



DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



After two and a half years of training and preparation that grew in intensity, the current District Governor's year has finally got under way. It's proving to be very demanding and busy but I have to say I'm enjoying every minute of it. That enjoyment comes from the unfailing goodwill, fellowship, hospitality and wonderful welcome I'm experiencing wherever I go to clubs and events throughout our District. A big thank you to all of you for making my job so easy and joyous!

The year has started with the great news that Nigeria, a previous hotbed of polio, has gone a whole year without a single new case. We are very close to getting the job done, with just a few new cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan only, and at the International Convention we heard Doctor Hamid Jafari, the World Health Organisation's Director of the Elimination Campaign say 'we could now be talking about months, rather than years.'



My visits to projects have included the Ludlow Dog Day – a stunning success, being only the second time the club has run the event, at Stokesay Court.

It was attended by over 3000 members of the public and their dogs, and the club says they will have cleared more than £20,000 for their charity funds.

It's pleasing to be able to report that even in the 4 weeks that have started the new Rotary year, I've been able to write 11 letters of welcome to new Rotarians at Ludlow, Newport, Wednesbury and Shrewsbury. Do keep letting me, and District Secretary Brian, know when new members are inducted.



Wolverhampton's Best Foot Forward continues its energetic growth in popularity and support, as does the Ellesmere Regatta where a large crowd didn't let the intermittent showers spoil the huge enjoyment of the day.



The Wolverhampton Youth Orchestra's pre tour concert, supported by all the clubs in and around Wolverhampton, gave us a superb demonstration of first class musical talent, and there was equally great musical entertainment of a different kind at the highly enjoyable Incoming Presidents Night, organised by the Rotary Club of Bilston and Wolverhampton West, where yours truly, against his better judgement had his caricature drawn...any resemblance to George Clooney is purely coincidental!



My many visits to clubs included the Presidents Night at Whitchurch when I was able to present Past President Roly Watts with a sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship pin to mark 60 years of Rotary Service. During those years, in addition to serving as club President, Roly has held District posts and most notably developed the club's flourishing emergency telephone service. Well Done, and many congratulations to Roly!

In September, we look forward to welcoming RIBI President Peter Davey and Sandra to our District. Peter is proving to be an extremely capable and likeable leader of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, and I know you will enjoy meeting and chatting with him. I want to show him as many of the wonderful projects and Fellowship that our clubs provide, so please come along and meet him at one or more of:



Rotary Club of Willenhall – 80th Charter Lunch - Sunday, 6th. September 1230pm. The Chase Golf Club, Penkridge.

'The Best Of Shropshire' – An opportunity for all the Shropshire Clubs to describe their projects – Tuesday, 8th September 7pm, Egnuity, Coalbrookdale. All District 1210 Rotarians and partners are welcome.

Invitations to these events have already been sent out.

Peter will be visiting the meeting of the Stoke on Trent South Club at lunchtime on Monday, 7th September – contact the Secretary if you want to attend, although visitor places are limited. Peter will also be at the District Council meeting at The Mercure Hotel Penkridge on Monday evening, 7th. September.

Other Dates for your diary:

Thurs. 6th. August- RC Aldridge – Gardeners Question Time – WM Wheat & Son Garden Centre, 6.30pm – call 0121 353 7123.

Mon. August 17th – Provisional Club of Boscobel Oak – quiz night 7pm., Shrewsbury Arms, Albrighton [-suesday49@icloud.com](mailto:suesday49@icloud.com)

Weds. 26th. August – RC Ironbridge – visit to Anderton Lift, Northwich, 12.15pm. Peter Nixon, 01952 882484.

Fri. 28th. August – RC Wolstanton – Annual Golf Day – Newcastle under Lyme Golf Club – wolstantonrotarygolf@gmail.com.

Sat. 12th. September – RC of Stafford – concert to celebrate the end of World War II – Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Stafford. call 01785 661382.

Fri. 18th. September – RC Brewood and District, 25th Charter Dinner, Linden House 6.45pm – Hilary Grew, 01902 850329.

Sat. 19th. September - 10am. - RC Darlaston – Annual Disabled Sailing Day – Aldridge Sailing Club, WS9 8BQ – patrickj@bsfinancial.co.uk

Sun. 20th. September – RC Walsall 10K/5K Run – Walsall Arboretum Extension – registration 11am onwards. www.walsallfunrun.com

Tues. 29th. Sept. - RC Whitchurch – Race Night – 6.45pm. Whitchurch Rugby Club – chris.smith@videoactive.co.uk

Fri. October 9th – RC Wednesfield – An Evening of Laughter and Music featuring Doug Parker and Ashcroft and Lewis – Corpus Christi Social Club, Wednesfield, 7.15pm. Clive Childs 01902 759752

Sun. 18th October – Provisional Club of Boscobel Oak – Sponsored Dog Walk – Weston Park, 2pm. Joanne Day – 01952 850606.

Sat.31st. October – RC The Wrekin – Charter Night -7.30pm Hadley Park Hotel. Jacqui Wordsworth – 01952 850499.

Sat. 31st. October - RC Stafford and Stafford Knot – Concert at Stafford Rangers Football Club. micheal.winkle@ntlworld.com

Fri. 22nd. Jan 2016 – RC Telford Centre – Burns Supper – Wroxeter Hotel – alan.baguley@gmail.com

Finally, for this Newsletter, registration is still open for the District Conference in Llandudno, September 25th/27th. This Welsh seaside town is a popular favourite with our Rotarians and their families, and with the conference theme 'Young At Heart' we've got a stunning line up of famous and inspirational speakers including international award winning stage, TV and screen actress Jenny Seagrove, complemented by performances from our highly talented youngsters.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Richard.



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