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Wolves' First Blind Cricket Cricketathon – Sunday 16 July 2017

About a year ago, Staffordshire Wolves's all-rounder Dave Mattox; came up with the idea of a cricketathon.

At the meeting in May; we decided to play in the nets from 10 AM-1 PM; then play a friendly against Wolverhampton Third 11; 1-5 PM; before returning to the nets for the final three hours.

Wolverhampton CC's Third 11 are fully sighted; so usually play 'Red Ball Cricket'. Playing VI Cricket, therefore gave them a handicap and a challenge. They played very well, under the circumstances.

The match was 20 overs per side. Everyone batted in pairs. Staffordshire Wolves chose to bat first and scored a magnificent 177. Tariq and Naeem top-scored for the visitors with 42; but two wickets for Shezhad Chohan; plus a wicket each for Mark Bromley, Mazen Malik and Chris Stiles; helped us restrict them to 103. We returned to the nets at 5.30 to conclude our ten-hour cricketathon. Once completed at 8 PM, we had a photo with former Wolverhampton and England cricketer Vikram Solanki.

In the lead up to the cricketathon; everyone in the team raised money. By the day, we had collected over £1100. We are anticipating raising £1500 overall. The money will help us buy equipment and pay for transport to away matches. I would like to thank Richard Green from Wolverhampton Rotary Club. Richard presented us with a cheque for £120 on the day. We also received a cheque for £150 from St. Georges Rotary Club; which we are very grateful for. Finally, I would like to thank Dave Mattox for initiating the event and all our players and coaches for fundraising and taking part in the event. Here's to more fundraising in the future. (Andrew Causton)

Stuart's Stories



I am happy to occupy the President's chair again following Derek Morgan's unhappy event and wishing him success in his recovery efforts. My first official function was to authorize our club's participation in the Global Grant project to create some Happy Schools (for girls) near Bangalore.

I find I can manage Hub editing – fingers crossed. The September Hub went out as a four-pager and the October issue will catch up on some summer material. Hub will be printed and sent as an email file. Everybody should be happy like me! (I think I have to say that the readability depends on the contributions.)

My next engagement is our Zone 6 meeting and AGM Gary Sharpe is calling for reports about how we are getting on with elements of the latest mission statement—membership, Polio Plus, youth involvement etc.

In the vacation and with my 80th coming up I felt the need to visit some old friends in France and Germany. where I was an English assistant at two schools between 1962 and 1964. I visited old friends from that time in Meldorf, Schleswig Holstein and Amiens – most pleasant. Hamburg is world city—visit the new concert hall, the Elbphilharmonie, like a great ship on the river. Amiens is smaller with a lot of attractions, in particular the splendid cathedral (which offers a spectacular lighting display in the summer).

Our last speaker in September was Richard Green with a memorable talk about, and amply quoting of 'The Two Ronnie's', Superbly done, especially memorising the whole item about the man who mixes up his vowels. Blimey!

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Once again I had the wonderfully rewarding experience of serving as a mentor at the District residential RYLA (Rotary Young Leaders) awards course.

These are held every year for a week in August at

Kibblestone scout camp near Stone. 24 youngsters sponsored by clubs from all over the District come together to form bonds of friendship that last a lifetime, while they develop their leadership, communication and personal skills.

As always they arrive looking apprehensive and nervous. Within 24 hours they have formed into teams that trust each other in mastering the many demanding tasks that are set for them. These include coracle building, mountain rescue, raft building and racing, mask making.

The days are long, beginning very early and keeping the Rylarians on the go until lights out at 10.30. There is a RYLA's Got Talent night when the sponsoring clubs, parents and friends come along to enjoy great company and food and to watch the talented display, by the participants, the mentors and the professional instructors – from a company called Awesome Adventures.

For me these were exhausting days but I wouldn't have missed them for the world. The delight in watching 16-18 year olds overcome their nervousness and fear is a huge reward. And it's one of the best things that Rotary does for young people. Richard Green



Ebola Street Child Charity

Rotary Districts and clubs come together to provide education for children in Sierra Leone left orphaned by the Ebola crisis.

At a meeting on September 4th. of the District Council of Rotary International District 1210 – Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of the West Midlands, – the combined efforts of 18 clubs in District 1210 and 9 in District 1080 -East Anglia- resulted in a donation of £10865 to the Ebola Street Child Charity.

The donations from the clubs were supplemented by further donations from individual Rotarians, collections at the 1080 District Assembly and one from a club in Mainz, Germany, with whom District 1080 has a close partnership.

Additionally, Rotarian Cliff Blakemore, the International Committee Chair at the Rotary Club of Aldridge, aided by former District Foundation Chair Ashley Gray, International Chair Steve Evans and Past District Governor Richard Green successfully applied for a Rotary Foundation District Grant to add significantly to the many donations.

Richard paid tribute to the hard work and perseverance of Cliff Blakemore and Malcolm Goodson in leading the fund drive and he also praised the spirit in which a large number of clubs in the 2 Districts and beyond had worked together to achieve such a successful outcome.

The cheque was accepted by Andy Naloneczny, head of fund raising at the Charity, who had travelled from London for the presentation.

Andy gave a full description of the work of the Ebola Street Child charity in various parts of the world and undertook to keep Rotarians informed of the progress of the project that the donation was funding.

In accepting the cheque, Andy said “we are massively appreciative of the combined efforts of Districts 1210 and 1080 – in particular our thanks go to Richard Green, Malcolm Goodson, Cliff Blakemore, Steve Evans and Ashley Gray as well as all the clubs who contributed to the project. Your generous donation will be very well spent renovating classrooms and training teachers in Bo, Sierra Leone – one of the world's poorest areas. Thanks to the support of Rotary, thousands of children will benefit from the opportunity of an education for many years to come.”

Central Youth Theatre

Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street

Dear Mr President and Everyone at Wolverhampton Rotary,

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Central Youth Theatre to say a huge thank you for your support in helping us to raise nearly £5,200 through this year's Best Foot Forward and particularly by making us one of your 2017 charities.

From autumn 2017 to the end of 2018 we are celebrating our 35th Anniversary year, but without the support of organisations and supporters such as Rotary we quite simply wouldn't have reached this milestone.

Having being at the helm of CYT for all these years, it has been truly heartening to discover that when the going gets tough – others give you a leg up, and as you all know the last few years have been quite hard for the youth theatre. First we lost our council grant and then three years later our planned development of the former Co-op Store fell through within months of us being awarded the funding from the Arts Council – a grant which subsequently had to be returned. Ironically, only this week, we have heard that the YMCA who made a play for the building freehold, causing us to be squeezed out, are rumoured to be no longer proceeding with the development.

However, now is the time for us to focus on the positives that 2017/18 offers us. Already we have a packed programme of activities planned that include a show celebrating the history of the former Odeon Cinema in Skinner Street (in March) a number of shows commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, a trip to a festival in Italy and we will be hosting a return exchange to Wolverhampton by the Italians and a group from the Czech Republic. There will also be shows by our junior groups and a show by our disability group – Acting Up.

Added to this, for our 35th Anniversary we are staging a number of specialist Alumni Talks and Workshops and a large scale anniversary celebration night at the Wulfrun Hall in December 2018.

So as you can see there won't be a shortage of activities available for young people to take part in – and with your support we are able to continue to offer all these at a rate that is accessible for all young people.

Best Foot Forward 2018 is already in the diary for 2018 and this year we are going to try and ensure it doesn't clash with a show.

Many thanks once again for all the hard work you have put into creating such a successful and well run event that benefits so many people.

Kind regards

Jane Ward MBE

Director

In July Acting president Paul Lockley attended a university awards ceremony at the Grand Theatre to present the Bob Lampit Award to the student that the engineers named as their best engineering student of 2017. The recipient was Jake Scowcroft who obtained a 1st Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Paul remembered discussing the decline in engineering with Bob Lampit (our President in 1978-79).



The French have a way with the English language! This is a proper brasserie in the little town of Albert and we had a very decent lunch on the way to visit the cemetery of Thiepval, with its vast monument designed by Lutyens and marking for ever the last resting place of many soldiers of The Great War. We needed the lunch to stiffen us for the desolate sight of many graves, often with a headstone stating 'Known only to God'. (Jean, in the picture, served in Algeria.) S&JSMWilliams



Rotaract on the way back

In a joint venture involving 4 of the 5 Wolverhampton Rotary Clubs, three days were spent at the Freshers Fairs of the

Wolverhampton and Walsall campuses talking to new and returning students about our plans to restart the Wolverhampton Rotaract club

This is Rotary International's great club for 18-30 year old men and women. There are 190 000 Rotarac-

tors in over 7000 clubs worldwide, giving the opportunity for young people to enjoy fun and fellowship and get involved in Rotary service projects at the same time.

The results during freshers week look encouraging. Nearly 200 students expressed some interest and the next step will be to arrange an interest meeting to see if we can carry the initiative forward.

It follows the highly successful launch of a Rotaract club at Keele university last year and we were encouraged by the fact that some of the students we spoke to had already been Interactors at their secondary schools both in the UK and abroad.

The photo shows the young woman who was our 100th signatory.

A WORD FROM SPEAKERS SECRETARY ROY It has been agreed by GC that the future monthly procedure will normally be as follows: One speaker from outside the Club, occasionally from a charity. One business meeting. One committee report re current projects etc. One meeting with a speaker/entertainer from within the club. Jerry Hobbs recently led the way with revelations about his secret hobby. Richard Green's '2 Ronnies' talk was also most entertaining, not to mention Jeremy Walters' recent school memories. Volunteers for this sort of talk would be welcome. Otherwise I shall try a little subtle arm twisting. "A day in the life of..." could be a theme with a humorous emphasis of course. I await National Service Memories, Secrets of the Boardroom, Worst/Best Holiday, Most embarrassing moment etc. etc. The list is endless...Please give it some thought.

N.B. N.B. N.B. Peter Wright informs us that the Carol Service and Patshull Park lunch will take place a week earlier, on 10th December.

Club Diary

10th Oct Zone 6 Meeting

12th Oct Past Presidents' Dinner at Linden House

20th Oct MS Patients Annual Party at Pavilions

1st Nov Rotathlon Snooker at Old Wulfs

3rd Nov Satellite meeting at MS Centre 7for 7.30 am

20th Nov Albrighton and District RC Fellowship Night at The Bell, Tong

Hub will be published on the second Tuesday of each month wherever possible. The editor accepts no responsibility for comments contained within Hub, seeking to include everything submitted by members where space permits. Please submit articles by e-mail to: stu-jen108@talktalk.net

Meetings

Tues 3rd October Jerry Hobbs

Tues 10th October Peter Hall—Ukulele instrument of peace

Tues 17th October Business Meeting

Tues 24th October TBA

Tues 31st October Deborah Slater—Black Country Women's Aid

Duties

Meeting Steward	Speaker's Host	Money Steward
3rd Oct Colley	Hollingsworth	Woolley
10th Oct Davis	Jones	Wootton
17th Oct Dawes		Wright
24th Oct Dukes	Krishan	Bailey
31st Oct Eves	Lockley	C.Baker

Members are reminded that **any member unable to fulfil any duty must swap with someone else, or otherwise find a substitute, and notify the change to the Duty Officer and Secretary.**

Apologies for non-attendance at Rotary lunch must be made no later than 4pm on Monday, to ruth@hollingsworthandco.co.uk or by telephone to 01952 581014 (ask for 'Rotary apologies') and copy to geofflowndes@hotmail.com (or telephone).