





## **Rotary Club of the City of Wolverhampton**

A Hundred Years of Service

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## **Thank You John**

After all the doom and gloom of the past couple of years it was a joyous surprise to learn from PP Peter Williams that he had heard from PP John Baker's daughters that John has left the club a substantial legacy to the club in his will..

Peter made the announcement to the members present at club lunch. John has left instructions in his will for the sum " to apply for or towards such charitable purposes for the benefit of the people of Wolverhampton "

President Richard wrote to Johns daughters

Dear Annabel and Caroline.

Legacy from the late Rotarian John Baker.

It was with the most astonished heartfelt surprise and gratitude that, at the Rotary club meeting today, we learned from Past President Peter Williams of your late father's exceptionally generous legacy that he so kindly left to the club, for us to use in

our mission of 'Service Above Self' by bringing benefit to the people of Wolverhampton, many of whom are in dire need of support in these difficult times.

On behalf of all the club members, and subsequently, the people who will benefit, I write to express my very sincere thanks and recognition of your efforts in making this major legacy available to us. You may rest assured that the Club Council and Grant Giving Committee, in the coming months and years, will give careful consideration to the disbursement of the donation, ensuring that it is used in various ways that would be approved by your father.

John was a highly respected Rotarian who played a very full part in the life of the club since becoming a Rotarian in 1971. and he continues to be sadly missed. I personally have many fond memories of my times with him and always enjoyed his company at our meetings, social events, and in particular, the theatre presentations. Thank you again. My Very Best Wishes, Yours in Rotary Service and Friendship, Rotarian Richard Green, President, The Rotary Club of The City of Wolverhampton.

**10** Pin Bowling. Tuesday the 15th February saw the club's

meeting transfer to the brash surroundings of the Hollywood Bowl, not THE Hollywood Bowl but the one at Bentley Bridge for the Club's annual ten pin bowling event. Twelve bowlers took part, this included Emmanuel Jones shortly to be inducted, Rosemary Baker and Penny Horrell. After such a long layoff our bowling skills were somewhat rusty! Despite these frustrations a good evening of fellowship was had by all. Simon Love was our eventual winner followed by Brian Bailey in second

place and Rosemary Baker in third. The third placed Rotarian was Clive Baker. During the evening a crowd of spectators,



well not a crowd actually but we were joined by Peter and Val Williams and Brian Woolley supporting his committee. It was great to see everyone for our first fellowship event away from SSGC since the last lockdown was eased. After the bowling eleven of us including our spectators retired to the Nickelodeon for a drink and/or a drink and a meal. It would be remiss not to note that during the seventh round President Richard achieved a 'strike', well done President. Another point to note, especially for our District Sports Officer was Simon's excellent score. We've also learnt he has a talent for crown green bowls. *Richard Horrell* 

