

# DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



*The first weekend of April saw the RIBI conference at Bournemouth and it is pleasing to be able to record that District 1210 was very well represented.*

*The photo shows RI President Ravi with the winners of the RIBI Young Citizens award - a wonderful group of young people.*



*This was a superb event with outstanding inspirational and entertaining speakers. For those of you who have never thought of attending, I really urge you to give it some consideration; the same applies to our District Conferences. These events really do provide an opportunity to meet up with old and new friends in a true Rotary spirit. As one speaker said – remember, a stranger who you meet for the first time is a potential friend.*

*The recent survey we conducted on District Conferences has provided some useful pointers; it's fair to say that from those who attended this year's District Conference there was favourable feedback and I know that DGE John Sayer and his team have a first class programme planned for Southport in October.*

*Locally, the last four weeks have been equally busy with a large number of club and District events taking place. These included the 27<sup>th</sup> year of a Schools Music Festival; after bringing the event with him from Blackfriars, John Stops, ably supported by the Newcastle under Lyme club, has organised this event every year, resulting in significant donations to school funds.*



*There have been other equally enjoyable music events. Stoke on Trent South held their annual Jazz Brunch in the wonderful setting of Keele Hall when a packed house enjoyed jazz and blues to the accompaniment of bacon, eggs and late morning wines...equally entertained by club member Harry Mouat who organised, as usual, the whole event and treated us to some fine singing.*



*Walsall held a big band night with the very talented Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra accompanied by Clare Teal from BBC Radio 2 and a huge audience was treated to some great renditions of swing and jazz numbers. Clare has a sparkling personality and was fulsome in her praise of the organising abilities of club member Bill Stephens. Another excellent fund raising event with the added pleasure of President Nick Gray and me being able to chat with Clare.*





Wellington also achieved a large contribution to their charity funds with the ever popular Sportsman's Evening when a packed house was regaled by hilarious tales from former Irish Rugby Union and British Lions International Fergus Slattery. Equally intriguing and rib-tickling was the performance by comedian, magician and hypnotist Billy Flywheel who somehow managed to get JVP John Wardle glued to his seat and unable to remove his hands from his head. I just hope he manages to get free before he takes over at Wellington! A great night that's always a sell out.



Shrewsbury's Youth and Community Service Committee held a highly successful fundraiser with a difference when they invited everybody to come along in animal costumes to support, appropriately enough, the Shrewsbury Ark drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable people as well as the Shrewsbury epilepsy project. There was a large range of costumes on display and we had a hard job to judge the winner, who turned out to be, the heavily disguised Philip Henshaw, unrecognisable in his bear 'skin.'

*I'm enjoying every one of my visits to your fundraisers, events and Fellowship meetings, so please keep those invitations coming. They also provide your opportunity to have a chat with me about anything that's on your mind.*

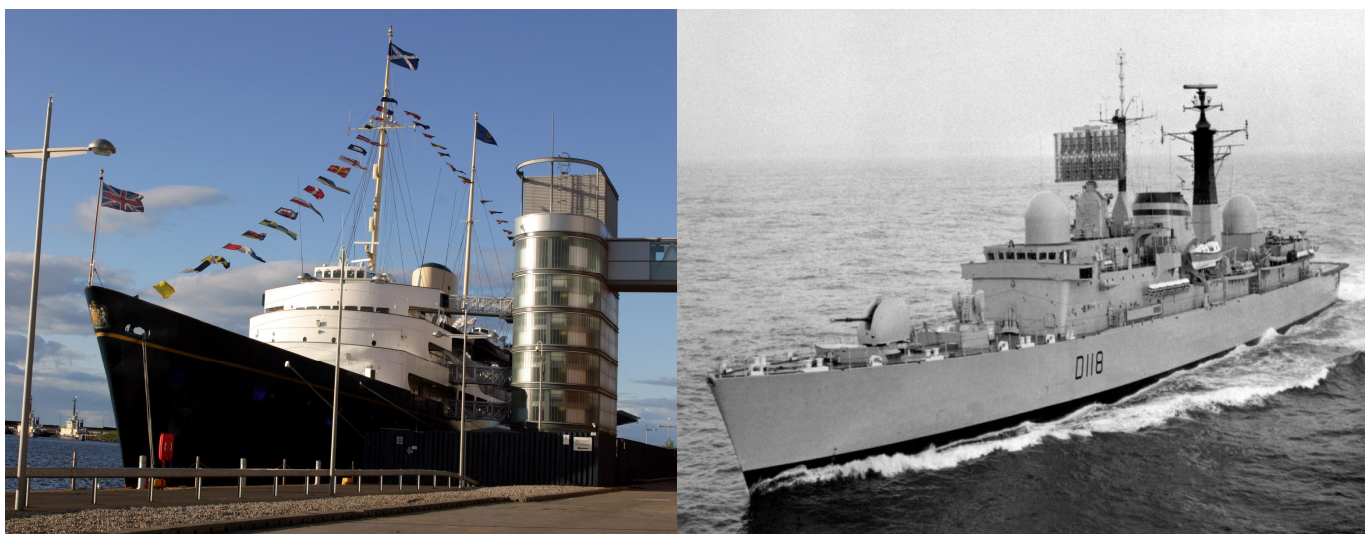
*The District Finals of most of the Youth Competitions have now taken place and it's been truly rewarding to see the wide range of high ability on display by our young people.*

*Just a reminder that we are hosting the National Final of the RIBI Young Musicians Competition at 10.30am on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Abraham Darby Academy, Telford TF7 5HX, in the capable hands of Robyn Davies and PDG Barry Picken.*

*Apart from being able to listen to the very peak of our nationwide young performers, by coming along you'll be helping us to show the rest of RIBI how well we do things in District 1210.*

*The District Sports, under the 'knock out' system (sorry to those clubs who haven't got through the preliminary rounds!) seem to be working well, so we're arranging a trophy awards 'beer/wine and sandwiches' night at The Bucktree Hall Hotel, Wellington for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, June. District Sports Officer Simon Sims and his team will be issuing the notice shortly.*

*Finally, please remember to book early for the end of year celebration at the Telford Whitehouse Hotel on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and the District Handover on June 24<sup>th</sup>, for which the notice will shortly be issued. The speaker at the End Of Year event will be Mark Newbold who has a fascinating and enthralling tale to tell about his service as the ship's diver on the Royal Yacht Britannia, followed by the terrible yet engrossing experience of being sunk in HMS Coventry during the Falklands conflict. His talk will remind us, in a gripping way, how much we owe our servicemen and women.*



*Dates for your diary:*

***DON'T FORGET – IF YOUR CLUB INTENDS TO SUPPORT IRONMAN AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CHARITIES (JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>.) PLEASE REGISTER WITH COORDINATOR JANET STUBBS, [holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk)***

**APRIL:**

*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](http://www.darlastonrotary.net)*

*SAT. 23<sup>rd</sup>. - TELFORD CENTRE – '1966 AND ALL THAT.' A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS SINCE ENGLAND WON THE WORLD CUP AND THE QUEENS 90TH. BIRTHDAY. SIR JOHN BAYLEY'S SPORTS AND SCIOAL CLUB, WELLINGTON. DISCO/BUFFET £12.50. - [alan.baguley@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baguley@gmail.com). 019052 740242.*

*SUN. 24TH. STONE & DISTRICT. LUNCH IN AID OF POLIOPLUS. STONE GOLF CLUB 1PM. £20. TIM JOYCE - [president@stonerotary.org](mailto:president@stonerotary.org).*

*SUN 24<sup>th</sup>. SIX TOWNS STOKE ON TRENT – DUCK RACE AT TEAN BROOK. OUTSTANDING PRIZES. TIME TO BE CONFIRMED. ELAINE CUNNINGHAM – [elaine1@aol.com](mailto:elaine1@aol.com)*

*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 SUPPORTE CHARITIES. [anthonyharris30@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anthonyharris30@blueyonder.co.uk)*

*FRI. 29<sup>th</sup>. BROWNHILLS – A FASHION SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE. 7.30PM SILVER STREET METHODIST HALL, BROWNHILLS. DERYCK LANGFORD – [croft16@gmail.com](mailto:croft16@gmail.com)*

*SAT. 30th. - STAFFORD KNOT – HEALTH AWARENESS DAY – STAFFORD GUILDHALL SHOPPING CENTRE 10am – 3pm.*

**MAY.**

*THURS 5<sup>th</sup>. - STAFFORD KNOT – VSE TEAM FROM NORWAY ATTENDING CLUB MEETING ALL WELCOME. STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY BEACONSIDE. 7.15am for 7.30am. JANET STUBBS – [holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyroodstubbs1@yahoo.co.uk)*

*THURS 5<sup>th</sup>. - UTTOXETER – VISIT TO JCB POWER SYSTEMS. 11am. DOVE VALLEY PARK, FOSTON DE65 5BX. PAT LOARING – [ploaring@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ploaring@yahoo.co.uk).*

*FRI. 6<sup>th</sup>. WEDNESFIELD. VARIETY SHOW RAISING MONEY FOR LOCAL CAUSES - THE GLAMOUROUS BLUEBIRD BELLES, 'MARLENE' THE BLACK COUNTRY WENCH AND TREVOR JOHNSON, THE BLLACK COUNTRY POET. 7.15PM CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL CLUB, GRIFFITHS DRIVE, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD, WV11 2LT. £9.50 CLIVE CHILDS – [cjc@uwclub.net](mailto:cjc@uwclub.net)*

SAT 7<sup>th</sup>. STAFFORD KNOT. CHARTER NIGHT SPEAKER VICE ADMIRAL PETER WILKINSON. STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY, BEACONSIDE STAFFORD. £25.

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SUN. 8<sup>TH</sup>. WALSALL – DUCK RACE. GRAYS OF SHENSTONE, LYNN LANE, SHENSTONE, WS14 0DU. £1 A DUCK PROCEEDS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

ALL WELCOME BUT PLEASE RING BEFOREHAND IF YOU INTEND TO COME.

DAVID TRASH 07803 003884. [davidtrash@btinternet.com](mailto:davidtrash@btinternet.com)

WEDS. 11<sup>th</sup>. SIX TOWNS STOKE ON TRENT – TREASURE HUNT AND PUB MEAL

AT CHEADLE. ELAINE CUNNINGHAM – [elainec1@aol.com](mailto:elainec1@aol.com)

SAT 14<sup>th</sup>. THE WREKIN – CHARITY CONCERT – OLD HALL SCHOOL, WELLINGTON, TF1 3LB. HADLEY ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR AND YOUNG MUSICIANS.

ROBYN DAVIES – [robymtrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robymtrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk)

TUES 17<sup>th</sup> - 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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. 21<sup>st</sup>. STAFFORD CASTLE – SWIMATHON IN AID OF KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE. 5PM – 8PM., STAFFORD LEISURE CENTRE.

EMMA WHITEHURST – [www.khhospice/shop.org.uk](http://www.khhospice/shop.org.uk). TEL – 01785 270808

SAT 21<sup>st</sup>– 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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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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.

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