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Quiz Third Round Our team (four in the photo) squeaked through to this round and joined five other teams at South Staffs Golf Club for a further examination. The 30 remaining teams, all quizzing tonight at various venues, will be reduced to 10 for the next and final round. We thought we did not stand a chance but participated valiantly...and finished fifth out of six. All the teams were well beaten by St Georges with a score of about 70%. Second were Tettenhall with 61.5%. Our score was 54.5%. As ever we remember questions that we could and should have got right, if the grey matter had been working properly!

(As expected we failed to proceed but finished a creditable 18th out of the original 54 teams).

A Very Special Evening Meeting Eighty-six Rotarians, partners and friends representing a large number of clubs assembled at Linden House on 13th March to celebrate Vocational Study Exchange (VSE) and the Michael Beetham Aircraft Restoration Centre (MB). Cormac Doyle, VSE team leader, introduced Maddie and Adam who presented aspects of their recent trip to Bangalore where they were very-



well looked after by local Rotarians. They visited factories with a technological gamut from 'welding in flipflops' to 'lathes the size of this room'. The cultural aspect of their two week visit was not neglected as several colour slides of temples, pilgrimage sites and a wedding attested. Maddie, Adam (and the absent Nicola) were inducted as Rotary Alumni before it was the turn of several apprentices at the MB Centre to present themselves and their activities, including their visit to a similar group in Norway last year. Brian Bailey, Wolverhampton's chairman of Youth and Community Service surveyed the many youth activities which we support before trainer Mick Shepherd introduced Daniel, Corey, Tom, Maddie again (she's a star) and Josh. Their three year apprenticeship at Cosford (combined with college courses) involves them in marvellous aircraft restoration activity with transferable skills for their later careers. Josh Sault was awarded the George Sidebotham trophy (with instructions not to break it!) but it was the view of us all that he was a peer amongst equals in this impressive group. Thanks to the staff of Linden House and the organisers for a very convivial evening. SW



The Bailey Garden

Brian and Anne received the TV technicians recently for 8 hours. Three hours of film was canned – to be reduced to 6 minutes. BBC 2 duly showed the excellent short report in Gardeners' World. (In the photo from my TV Brian is just trying to escape the cameras!) Visitors will be able to see the garden with its folly, Japanese tea house, underground grotto and many plants on Sunday June 3rd and Sunday July 1st. (I will be having a close look at the Pokeweed, official name *Phytolacca* and rumoured to have provided the ink to write the Declaration of Independence.) They have raised £15 000 for the National Garden Scheme since they opened in 2011. SW

Progress Report of Youth and Community Service Committee April 2018

The Committee has been allocated a budget of £8500 for this rotary year and has had applications for assistance from individuals and groups that have significantly exceeded this amount. Committee members continue to maintain contacts with several groups and individuals who we know regularly seek funds to assist them in their work in the local community. However not all requests for assistance can be met.

The Committee this year has continued to support young people who try to achieve excellence or try to improve themselves with an activity, project, or learning experience. The range of activities supported has been wide and diverse: (1) The continuing Bob Lampitt annual Excellence Award to an engineering student at Wolverhampton University (£250). (2) Support to facilitate the young musicians competition reported in February 2018 Hub. (3) A contribution to Wolverhampton Youth Orchestra (£150). (4) Rotary Dictionaries for Life learning initiative with a number of school children from five local schools benefiting from one of the dictionaries we purchase and distribute (£623). (5) Cosford Conservation Centre Museum apprentices' dinner, presentation and awards in memory of George Sidebotham (£350). The presentation covering the Club's sponsored visit to a Norwegian Aircraft museum last year by some of the apprentices. (6) Spurgens organised young carers annual Christmas outing (£479). (7) Contribution to District Youth Exchange (£100). (8) Continuing commitment and support to the local rotary clubs Young Citizen Award initiative through membership of the organising committee and donating £150 towards the operating costs.



Response to requests for financial support for a project or activity has seen the following grants awarded: (a) Stratton Street Community garden patch project for the creation of a sustainable garden by and for local residents in Park Village on an overgrown area of land adjacent to the community centre (£2000). (b) Kids Cancer Charity funding for a holiday for two Wolverhampton families with a severely disabled youngster (£1100). (c) Support for replacement bedding at Kingswood (£930). This



follows on from support given last year for environmental projects and a talk given by the manager at a Club meeting. (d) Contribution towards operating costs of Wolverhampton Brass Band (£300). (e) Wildside Activity Centre funding canal boat trips for disabled and disadvantaged (£380). Two Wolverhampton special schools had booked boat trips almost immediately the funds became available. (f) Support for the second year of Wildside Activity Centre Little Explorers project which gets pre-school children engaged with the local environment (£900).

The Club, together with the Tettenhall Club, have for many years organised in May Wolverhampton Stroke Awareness Day where Rotarians support local health professionals to undertake health checks including blood pressure on local residents who otherwise may have undetected health problems. Due to cut backs and changes in service delivery in the Council and NHS, professional support for the event is not available and it will not proceed. A smaller scale event is being explored. **Brian Bailey.**

Peter Wright's Daffodils



Pauls Pearls



Easter is over and with a bit of luck the Beast from the East has gone back home.

On Monday 12th March I was invited by President Jon Williams to the Presidents dinner of Wolverhampton Round table. The venue was South Staffs golf club which I haven't visited for some time. Splendid evening, with good food and company. Although I regret to report that Round Table have the same sickness which afflicts all of our service clubs...a declining membership! Looking on the bright side, maybe they can be attracted to join us in some form.

The following evening I had the honour of presiding over the presentation of the VSE team and the award of the George Sidebotham trophy. It was a little disappointing that so few of our own members could support such an important event in district. Nevertheless 87 members from 12

clubs in district 1210 witnessed an excellent presentation by the young members of the VSE team. Quite inspiring and affirming of the value that committed young people have to contribute to society. Well done Richard Green and Peter Wright

Jumping forward a week we had a busy business meeting. Among many items for discussion we were addressed by Roy Sutcliffe who has proposed that we change our annual break from August to September. Most seemed either in favour or had no objection to this and I shall put this to GC in April. Later that day I was part of the team meeting in Stafford to take part in the District Darts Semi finals and Finals. In truth it was a long way to go for such a short amount of action. We were drawn against Cannock, not a club we like losing to at any sport!! Unfortunately!...Finally I popped round to see Derek Morgan who seemed in good form. He is now back to Bowling and is looking forward to coming back to attendance at lunch in the future. This means that the visiting rota is no longer required. Both Derek and Sylvia would like to thank all those who took the trouble to visit and help Derek in his recovery. My next report will cover the weekend away in Llangollen which I am sure we will all enjoy.



Sports and Entertainment

District Following our defeat in the semi final of the 10 Pin Bowls against Cannock we also were beaten by Cannock in the semi final of the Darts competition. My thanks as always to all those who turned out in support of our Club. I also understand from Peter Wright that we were equally unsuccessful in the latest round of the District Quiz. All in all March was not our finest hour.

Rotathlon Slot Car Racing was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Short Mat Bowls 5th April 14 playing watch this space.

Pitch and Put is scheduled for 31st May probable new venue for golf and food

Boules 7th June the Plough at Claverly

Entertainment Weekend Away 14th & 15th April to **Llangollen**. This promises to be a great weekend. Horse drawn Canal Boat trip, Steam Engine ride and lots more. Staying at the Hand Hotel where else!!! **Stokesay Court** Guided Tour, Gardens and afternoon tea 30th May and all for only £16

Hand Over / **Summer Party Event** 24th June SS Golf Club. **Canal Boat Trip** with Live Music and Fish and Chip Supper on 9th August all for less than £20 per head. Those who went last time will recall a great evening with music we recognise. Church at **Pattingham** and Lunch at Patshull Park have been booked for 16th December with entertainment. Peter Hand

As you prepare to choose you committees...

Oh, give me your pity, I'm on a committee

Which means that from morning to night

We attend and amend and contend and defend

Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur

And reiterate all of our thoughts,

We revise the agenda with frequent addenda

And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose

We support and oppose

And the points of procedure are fun.

But though various notions are proposed as motions,

There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve, but never dissolve,

Since it's out of the question for us.

What joy a position on this our committee.

Where else could we make such a fuss?



Rotary Foundation

Ken Wagstaffe, chairman (not 'chair'!) of District 1210 Foundation Committee, came to fill us in on the purposes of Rotary Foundation. Its mission statement can be summarised as 'Doing good in the world' and it has received 10 consecutive 4 star ratings from Charity Navigator in USA. (Less than 1% of international charities have achieved this). Its annual income is currently \$930 million and it spends a modest 7.8% on running costs. It gives 50% in global grants and 50% to Districts,

the former larger (like the current Global Grant project -Bangalore + D1210 item - \$39K). Rotary Foundation focuses on 6 areas : Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy and Economic and Community Development. District 1210 currently has \$125K of global grants 'in the pipeline'. Our Club is one of the biggest givers in the District which is 'oversubscribed' with District grant requests this year. The current situation regarding Polio Eradication is that \$1.7 billion has been spent on this action since the start 30 years ago. Then there were 350 000 new cases worldwide each year; this year we have 5 new cases so far. Hearing that Wales, Ireland and Scotland are foreign countries for purposes of global grants, a proposal to rebuild Hadrians Wall was suggested ! (Picture of Ken in West Bengal recently, visiting a water and sanitation project funded by a global grant from D1210) SW

Club Diary

14-16th April Llangollen Weekend Away

17th April Zone 6 Meeting

23rd April Interclub Skittles

23rd April Governing Council

26th April St Georges Charity Film Night : Darkest Hour

5th May District Assembly

20th May Dragon Boats

21st May Governing Council

23rd May Bridgnorth 75th Charter Night

24th May District Council

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Meetings & Speakers

Tues 17th April John Wilson Buddy Bags

Tues 24th April Colin Cundy Travels in India

Tues 1st May AGM

Tues 8th May No meeting Bank Holiday

Tues 15th May Mark Cooper History of the Longbow

Tues 22nd May Club Assembly

Tues 29th May No meeting Bank Holiday

Duties	Meeting Steward	Speakers Host	Money Steward
17th April	C.Baker	R.Green	G.Lowndes
24th April	S.Bott	P.Hand	T.Rissbrook
1st May	M.Boyce	AGM	D.Sanders
8th May	No meeting		
15th May	T.Budd	J.Hobbs	J.Walters
22nd May	L.Chambers	(Club Assembly)	R.Walton

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 4 pm 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)