



# DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



*Without any doubt one of the greatest highlights of our Rotary life in recent months has been the hosting by District 1210 of the national final of the RIBI Young Musicians competition. This followed hard on the successful hosting of the regional final of the Youth Speaks competition.*

*In keeping with my theme of 'Young at Heart,' it's pleasing that our district is really putting itself on the map in its support for talented, future Rotarians.*

*The Young Musician competition gave musicians and vocalists from rotary clubs all over Great Britain and Ireland, having won through rounds at district and regional levels, the opportunity to compete at this prestigious national event.*

*The performance talent on display was simply stunning and sublime.*

*However, what also made the event particularly memorable for us was the professionalism, smoothness and skill shown by Compere PDG Barry Picken and organiser Robyn Davies, ably supported by the Rotary clubs of Ironbridge, Wednesfield and the Wrekin.*

*I record my thanks to all involved for demonstrating to a large number of visitors that we do things rather well in District 1210!*

*The national Young Musician winners were 17 year old Xander Croft (violinist) from St. Asaph, and 16 year old vocalist Isabel Irvine from Reading.*



*You may remember that my theme for the year has been 'Young at Heart.' this is because that's what we are....young at heart! But also, our young people represent the future of this wonderful movement to which we all belong.*

*In that spirit, it has been truly uplifting to witness our talented youngsters as they demonstrated their culinary, musical and public speaking skills in the various competitions and at RYLA – with young photographer and innovator to come.*

*It is vital that we stay in touch with these youngsters to foster their interest in Rotary.*

*The same applies to any former GSE participant and Foundation Scholar; under a programme called 'Alumni Reconnect,' we are attempting to get in touch with any young person who has taken part in any Rotary programme with a view to them joining our flourishing Alumni Association. If you are aware of anybody, please let us know.*

*Thank you for your many invitations to visit your clubs and to attend fellowship events.*

*These have included the wonderful presentation by former foundation scholar Ann Syrett at Newcastle under Lyme. She had a fascinating story to tell of her career as a very high profile American diplomat and Ann expressed her huge debt of gratitude to the Rotary Foundation.*



*Newcastle was also the scene of a superb evening of Indian dancing and delicious food at the Great National Hotel in aid of the Jerry Powell Jaipur Limb Project. We were graced by the presence of Jerry Powell's widow Maureen and there was an astonished round of applause when it was announced that the event's proceeds of £1500 would be topped up by a cheque for £5000 from the hotel owner!*





*It's the season for duck racing. I had the great pleasure of launching the first race, with the help of a young passer by at Six Towns, Stoke on Trent . The club sold over 1000 entries which was a marvellous effort, brought to hilarious close when Pete Small and Nick Cunningham got very, very wet!*

*There has been so much going on in our clubs in the last month that I can see that your energies are not flagging as we approach the end of the Rotary year. Events have included Tunstall's evening of song with the Dalian Singers, Telford Centre's hilarious '1966 and all that' night, a meal cooked by the young chefs at Ercall Wood Technology College, Brownhills unique fashion show, Uttoxeter's visit to the JCB engine plant, Wednesfield's variety show and so many more.*

*I am enjoying every one of these events and I give you my sincere thanks for letting me share them with you.*

*It was also my very great pleasure to represent you at the Inner Wheel District 21 rally.*

*The District sports under the 'knock out' system seems to have worked out well, so we've arranged a trophy awards beer/wine and sandwiches night at the Buckatree Hall Hotel, Wellington for Friday. 3rd. June. Please let sports officer Simon Sims know if you're coming along.*

*Finally, don't forget to book with AG Malcolm Hallewell for the end of year celebration at the Whitehouse Hotel on June 17th and with Tim Joyce (Stone and District) for the District Handover at Stone on June 24th.*

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

**MAY.**

**SAT 14th.** THE WREKIN – CHARITY CONCERT – OLD HALL SCHOOL, WELLINGTON, TF1 3LB.  
HADLEY ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR AND YOUNG MUSICIANS.  
ROBYN DAVIES – [robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk)

**TUES 17th** - STAFFORD – AFTERNOON TEA. SANDON HALL. 2PM.  
TOUR THE FAMILY MUSEUM AND VISIT THE GARDENS.  
MIKE WINKE – 01785 600997.  
[mike.winke@ntlworld.com](mailto:mike.winke@ntlworld.com).

**TUES. 17th.** TELFORD CENTRE – ROGER KEMP WILL BE SPEAKING TO THE CLUB ABOUT JAGUAR CARS. RAMADA TELFORD TF3 4NA 6PM FOR 6.30PM.  
ALAN BAGULEY [alan.baguley@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baguley@gmail.com). 01952 740242.

**SAT. 21st.** STAFFORD CASTLE – SWIMATHON IN AID OF KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE. 5PM – 8PM., STAFFORD LEISURE CENTRE.  
EMMA WHITEHURST – [www.khhospoice/shop.org.uk](http://www.khhospoice/shop.org.uk). TEL – 01785 270808

**SAT 21st–** STONE & DISTRICT – INTERNATIONALLY THEMED BUFFET AND MURDER MYSTERY EVENING. MILL HOUSE HOTEL, MILL STREET, STONE.  
TIM JOYCE – [president@stonerotary.org](mailto:president@stonerotary.org).

**SUN. 22nd.** THE WREKIN – ASCOT TEA WOMBRIDGE CHURCH HALL, WOMBRIDGE RD., TELFORD TF2 6HT. TEA WITH A DIFFERENCE.  
FIRST RACE 3.15PM. PRIZES FOR THE BEST HAT.  
ROBYN DAVIES [robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk) 01952 272342.  
ANNE DEVERE [annedevere@hotmail.com](mailto:annedevere@hotmail.com) 01952 585678

**MON 23<sup>rd</sup>.** - UTTOXETER – CLUB YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION – WINDSOR PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL, 6.30PM.  
PAT LOARING – [ploaring@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ploaring@yahoo.co.uk)

**TUES 24<sup>th</sup>** – TELFORD CENTRE. TELFORD AND WREKIN MS CHARITY WILL BE TELLING THE CLUB HOW THEY SPENT THE RECENT DONATION. RAMADA TELFORD TF3 4NA.  
ALAN BAGULEY – [alan.baguley@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baguley@gmail.com). 01952 740242

**JUNE.**

**SAT. 11th.** STAFFORD KNOT AND STAFFORD CASTLE – PRESIDENTS BALL. STAFFORD COUNTY SHOWGROUND. ABBA TRIBUTE. TICKETS £35 IN AID OF KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE.  
JANET STUBBS – [holyroodstubbs1@ahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyroodstubbs1@ahoo.co.uk).

**SUN. 12th.** IRONMAN – DONT FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH JANET STUBBS.  
[holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk)

**FRI. 17TH.** -END OF YEAR CELEBRATION – TELFORD WHITEHOUSE HOTEL.  
£25. 7.30pm. SPEAKER MARK NEWBOLD - 'THE ROYAL YACHT AND HMS COVENTRY.'  
Malcolm Hallewell – [lionshome@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lionshome@yahoo.co.uk).

**SUN. 19TH.** MARKET DRAYTON – FAMILY FUN RIDE AROUND THE TOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE RIBI ROTARY RIDE.  
Lyndsay Bashford - [c.l.bashford@keele.ac.uk](mailto:c.l.bashford@keele.ac.uk)

*FRI. 24TH. DISTRICT HANDOVER DINNER – STONE HOUSE HOTEL 7PM. £25.  
ALL WELCOME AT THIS SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE ROTARY CALENDER.  
TIM JOYCE – [president@stonerotary.org](mailto:president@stonerotary.org).*

