



# DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



*I am happy to begin my final Newsletter with the good news of the launch of NewportLite where it was my pleasure to present the charter to this new style of club in the 'Flexible and Innovative' mode. I give the club every good wish for the future.*



*Another new venture, began by the Stafford Club, is a very well supported Rotakids Club at the John Wheeldon Primary Academy. I am sure these enthusiastic and well led youngsters will make a significant contribution to Rotary life.*



*Sadly, Market Drayton, as a result of not having Rotarians willing to take office in the club in the future has decided to hand in its Charter at the end of this year, but several of its members are making arrangements to join other nearby clubs.*

*As the Rotary year approaches its end, our clubs seem to be busier than ever with events, Health Awareness Days and, of course, the round of assemblies.*

*It's been my enormous pleasure this month to visit Audley, Blythe Bridge, Boscobel Oak, Brewwood and District 'Dog Day,' Cannock's 80<sup>th</sup>. Charter (for which, many congratulations,) Church Stretton, Ironbridge, Leek, Stafford, Stafford Castle, (A very well organised and first Swimathon,) Stoke on Trent, Stone and District, Tettenhall, Telford Centre, Shawbury and Mid Shropshire, Walsall, Walsall Saddlers, and Wolverhampton (The highly succesful Dragon Boat Day.) and The Wrekin, with visits still to come to Aldridge, Burslem, Bloxwich Phoenix, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch. I thank you all for the warmth of your welcome and the tremendous work you have been doing to 'Be A Gift To The World.'*

*I've heard many interesting talks, including the one on the E Type Jaguar at Telford Centre.*



*'Couldn't decide which one to have, so I'll take both.'*

*The support for Health Awareness Days has been growing and I've enjoyed visiting many of them. This vital service is already proving, once again, to be, quite literally, a life saver.*



*District events have included the turnout by over 200 of you in support of the Ironman event and I was particularly impressed by the resilience and good cheer shown by the many clubs that participated on what was a very wet day. Well done to all of you, and I would like, in particular to record my special thanks to organiser Janet Stubbs of Stafford Knot for all her hard work.*



*We have also had the splendid KidsOut event at Drayton Manor Park where nearly 5000 disadvantaged children, in a joint venture with District 1060, had a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. The park is made available to us free of charge and the joy on the children's faces makes is reward in itself.*



*The ever courageous Jo Day from Boscobel Oak organised a sponsored walking event around the shores of Chasewater to raise funds for specialist medical equipment on behalf of the club and, accompanied by her four legged friend Kaiser, was able to complete the circuit herself. Jo is shortly to undergo another round of surgery, and we send her all our best wishes.*



*The reorganised District Sports seem to have gone well and I am able to record the winners: Crown Green Bowls – Whitchurch, Croquet and Darts – Wellington, TenPin Bowling – Burntwood, Snooker – Newport, Table Tennis- Leek and Golf - Alan Blake of Uttoxeter. I record my thanks to District Sports Officer Simon Sims and his team of specialists for the smooth running of the competitions and for the fact that we are now able to 'catch up' with the timing of the various events.*



*An era came to an end when Ed Isaacs of Wolverhampton St. Georges and Geoff Lowndes of Wolverhampton, with their able team of scorers, markers and question setters oversaw their very last District Quiz. It's been a remarkable effort spanning 7 years involving an average of 59 teams each year, and a total of 161 venues, 2800 questions and the marking of 103600 answers! A job very well done.*



*A tense, very demanding and close run final this year was won by Shrewsbury, to whom many congratulations.*



*It was a particular pleasure to be at Blythe Bridge when the award of the British Empire Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours list was celebrated. The award is in recognition of ex Royal Marine Martin's 30 years of fundraising and an 8 year campaign to secure compensation for injured service personnel. I offer my sincere congratulations to Martin on the well deserved recognition and I'm sure many fellow Rotarians in the District will join me in so doing.*



*'Rotarian Martin Kettrick with Tony Castrey, President of the Blythe Bridge Club.'*

*It has been my privilege and my honour to serve you all as District Governor for the last Rotary year and I send my sincere thank you to every District 1210 Rotarian for your unfailing hard work, support and goodwill.*

**YOURS IN ROTARY FRIENDSHIP, RICHARD GREEN, DISTRICT GOVERNOR,  
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