



DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



It's been extremely gratifying to have received so many favourable comments from you following the February YouTube newsletter – thank you.

I've been pleasantly surprised by the reaction from beyond our District as well - it certainly put District 1210 on the map. It's had well over 700 views and I've been receiving emails from Rotarians and non Rotarians in Australia, India and America as well as the UK wanting to know more about our district.

The power of social media!



Talking of social media, District Communications Officer Peter Love is keen to recruit some more support to his committee – particularly those with electronic media capability. We've been achieving some good coverage lately in the local press – including press reports, radio and TV interviews of Phil Leason (Stone & District) following his third involvement in a polio national immunisation day.

We want to keep up this momentum, so if you think you can help please contact Peter Love - lopet996@aol.com

The Shrewsbury club reached a significant milestone when its 90th charter anniversary was celebrated. This was a splendid occasion when over 80 attendees were joined by the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, the Mayor and the immediate past president of RIBI. Many congratulations to the club.



As the year progresses I am still being impressed and feeling overwhelmed every day as I see the incredible amount of community service that our clubs provide. This includes such projects as:

Wolverhampton St. Georges' Bikethon to raise funds for the new youth centre, called 'The Way,' in the city



And Newport, together with Newportlite's 'Clean for the Queen.'



The Health Awareness days programme has started, and I want to visit as many of them as I can. The first one was at Stone, where over 60 people took part, including yours truly!



The District finals of the Young Chef, Youthspeaks and YoungMusician competitions have all now taken place with quite remarkable capabilities being demonstrated by our young people. Going forward to the regional finals are:

Young Chef – Saima Miah – Grace Academy – sponsored by Darlaston.

Sophie Mansell - New College, Telford - sponsored by Wellington.



Young Musician – instrumental - piano - Jia Jie Huang - Kings School,

Voice – Thomas Withers – Ormiston Academy, both sponsored by Dudley.





*Youthspeaks – Intermediate:
Ben Foster; Natasha Bowater, Eleanor Williams.
Thomas Telford school, sponsored by Brewwood and District.*



*Youthspeaks – Senior:
Elizabeth Haigh, Rachel Dear, Lis Payne.
Newport Girls High School, sponsored by Newport.*

We are hosting the national final of the Young Musician competition this year. It's at Abraham Darby Academy, Telford at 11am on Saturday. 30th. April. The standard will be outstanding, and well worth hearing.

I am proud and honoured to be representing such a high achieving Rotary International District and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor.

I finish by showing that I'm not the only one who can wear a silly hat. There's also PP Ray Hardman, from Ironbridge...



Dates for your diary:

March:

Fri. 18th –Uttoxeter – 60's and 70's disco and hog roast. The fabulous Dave Dee disco. Kingstone village hall. 8pm 'til midnight.

£15.

Fancy dress optional but encouraged.

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Sat. 19th. - Audley -presidents night. The Madeley Centre.

Presentation by IPDG Lynne Marshall – railway children.

Ian Smith – smithdea@hotmail.co.uk.

Mon. 21st. -Boscobel Oak – race night, Shrewsbury Arms, Albrighton.

7pm. £5. And 10% off food.

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Tues 22nd - Blythe bridge in conjunction with Staffordshire university. 'Engage, enlighten and inspire.'

Keynote speaker – David Hyner. Aimed at young people.

6.30pm Staffordshire university science lecture theatre, stoke campus, leek road.

£10 proceeds to local childrens' charities.

Tony Castrey- tony@castrey.co.uk

Thurs 24th – Walsall – 8pm. Midland youth orchestra, introduced by radio 2 big band special presenter Clare Teal.

Methodist central hall, Ablewell St. Walsall WS1 9EQ.

In support of the glebe centre and Walsall heartcare rehabilitation centre.

£15.

Nick Gray - ngray@graysofshenstone.co.uk.

April:

Fri 1st. - Bilston and Wolverhampton west 'murder at the mount' a murder mystery evening with dinner. 7pm.

The mount hotel, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton WV6 8HL.

Black tie. £35.

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Fri 8th. - Willenhall and Walsall – recital by international pianist Francesco Attesti.

7pm. Forest arts centre, Hawbush Road, Walsall WS3 1AG

£10, students and children £5.

Tel – 01922 654555 or www.forestartscentre.co.uk

Fri. 15th. Darlaston – grand frog race in aid of armed forces veterans charities. 7pm., the saddlers club,

Bescot Drive, Walsall, WS1 4TS. £5. - www.darlastonrotary.net

Sun. 24th. Stone & District. Lunch in aid of Polioplus.

Stone golf club 1pm. £20.

Tim Joyce - president@stonerotary.org

Thurs. 28th. - Wolverhampton St. Georges – film night – 'Brooklyn.'

7.30pm. For 8pm. The lighthouse cinema, Wolverhampton.

£11, to include a glass of wine.

Proceeds in aid of the British heart foundation and other local rotary supported charities.

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*Fri. 29th. Brownhills – fashion show. 7.30pm silver steet methodist hall, brownhills.
Deryck langford – croft16@gmail.com*

May.

*Fri. 6th. Wednesfield. Variety show raising money for local causes -
The glamorous bluebird belles, 'Marlene' the black country wench and Trevor Johnson, the Black Country poet.
7.15pm Corpus Christi social club, Griffiths drive, Ashmore park, Wednesfield, WV11 2LT. £9.50
Clive Childs – cjc@uwclub.net*

*Sat 14th. The Wrekin – charity concert – old hall school, Wellington, TF1 3LB.
Hadley Orpheus male voice choir and young musicians.
Robyn Davies – robymtrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk*

*Tues 17th. - Stafford – afternoon tea. Sandon Hall. 2pm.
Tour the family museum and visit the gardens.
Mike Winkle – 01785 600997.
mike.winkle@ntlworld.com.*

*Sat. 21st. Stafford castle – swimathon in aid of Katherine house hospice. 5pm – 8pm., Stafford leisure centre.
Emma Whitehurst – 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.*

*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.
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