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Past President Rod Jones,

Paul Harris Fellow 2 Sapphires

It is my sad duty to have to tell you that Rod Jones passed to higher service on Wednesday, March 30th. in hospital.

On behalf of his many friends in the Rotary Club of The City of Wolverhampton, we send our deepest condolences to Jen and the family. We will keep club members informed of arrangements.

President Richard Green

The Rotary Club of the City of Wolverhampton continues to support our many talented young people.

This time the support took the form of the presentation of a trophy in memory of the late Past District Governor Fraser Dukes. The trophy was presented to Lysia Bayley, a pupil at the Wolverhampton Music School, to mark her obtaining the highest marks in an external examination. Lysia gained 130 marks out of a possible 150, leading to a distinction rating in her grade 7 clarinet studies.

The trophy was presented by President Elect Sylvia Morgan, who was accompanied by husband Derek and Fraser's son Tim and his wife Ann. The head of the Schools Music Service, Ciaran O'donnell is also seen in the picture.



Centenary Celebration Dinner - Update

Plans for this important event in the Clubs history are proceeding at pace. Latest bookings are in the 70's with more expected. An update will be issued to all attendees shortly with details of dietary requirements, parking etc. It has been decided that the dress code will now include Dinner Jackets and regalia with an option for lounge suits. There is still time to book your seat so send your payment as per the flyer sent to you. If you prefer a cheque please send to Derek Morgan and let Richard Horrell know.

The Brains Trust

Along with Stuart Williams, Richard Horrell and together with Simon Luiz, our new 42 million pound signing from Sporting Lisbon, sorry that should have been Simon Love our £42 signing from Sporting Bilston, we represented The Club in our heat of the first round of The District Quiz held at Wolverhampton Cricket Club, where we



were drawn against two recent competition winners, Tettenhall and Dudley. Simons appearance prompted one of the team captains to ask the ref if loan players were permitted? Whereupon another captain said its alright its Wolverhampton, they've been active in the transfer market recently. Simons first shot was right on target, but the team captain intercepted it and shot wide ! With Simon in our team we weren't quite so apprehensive when it came to the sports round, (our Achilles heel) immediately after half time. He did not let us down and we managed double figures the first time in a long while and even scored joint top points for the round.

We managed to finish third, which wasn't difficult as there were only three teams on the night! Skip. Wright

Roll Up! Roll Up!



A Rotathlon/Fellowship event has been arranged for a Short Mat Bowls evening at Blymhill Village Hall on Thursday, 21st April starting at 6.30 prompt. As usual, partners, family, friends are welcome.

Unfortunately the nearby Bradford Arms is unavailable for a meal afterwards as on previous occasions. We are looking at the possibility of a buffet at the venue. Watch this space. There is a hire charge for the Village Hall and the equipment so I need to know if you wish to attend by **12th April LATEST** so as to assess if the level of support makes the event viable and worthwhile. Brian Woolley Fellowship Chairman

National Memorial Arboretum visit.

Could I draw your attention to the visit to the National Memorial Arboretum on 5th May. If it is your intention to join us you **MUST let me know by 15th APRIL** together with your orders, if required, for tea/coffee on arrival; lunch; use of land-train. All details/costs were set out in the original flyer.

Any queries, contact Brian Woolley.



Spring Walk



On a chilly but fortunately dry day, some intrepid Rotarian explorers took to the footpaths and towpaths of the canal and the old railway line around Compton and Tettenhall to enjoy some al-fresco Rotary fellowship (whilst working up an appetite for the lunch at the Oddfellows pub afterwards). A headcount at the start and finish of the event had the desired effect of proving that no-one got lost en-route and, even better, no-one fell in the canal.....

A welcome rest-break at the halfway point was provided by a visit to the M.S. Centre for tea and coffee kindly provided by the M.S. Staff and arranged by Chairman Peter Williams.

To round-off an enjoyable (and invigorating!!) event, the Oddfellows pub played host to the "Wolverhampton Rotary Walking and Mountaineering Club" and good food (plus some medicinal alcohol) was enjoyed. Inevitably there was good fellowship and much laughter which included Pres. Elect Sylvia hi-jacking the food ordered by the Fellowship Chairman (who shall be nameless) **Brian Woolley**



Dennis Beddows

President Richard presents Dennis Beddows with his long service certificate. Dennis joined in 1987.



Here is Billy charming Sylvia.

Is there a lower age limit for membership?

Great night out... Fun, Food Fellowship. (...and nearly Fisticuffs

15th March a Rotary Fellowship event was held at the Monsoon restaurant in Tettenhall. 20 attended which included 12 Rotarians and it was pleasing that 4 of our newer Members joined in the fun. Being a Fellowship evening rather than a Rotathlon event there were no "points to score" nor prizes to be won (just a "tick in the box" for a meeting attendance !) but it was suggested that perhaps there should have been a medal awarded to whoever managed to consume the hottest curry on the menu.....(which I thought was a good idea as my



Chicken Balti Special needed a side dish of two pints of Indian lager to repair an over-heated tongue and mouth.....!!!). The only down-side of a very enjoyable evening was the inability of the restaurant Manager to understand the basic rules that diners pay menu prices and not his idea of what the final bill should be !! However all's well that ends well. The Manager has now learned how to curry favour with us! Boom Boom.

Our thanks to Charles for organising an enjoyable evening of "fun, food and fellowship." **Brian W.**

Peter visits Windsor Castle

Peter Williams went to Windsor Castle to receive his MBE from HRH Prince Charles. I will let Peter tell you about this moment of a lifetime.

"Val was a bit anxious about the WINDSOR trip but it worked out so well. We booked into the CASTLE HOTEL where we have stayed before and when they knew what we were there for they upgraded to a Suite on the second floor with a view of the Castle. On the morning of the Investiture our 2 Sons arrived with their wives to see us off. The Police checked the Car with the bonnet up and ushered us up the long Drive Entrance. But as people parked on the Grass we were taken up to the Castle under the Archway through into the courtyard as we had ordered a Wheel Chair for Val. Val had a member of staff pushing her around for the whole time we were there. There were



89 people to get awards and we were last but not one. We watched everyone taking part on the Video Screens so the time passed fairly quickly. We have a nice VIDEO which they have sent us showing Prince Charles asking me about the Centre as he was genuinely interested in listening to me explaining what Benefit the patients get from the facilities we provide and the Oxygen treatment we offer. What a very special day and we look forward to showing everyone the video when convenient. PETER. "

Congratulations Peter

Help for Ukraine



I was glad to be on hand at the Wolverhampton Ukrainian Community Centre today as the volunteers loaded a van - provided by Royal Mail - with relief goods for refugees fleeing the war. The van left us to collect a generator -

again gifted by Royal Mail - and was then going on to Peterborough where the goods will be loaded, together with donations from across the UK, onto a fleet of large lorries going direct to Western Ukraine. It was pleasing to be told, several times, that the Rotary Club of the City of Wolverhampton is held in very high regard by the community for the help we are providing. Pres. Richard.

Club Diary

APRIL

- 3rd Winter Walk
- 5th Lunch meeting AGM
- 12th Zoom speaker
- 19th Bank Holiday
- 28th Short Mat Bowls

MAY

- 3rd Bank Holiday
- 5th National Arboretum visit
- 10th Lunch meeting
- 17th Zoom Meeting
- 20th Centenary Dinner
- 22nd Dragon Boats
- 24th Lunch Meeting Club Assembly
- 31st Zoom Meeting

JUNE

- 9th and 10th Uplands School Workshop
- 14th
- 21st NGS Garden visit Waterdale
- 25th Best Foot Forward
- 27th Governing Council
- 28th Valedictory