



DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



Our clubs are extremely busy and the response to my call for diary dates to include in the Newsletter has been tremendous. So, in this months Newsletter I'm going to make one major 'hot off the press' announcement, summarise the many events I've been privileged to attend, and give most of the space to your Diary Dates.

The major announcement is that the District team is making plans to investigate and launch a Rotary District 1210 e-Club.

An e-Club is a lot like a traditional club in that it meets weekly, carries out service projects, supports the Rotary Foundation and the members enjoy great Fellowship. It's purpose is to extend Rotary to anybody who is unable to attend physical meetings through demanding business or professional commitments, extensive travel, confinement due to ill health or disability, or residence beyond reasonable travel to an existing club.

The difference between an e-club and a traditional one is that it meets via the internet. It is not intended to detract from existing clubs, rather, to provide an additional opportunity for new Rotarians. Recruitment to our existing clubs is very healthy in the current Rotary year, and I'm delighted to say that, thanks to your efforts, it has been my pleasure now to have written 35 letters of welcome to new Rotarians. However, there are a number of very successful e-Clubs around the Rotary world and it is clear that modern lifestyles prove that there is a need for this type of club.

District Secretary Brian Reilly has taken on the responsibility to investigate and form the e-Club and he will shortly be providing detailed information.

It has been my pleasure to attend the very well organised and enjoyable Charter Events at The Wrekin, Stafford Castle and Uttoxeter clubs, Wednesfield's 'Music and Laughter Show, the Vocational Study Exchange Team's 'Welcome Home' presentation hosted by Wellington, one of the first rounds of the District Quiz, hosted by Telford Centre, the Youth Service Showcase, where the amazing talents of our young people provided a most enjoyable evening and, of course, my visits to clubs have continued.

It was a particular privilege to represent our clubs at the District 21 Inner Wheel International Rally and my special thanks go to District Chairman Terrie Hewitt for her hospitality.

I also enjoyed my visits to the new Boscobel Oak club, one of which included hearing a talk by one of the Blood Bikes riders.



Cheque presentation by President Susan Day, Boscobel Oak, to Chris from blood bikes

At Blythe Bridge and District, there was a most unusual and entertaining 'Roscars' event, where several club members received 'Rotary Oscars,' including one to Martin Kettrick who received a 'lifetime achievement' award. Thoroughly deserved – and well done Martin!



At Blythe Bridge and District 'ROSCAR' for a lifetime achievement award to Martin Kettrick.



Wolverhampton's 'Best Foot Forward' unique fundraising event goes from strength to strength, and this year was no exception. I attended the cheque presentation in the Mayor's Parlour, courtesy of the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Ian Brookfield, when donations of £4000 each were made to The Samaritans, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton's own Charitable Trust.

Photo – Best Foot Forward by Councillor Ian Brookfield, Tanya Fellows of Acorns Children's Hospice and Georgie savage of the Samaritans.

Dates for your diary:**NOVEMBER:**

Fri. 13th – 7pm. Wolverhampton St. Georges – Christmas Fantasia – an entertainment with flowers, not just for the ladies! Perton Civic Centre. WV6 7PD – £8.00 cedric.randle@btinternet.com.

Sun. 15th, Audley – Walk for Railway Children – Abbots Bromley to Bednall.
Also – Sundays 22nd. – Penkridge to Brewood, and 29th. Brewood to Seisdon.

Weds. 18th. Shawbury and Mid Shropshire – Santa Sleigh makes its first appearance at Pride Hill, Shrewsbury, 4.30pm – 8.30pm. 20 other appearances up to 23rd December. For details contact Peter Love – LoPet996@aol.com.

Fri. 20th. -7pm. Stafford Knot – The Big Quiz – Stafford Rangers Football Ground. Janet Stubbs – holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk.

Sun. 22nd. - 11am. Cannock. 6k and 10k Charity Race. Marquis Drive, Hednesford. david@highfieldsbs.co.uk.

Tues. 24th. - Stafford Castle – Concert for the Elderly – Compton Close. k.rogers.123@btinternet.com

Thurs. 26th – 7pm – Wolverhampton St. Georges Film Night. 'Far From The Maddening Crowd.' The Lighthouse Cinema, Wolverhampton. cedric.randle@btinternet.com.

Mon. 30th. - 6.30pm. - Dudley – VSE Presentation. The Lodge, Dudley, DY1 1RD. Andrew Glazzard. glazzard@newbriar.co.uk.

DECEMBER:

Tues. 1st – 1030am – 5pm. Christmas Kids Day Out, Drayton Manor Park. £10 per child., organised by District 1060, available to all District 1210 clubs. Bill Elliott – billmeg29@hotmail.co.uk

Fri. 4th – Stafford Castle – Christmas Party – Brocton Golf Club. k.rogers.123@btinternet.com.

Tues. 8th – 7.15am. Etruria – the 21st. Annual Big Breakfast – The Moathouse Hotel, Festival Park, Stoke on Trent. £15. tom.lawrence@btinternet.com

Tues. 8th – Stafford Castle – Concert for the elderly – Tithe Barn Court – k.rogers.123@btinternet.com.

Weds. 9th. - 7pm. Willenhall – Christmas Celebration by Candlelight. Parish Church of St. Giles, Walsall Street, Willenhall WV13 2ER. Barry Thorndyke – janbar452452002@yahoo.co.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE:**JANUARY 2016:**

Fri. 22nd. - Walsall – Burns Supper £24.95. Calderfields Golf Club. walsallrotarysecretary@gmail.com

FEBRUARY:

Fri. 5th –7pm. Bilston and Wolverhampton West – Comedy Showstoppers – raising funds for Green Park School.
Springvale Social Club, Bilston. WV14 0QB. £10. ken.dolman@talk21.com

MARCH:

Thurs. 3rd – 7pm. Ironbridge - Annual Rex Bolton lecture – Jane Green – Ebola Street Child. Park House Hotel, Shifnal
TF11 9BA. £15. davesilcock@blueyonder.co.uk

JUNE:

Sun. 12th - District 1210 IRONMAN – If you haven't already done so, don't forget to register to provide stewards and helpers, to receive donations for your club funds. Available to all clubs. Janet Stubbs – holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk.

