prof Mel Jones who are no strangers to our club to give us a talk on a remarkably interesting subject close to many hearts on **19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. This talk will explore evidence relating to the Oaks Colliery disaster of 1866 (and the death of the rescuer, Parkin Jeffcock of Cowley Manor and the building of the new church at Mortomley in his memory) the Westwood pit explosion, the Westwood Riots etc.

Please invite Inner Wheel Ladies, Friends of Rotary, wives, husbands, partners and friends - a night of fellowship and friendship - make a diary entry! - **Rtn Anne**

**In light of the problems we, and other clubs are having recruiting and retaining members, the following article was published in District 9790's Newsletter recently. As this issue has been discussed within the club meetings, and at council, I have been asked to print the Director's News from the Newsletter – please read it – it is important:-**

## **DIRECTOR'S NEWS**

### **MEMBERSHIP –THE CHALLENGE**

**Noel Trevaskis - Rotary International Director**

Our membership figures for July 1, 2017, are disastrous – to say the least! Australia and New Zealand lost 1,264 members last year on top of the 700 from the previous year. I have often said that the year 2020 will be a crunch year – especially if we keep losing numbers at the current rate. Membership wise, we are in real trouble across the two countries, and I don't say that lightly. Districts will be impacted. We have just been through a strenuous re-districting process, yet it seems we will need to revisit the situation in both countries.

So what do we do?

Do we talk about it?

Do we develop more strategic plans?

Do we have more Membership conferences and seminars?

Do we ask our Membership Chairs to do more?

Do we use more brochures?

Do we have more membership drives?

Do we start advertising for members?

We need EVERY Rotarian to invite a friend/colleague/neighbour to visit their Rotary Club - and clubs need to make a special effort to arrange stimulating programs!

Too many Rotarians have NEVER asked anyone to share their Rotary friendships. Some will say they have asked unsuccessfully. Well, we need to ask again and again and again - if we want our organisation and our own special Rotary clubs to survive!!!

We need people at District level to motivate Rotarians to get out and start asking people! In other words we need to get off our collective 'butts' and accept the challenge of sharing Rotary membership!

We all need to carefully consider our programs for the year ahead. It may well be that we have to restrict our projects and fund raising plans and focus solely on membership?

This may be drastic action but these are drastic times. We may need to continue such an intensive membership 'push' until we turn the current situation around.

Everyone in sales, knows that you never ever make a sale unless you ask for the order - and you have the order in your hand! It does not matter how good your promotions or advertising campaigns are. It is exactly the same in Rotary. People will not join unless they are asked - AND they like what they see when they arrive at their first meeting.

Membership is the most urgent challenge confronting Rotary at this time. if we all love Rotary and, if we all love the ideals, it is now time to stand up for the future of Rotary International.

I appeal to all of you to start now. Tell your club and all Rotarians we need to get stuck into membership like never before. Please get started now and get a membership action plan in place. If we don't confront this challenge - and turn membership trends around - New Zealand will soon drop back to four Districts, and Australia to fifteen or sixteen Districts.

Membership: it is our problem, and we need to fix it now!

### **Five things you might not know about ending Polio**

Since 1985, Rotary has been leading the fight to eradicate the disease from the world. This has helped reduce the number of cases from almost 350,000 in 1988 to 10 this far in 2017. Some of the things done to further this program, you will know about, but there are 5 things here that you may not, and you can read about them by clicking on the link here:-

<https://www.rotary.org/en/five-things-know-about-polio>

### **Eighteen-year-old Irish Rotarian named "outstanding Young Person of the World"**

An eighteen-year -old member of the RC of Naas has been named as one of the most influential voices for young people in the world by Junior Chamber International (JCI). To read more about this, click on the link here:-

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/rotarian-named-outstanding-young-person/>

### **RC of York Vikings collaboration with other local charity changes lives in West Africa**

RC of York Vikings joined forces with International Service to help local people in rural West Africa get access to fundamental human rights. To read more, click on the link here:-

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/15524371.York\\_charities\\_join\\_forces\\_in\\_Ghana\\_work/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/15524371.York_charities_join_forces_in_Ghana_work/)

### **RC of Darwen closing in on 2-year £25K fundraising target**

RC of Darwen have been replicating Darwen Tower in Lego for the past 2 years to raise £25,000 for distribution to various local charities. To read more about this, click on the link here:-

[http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/15553001.Rotary\\_club\\_push\\_to\\_complete\\_Lego\\_tower/](http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/15553001.Rotary_club_push_to_complete_Lego_tower/)

### **RC of Grantham Sunrise support local charity helping to support sufferers of Autism**

RC of Grantham Sunrisers have provided financial support to a local organisation supporting young people and families with young people who have autism. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/grantha-m-sunrisers-support-autism-organisation-1-8146230>

**RC of Fleetwood funded-trial leads to county-wide roll out of devices to help Dementia sufferers**

RC of Fleetwood funded a trial of Guardian Angel Wristbands, which has now been rolled out across the county. To read more, click on the link here:-

<http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/health/special-report-the-5-wristbands-that-are-making-all-the-difference-1-8737323>

or click here for more information about these devices:- <http://dementiabuddy.co.uk/guardian-angel.php>

**Future Duty Roster (Hosts)**

2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2017	Visitor	Philip Sherriff
	Fellowship	Anne Willey
9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	Visitor	Dr Stephen Knight
	Fellowship	Roger Hirst
16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	Visitor	Peter Boler
	Fellowship	Steve Patterson
23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2017	Visitor	Robert Godber
	Fellowship	Barrie Clinton
30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	Visitor	Dr Jacob Davis
	Fellowship	Geoff Humphreys
6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Visitor	David Atkinson
	Fellowship	Lewis Atkinson
13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Visitor	Keith Bailey
	Fellowship	John Evans
20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Visitor	John Haggerty
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Visitor	Stephen Dobson
	Fellowship	Peter Perry
4 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	Philip Sherriff
11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Visitor	Roger Hirst
	Fellowship	Dr Stephen Knight
18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Visitor	Steve Patterson
	Fellowship	Peter Boler
25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Visitor	NO MEETING
	Fellowship	

**Dates for the Diary**

**WORTLEY**

11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Carol Singing
18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Club Christmas Dinner (Niagara)
24 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Santa Sleigh Run (Wortley / High Green / Chapelton / Ecclesfield / Thorpe Hesley)
20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018	Millionaire's Night (Grenoside)
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Talk on Oaks Colliery disaster (Joan and Prof Mel Jones)

**DISTRICT / RIBI**

29 <sup>th</sup> September – 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2017	District Conference (Llandudno)
17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	RC of Hucknall Charter (Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Woodchurch Road, Arnold)[19:00]
19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	RC of Southwell Charter Night (Southwell Racecourse) [19:00-22:40]
19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	RC of Clay Cross Charter (Santo;s, Higham Farm Hotel, Old Higham)
21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2017	RC of Sheffield Vulcan TaptonRockFest (Tapton Hall, S10) [19:00-23:00]
24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	World Polio Day 2017
25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	Club Support Team Meeting – Derbyshire
31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2017	Club Support Exec Meeting - Derbyshire Hotel
3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2017	RC of Mansfield Charter Night (The Hostess, Sookholme) [19:00-22:30]
5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	RC of Chesterfield Charter luncheon (Ringwood Hall Hotel, Brimington, Chesterfield)[12:30 for 13:00]
8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Wollaton Park Rotary Club 36 <sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary ( The Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club, Cotgrave)[19:00 for 19:30]
10 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	RC of Belper & Duffield Charter (The Lion Hotel, Belper)
9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	Foundation Seminar - Derbyshire Hotel
18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	RC of Ilkeston Charter (Erewash Golf Club) [19:00]
19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	RC of Market Rasen Charter (The White Heather, Caenby Corner, Market Rasen [12:00]
29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	District Council - Derbyshire Hotel
10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	Carol Service - TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017	RC of Long Eaton Christmas Concert (May Hall, Trent College, Long Eaton) [19:00]
28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018	National Immunisation Day 2018
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	RC of Newark Charter (Newark Showground) [TBA]

**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 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1908 in New South Wales, Australia, one of 5 children. One of my great-grandfathers was Italian, and migrated to Australia in 1825. When I was 2 years old, my parents moved to Bowral to be closed to my mothers family. As a youngster, I became interested in one of the national sports, practising aspects of the game that held me in good stead later in life.
2. This practising as a young boy led me to score my first century aged 12. In 1920, I acted as a scorer for a local team, and made my debut for the team when they were a man short. My father took me to the SCG to see the Ashes Test match. On leaving school, I went to work for a real estate company who gave me time off to pursue sporting pursuits. I went playing tennis for 2 years before returning to cricket in 1925/6. I became a regular player for Bowral, and came to the attention of the State selectors, who requested I attend a practice session in Sydney. I was chosen to take part in cricket and tennis tournaments at "Country Week" and had to choose which to go with, so I chose cricket.
3. Following the "Country Week" games, I was invited to play grade cricket in 1926/7, scoring 110 on debut. Later that season, I played for the state 2nd XI. I made my debut for the 1st XI the following season, making a century on debut, and scored my first century at the SCG in the final game of the season. This was not enough to secure Test selection, so I decided to move to Sydney. This decision was quickly rewarded, with selection for the 1st Test versus England in Brisbane. Initially, Test Cricket proved difficult, and Australia lost the series, I had a good season, breaking the World record for the highest individual score (I scored 452 not out against Queensland). I married in 1932.

4. In 1932/3, the English Bowlers specifically designed a method of curtailing my scoring, which reduced my average in the series to 56.57. In 1934, I moved to Adelaide, and Australia regained the Ashes, defending them successfully in 1938, by which time I was the captain. I joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1940, but was discharged on medical grounds in 1941, and worked at the Stock Exchange in Adelaide for the rest of the war. I continued my Cricket career after the War ended, averaging 178.75 against India in 1947, and concluded my career in England in 1948. I was dismissed for 0 in my last Test innings, and only averaged 99.94 as a result.
5. After retirement, I was knighted in 1949, and reported on ashes Tours to England in 1953 and 1956. I became an ICC delegate, and chair of the Australian Board of Control. I became Chair of the Board again in 1969 and organised a series against The Rest of the World when the proposed one versus South Africa was cancelled in 1971/2. I had a stand at the SCG named after me in 1974. After my wife died in 1997, I suffered a wilting of spirit, and was hospitalised with Pneumonia in December 2000, and died on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2001.

### *Answers at the bottom of the newsletter*

### This Month's Joke

Paddy's pregnant sister was in a terrible car accident and went into a deep coma. After being in a coma for nearly six months, she woke up and saw that she was no longer pregnant.

Frantically she asked the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replied, "You had twins, a boy and a girl. The babies are fine. However they were poorly at birth and had to be christened immediately, so your brother Paddy came in and named them."

The woman thought to herself, 'Oh no not me brother. He's a clueless idiot! '  
Expecting the worst, she asked the doctor,

"Well, what's my daughter's name?"  
 "Denise ." said the doctor.

The new mother was somewhat relieved and thought to her self, 'Wow, that's a really beautiful name. I guess I was wrong about my brother. I really like Denise .'

Then she asked, "So what's the boy's name then?"

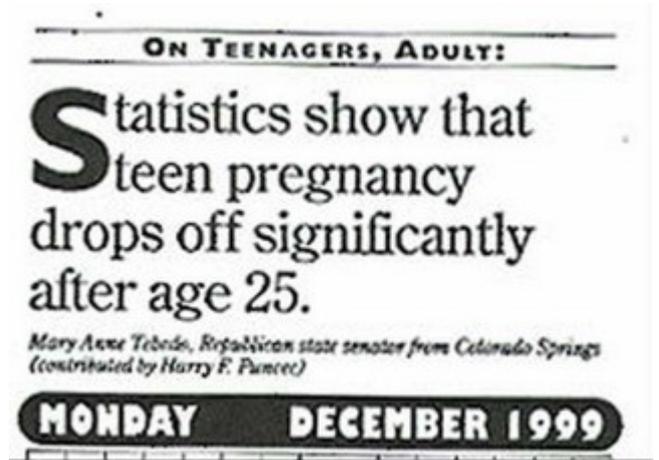
The doctor replied : "Denephew."

Another quick joke

**A Humorous Anecdote from 1888**

Some strolling Thespians were once playing "Macbeth" in a country town. Their properties were not kept in very systematic order, for, when the hero of Shakespeare's drama exclaimed: "Is this a dagger which I see before me?", a shrill voice responded from the 'flies', "No sir; its a putty-knife. The dagger's lost!"

**Sometimes, you need a Good Sub-Editor!!**



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Who Am I Answer:-  
 Answer: Sir Donald George Bradman