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A Hundred Years of Service

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Welcome to our Mayor

As is traditional in our club we invited the serving Mayor for lunch at South Staffs Golf Club on the 26th July. Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, who is the 163rd Mayor of Wolverhampton, was made an honorary member of our club. She gave her address to the club answering questions from the membership. Her Theme for the year is, " **Dare to Dream** ". She has many aspirations for the City of Wolverhampton. We pledged our support and wish her well with her endeavours. President Sylvia.



Dick Dawes

Dick was born Bonfire Night 1935 and Educated at Tettenhall College. He had several business ventures during his working life including dealing in cars and machinery.

Dick was married to the love of his life Sue for 64 years and has two sons and six grandsons.

He started his years of service to the community when joining Round Table and became chairman. Following on he joined The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton in 1971. He loved his sport including fishing, shooting, snooker and crown green bowls and had his name engraved several times on Rotathlon silverware including the Rotathlon Cup.

He was a member of our Club for more than 50 years and was made an Honorary Member four years ago. Serving on the Sports and Entertainments Committee as its treasurer for 25 years. Our thoughts are with Sue and the family at this sad time. For me he was my friend and sporting partner and I will miss him. **Peter Hand**

District Conference

District Conference 2022 The District Conference for 2022 will be a single day event at the Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Yarnfield, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL on Saturday 15th October 2022.

The day will begin with refreshments available as delegates arrive before formally starting at 9:30 am. There will be breaks for refreshments and a pause for a hot lunch, with the event finishing around 5:00 pm.

The £40 charge for conference includes all refreshments, and the hot lunch. With everything on-site the programme allows for plenty of informative and inspiring Rotary content whilst allowing time for relaxation and fellowship with other delegates.

The Conference Centre Yarnfield Park is a purpose built Conference Centre ideal for our District Conference. Located close to the M6 and near to the town of Stone it is set in picturesque countryside, and has ample parking and easy access from nearby train stations at Stone or Stoke by taxi. We know many Rotarians do like to make a weekend of their conference stay. We have negotiated special rates for bed & breakfast and dinner at the hotel for Friday and Saturday. The room rates (for two people) are £75 per room per night for bed & breakfast or £95 for dinner bed and breakfast. There is a £10 reduction for single occupancy. For those who do not wish to stop over but would like to join us for fellowship on Saturday evening the meal alone can be booked for £15. Accommodation and meals should be booked directly with the venue on 01785 762605 .

Clubs combine to give more help for Ukrainian refugees



Four local Rotary Clubs; Bilston and Wolverhampton West, Tettenhall, City of Wolverhampton and Wednesfield, have combined to secure £4000 from Rotary Foundation funds in order to help Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Wolverhampton. It is essential to help the refugees, who have lost everything, both with day to day necessities and with support to help them find their feet in their new environment.

The support from Rotary is being channelled through the Ukrainian Church, Ukrainian Club and community centre and Razom café, which provide a focal point for families and individuals arriving from Ukraine. Anyone who is hosting or meets refugees from Ukraine is encouraged to make them aware of these.

The first of a series of presentations took place on Friday 22nd July when Bob Stoltz, President of the Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West, presented their club's delivery of goods under this programme at the Ukrainian Church in Merridale Street West. This consisted of £1000 worth of educational, communication and language items which will be used in the community centre for the benefit of all the new arrivals. He was accompanied by the Presidents of all four Rotary Clubs, including our own Sylvia Morgan, who all wish to welcome our new Ukrainian neighbours.

More presentations are to follow as the refugee families come forward to provide details of shoe and school uniform sizes for children, clothing needs and a wide variety of other items such as pushchairs, cots, musical instruments and the like.

Additionally, the Rotary club of The City of Wolverhampton has made a further £1000 available from our own Community Trust fund.

Message from RIGBI

An Incredible Show of Support

Rotary clubs and districts across Great Britain and Ireland have been collecting money and providing aid for affected Ukrainians since the conflict began and the efforts have not gone unnoticed. More than £4 million in cash and goods has been raised overall by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland and even that impressive figure doesn't account for the service hours put in by British and Irish Rotarians in raising those funds.

District 1145 donated over half a million pounds towards Ukraine relief efforts as well as Districts 1040, 1285 and 1220 donating close to that amount!

It has also been highly encouraging to see most Rotary GB&I districts taking advantage of the \$25,000 Disaster Response Grants provided by the Rotary Foundation.

Here is just a selection of what districts have been using the Disaster Response Grants to supply Ukrainian refugees, those displaced in their own countries and our Ukrainian guests:

Housing Food Clothing Transportation Medical Supplies Education Aquabox Filters
Mobile Clinic Vans Sport and Language Camps

Thank you to every Rotary district who continues to show what it means to put service above self in these difficult times. Our ongoing support will be needed throughout this war, and in the recovery and rebuilding over the oncoming years.

From the first lady



Dear friends, I am, with Paul's persuasion, resurrecting a Wolverhampton rotary tradition, which is to write to you about my monthly activities as president. The grand title is not about me merely for the history books. So here goes. On July 5th I had a lovely induction first face to face in 3yrs. Having invited you all to come along with family and friends as well as any guests there was a real buzz about the place. All went to plan and another Rotary year took off. Off being the operative word as half the club went on holiday. Others were smitten by covid so we had to cancel the DG visit. Probably too early anyway .Following week I had a last minute call to represent the club at a press release held at the Ukrainian centre. All 4 Wolverhampton clubs had received £1000 each to spend on food clothes and goods for incoming refugees. The Mayor was there along with her consort Karl. There were lots of photos and Ukrainian people along with Rotarians from all four clubs. The atmosphere was very positive and very friendly.

The refugees present were so grateful to all the people who were there to help. I was also able to give the centre a further cheque from the donations collected on dragon boat day of £310.40 money to spend on whatever was required on a daily basis. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed and they know that we are helping them through these turbulent times. Another big meeting when the Mayor made her civic visit to our club to receive honorary membership, she certainly gets around I wonder who is stalking who? She had a very warm welcome from a good turnout from the club. She gave her address and highlighted the fact that our RI president Jenni Jones is the first lady president in 117 yrs. Duly noted that I have beaten her by 17 yrs well done Wolverhampton. All this aside the rotathalon is up and running so come along and have a go at winning the coveted cup. District sports, and quiz, already in gear. Zoom is up and running. Also zoom in the room. Some good speakers coming Diary filling up now check hub and the website so you know what meetings are available to all our members young and old. We took good decisions and we are becoming a very inclusive club. Attracting men and women who like what they see something for everybody. Just to prove my point this week 3, seven day letters are going out so we are still recruiting and getting our message across. Finally to all those members who are worried about coming out we will take care of you. We miss you come and join us. It's your club. From a very busy white house. **Sylvia**

Sports Report 1

District Crown Green Bowls

I suppose it couldn't last. It was a glorious evening, the sun shone, the grass was lush and green. We did our best but lost to Cannock on their home ground.

Now I know I am going to be criticised for sour grapes but I have been playing District bowls for our club for nigh on 20 years. Never in that time have I ever played on a crown green which had no crown. It wasn't a square but a sloping, wedge shaped piece of well watered grass in an island in the middle of the town surrounded by roads. Perhaps the semis and final should be played at neutral grounds.

There we are, out at the semi final stage, but we had a good run and enjoyed the fellowship along the way, which is what it is all about. Paul.

BOOKS4HOME



07/08/2022

The bookshed for our Books4Home at Uplands Primary School, Wolverhampton has been officially launched, with great success.

Immediate Past President Richard was pleased to accompany Rotarian Norman Holmes to admire the bookshed. Norman is our ambassador for the project at the school. We were very impressed with the three young ladies, pupils at the school, who sort and look after the books, but unfortunately parental consent for the them appear in the photograph wasn't available.

Caption Competition



The winner of last months photo caption competition was Brian Woolley, with:
A silly hat; one half of a pair of gloves and two dodgy knees.....please welcome our star bowler.....!!

A bottle of wine will be duly handed over! Meanwhile, here's one for this month, photo taken by me at an International Air Display, Oskosh, Wisconsin, USA last week.... IPP Richard G.

(I'm not sure about this but it is not for the editor to block free speech - ED)



The Chair finds a New Home



As agreed at the CAC meeting, sometime in August all the club artefacts will be transferred into the safekeeping of the District 1210 Alumni Association. They will be stored in a disused chapel, owned by the Rotary club of Rugeley. Beverley Ricketts, co-chair of the Association is the contact for any future queries.

(Speaking for myself, having spent three years sitting on its shiny plastic seat, I will be happy to see it go. It didn't half draw your piles!)



Rotathlon Croquet

Don't forget to come to the club croquet match at the Old Wulfs club on Tuesday 16th August. It may not be too late to play or come for fish and chips. Let Peter Wright or Stewart Ross know asap.

Bijou factet: Does anyone know which member carried the baton at a previous Commonwealth Games??

Dragon Boat Bucket Shake Proceeds

Extra cash from the bucket shake which took place at the dragon boat race . Given as an extra by our club .For the use by the Ukrainian people here in the UK . They will buy anything extra they may need for the people arriving locally.



The PP John Baker Legacy.

It has been resolved that the £30,000 be paid into the Club's Charitable Trust, to be administered by the Trustees as restricted funds for the purpose specified.

Administration of the Legacy.

Organisations applying for grants will need to demonstrate a substantial majority of beneficiaries come from Wolverhampton.

All grants will be made in accordance with the Trust's established charitable objectives. This includes the relief of poverty and disadvantage for an individual, or family or group. Donations should look to support applications that overcome poverty and provide an uplift in health, welfare and wellbeing. Also, applications that help individuals with education and social skills where people are at a disadvantage.

It is recognised that there is considerable need in and around our city and, accordingly, the aim is to fully expend the legacy over the cause of the next two Rotary years.

A detailed scheme has been devised and Application Forms will be available on line, setting out the conditions of the scheme and the criteria against which applications will be evaluated.

Grants from the legacy will fall into the range of £1,000 to £3,000 and it is hoped that this should attract applications addressing a wide range of diverse need.

A panel of members drawn from the Grant Giving Committee and the wider Club Membership will evaluate applications. The panel will be accountable to the Trustees and members in general. **Involvement of members.**

Members are invited to bring the scheme to the attention of organisations they believe are in a position to benefit and/or to join the panel which will evaluate applications and manage the use of the Legacy.

Please declare your interest in joining the evaluation panel to the President.

Sports Report 2

ROTATHLON BOWLS



On 6th July, 11 Rotarians (plus the two strong Supporters Club of Denzil and Chairman Woolley) gathered at Penn Fields bowling club to do battle in the latest Rotathlon competition. The weather was chilly but, thankfully, dry and the first job was to educate the “occasional bowlers” with the technicalities of “finger or thumb bias” by those who THOUGHT they were “expert bowlers”in practice and in the event it didn’t appear to have any effect whatsoever on what followed as (without naming names!) one of the “experts” promptly put his first two efforts straight into the ditch....having missed the target Jack by at least five yards.....other excuses included “the grass was the wrong length”.....”I only play well when the sun’s out”.....”I forgot to wear my lucky fronts”.....”the bias on my bowls were back to front”..... but after all that, the eventual winner was Simon Love (who

was instantly promoted to be Captain of the Club Bowls Team) and who defeated “hot-shot” Derek Morgan in a nail-biting final. The beaten semi-finalists (who thus shared third place) were Paul Lockley and Brian Bailey. We then retired to the Club House for “alcoholic therapy” and enjoyed buffet refreshments (and the inevitable conversation centred upon important “Rotary matters”.....)

Our grateful thanks to Peter Hand for organising the event (and checking the score sheets – which only a qualified Chartered Accountant can possibly do.....!!!)

Our next Rotathlon events are Croquet and Boules in the coming weeks so, watch this space..... Brian Woolley Fellowship Committee Chairman



Sports Report 3 PITCH AND PUTT

On a warm Wednesday afternoon, six budding (well, they told me they were!!!) Tiger Woods; Arnold Palmer; Jack Nicklaus; Nick Faldo; Gary Player “lookalikes” gathered at Ledene Golf Course to do battle for the Rotathlon competition. (let me say, I was not present for the event so have to rely on imagination as to the mysteries of a golf competition and what actually happened !). Listening to the post-mortem later on in the Clubhouse (the Oddfellows pub !!) I gathered that the Open and Ryder Cup events ran a poor second where technical expressions like “chipping out of bunkers/birdies and pars/water hazards/stance/sand traps/ follow-throughs/a lost ball punished by death....” were enthusiastically and heatedly debated.

There followed an enjoyable meal at The Oddfellows where, following Stewart’s audit inspection (and translation) of score-cards , it somehow emerged that the joint winners were Charles Cox and Mel Eves (who kindly bought drinks all round) followed by David Cheadle in 3rd place and Stewart Ross in 4th. The other participants were Richard Horrell and Peter Williams. The usual “one-man Supporters Club” of Brian Woolley enjoyed the fellowship (and fish and chips !) at The Oddfellows.

My thanks to Stewart for organising the event and the above named others for their support. Another Fellowship event bites the dust !!

Brian W. Fellowship Chairman



Club Diary

AUGUST

16th Rotathlon Croquet

Lunch at SSGC

Induction of new members

SEPTEMBER

Rotathlon Boules at the Plough
Canal Boat Trip.

Lunch at SSGC

Lunch at the Down (TBC)

Lunch at SSGC

Visit of Steve Antill