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Tree of Remembrance Presentations

President Paul presented cheques to the main charities supported by The Tree of Remembrance at Christmastime. We managed to raise just over £6,000 and each of the charities featured received a cheque for £1,400. Left to right : Susan Husband MS Therapy Centre, President Paul Lockley, Vicki Wootton Compton Care and Hayley Powell The Haven Wolverhampton. Contributions were also made to Help for Heroes and to Compton Care choir, the balance was retained for Rotary Charities. Thank you to everyone who supported us in this project particularly the people of Wolverhampton and surrounding areas for their generosity.

Sports and Entertainments

Rotathlon

2018/19 Winners so far

Crown Green Bowls---- Peter Hand

Pitch and Put -----David Berriman

Darts -----Stewart Ross

Dominoes -----Roy Sutcliffe

Slot Car Racing -----John Bloxham

Snooker -----Dick Dawes

The leader board is with only 6 points separating the first 7 places ---- all to play for!!

Next Ten Pin Bowls on 13th February followed by Skittles on 21st march

Boules to follow in May and for the first time we have introduced Croquet into the competition.

District Sports

Your team lost at snooker against Cannock. This was followed last Thursday by a further miss in the quarter finals at darts against Bilston by 4 games to 2. Both the lady members of the Bilston team were successful.

On the good side we have progressed to the semi final at 10 Pin bowls. Our next match is against Cannock is towards the end of February.

Our brains team are through to the next round of the District Quiz in March

Club Events

The Presidents End of year has been fixed at the South Staffs Golf Club on 30th June.

Considerable interest has been shown in the Last Night at the Proms Evening in September and numbers need to be firmed up shortly. PH

Wolverhampton Young Citizen Award 2019

Wolverhampton Young Citizen Award is run by the local rotary clubs and has the support of the Council, Wolves and many other organisations and individuals working with young people in the City. This year the event will start with Celebrating Good Citizenship in our Schools. The Young Citizen of the year awards launches in March.

In February, all Secondary Schools and Wolverhampton College will be invited to choose a good citizen champion for their school and send a paragraph about his/her work to the Wolverhampton Young Citizen Committee. The Committee is looking for examples of one young person who has best demonstrated good citizenship by 'going the extra mile' to serve their fellow pupils, their school or their community. (* See below) The Director of Education for Wolverhampton, Meredith Teasdale, has agreed to coordinate the process for us by writing to the schools on our behalf and receiving the nominations.

The Committee are seeking individuals who can demonstrate qualities such as community enterprise, leadership, compassion, care for others, empathy, teamwork, service above self, community research and interest. Examples of good citizenship could be peer mentoring, voluntary work, organising charity events, fund raising for good causes, helping the sick or disabled, environmental projects, learning support, research into local needs or a charity. Individuals must be aged 13 to 19 years of age.

Schools should be attracted to participate because:

1. The Express and Star will run a two-page spread celebrating good practice in citizenship with an example from each school of the work of their chosen individual pupil. It will be good publicity for the schools and promote good citizenship.
2. Schools are required to demonstrate citizenship in their curriculum and the life of the school. This will celebrate their work.

All those nominated by their school will automatically go forward to the young citizen of the year awards to be launched in March with a closing date of 31st May. If one of the pupils nominated wins the award, the school will receive £500. **BB for Y&CS Committee**



Rotathlon Snooker

Some of the Rotathlon Revellers turned out on the night we first had a sprinkling of snow to play snooker. The format of the evening was for every entrant to play 3 games each made up of 3 groups ie 9 games. The first rounds were played over 15 minutes which equalled 1 unit of lighting. The first few games went well with the President elect Richard just losing out to President Paul by 10 points. Last year's winner Peter Hand won his first 2 games but lost out to Paul on his 3rd game. The order of achievement was arrived at by the total of each individual's scores. This resulted in Dick with 62 points and Paul with 61 points playing the final closely followed by Peter and Robin. There is obviously life in the old dog still as Dick has never won the Cup before having been a finalist many times. He eventually won 44-28 with only 6 reds put up. Once again my

thanks to John Bloxham for collecting the fish & chips. **DD**

Editor : * I have a little space to fill and the sentence asterisked above allows me (as a former language teacher) to comment on a common feature of modern English. We have here a singular subject pluralised by the use of 'their' three times later in the sentence. I would myself be bound to write 'his' fellow pupils (or 'his and her' fellow pupils.) I think this is bending over backwards to avoid using 'his' and meaning 'his or her'. I realise that this grammatical attitude will be of no avail against common usage. **SW**



In Far- Away Goa

One day we returned from the beach, had a shower and switched on the television. By a miracle we were on the right channel (of the 300+ available) and discovered that Indian TV was about to broadcast the Wolves vs Leicester match live! Jeni can count on one hand the games of football she has watched but we were captivated. Two up, two goals by Leicester, 3-2, 3-3....and in the 93rd minute 4-3. What a match! What a surprise! (I think this was after the Cup draw with Shrewsbury and we had to wait for the positive outcome of the replay match.) SW

YOUNG MUSICIANS

A quite exceptional array of young musicians performed at the Wolverhampton Area round of the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland young musicians competition on Sunday Feb 3rd at the Wolverhampton Music School. The event was sponsored jointly by the Bilston and Wolverhampton West, Newcastle under Lyme, Sedgley and Wombourne, Stafford Knot, Tettenhall, Wednesfield, Willenhall, Wolverhampton and Wolverhampton St. Georges clubs.

Adjudicators Peter Edwards and Simon Platford had an extremely difficult task to select the winners, commenting that the standard this year was very high indeed.



They eventually selected vocalist Fiona Winning, sponsored by the Tettenhall Club, and instrumentalist trombonist Rosalind Fearnough, sponsored by the Wolverhampton club to go forward to the District final which will be held at the Music School at 3pm on Sunday, March 3rd.

Subsequent rounds are the Regional Final which takes place in Cheltenham on March 31st and the National Final in Chelmsford on May 4th. Rosalind, aged 17, attends St Peters Collegiate School and has achieved a place at

the Royal Northern Conservatoire where she hopes to further her ambition to become a professional musician.

Robbie Burns



There was a strong gathering of the Wolverhampton Clan to mark the anniversary of Robbie Burns' birth at the Burns night celebration organised by the Wednesfield club on Friday, 25th January, exactly 260 years after the birth of Scotland's greatest poet.

After President Helen Perkins had faithfully delivered the Selkirk Grace, the haggis was piped in and Master of Ceremonies Bill Hogg delighted us all with his wit and traditional address to the haggis.

'Fair Fa your honest sonsie face...great chieftain o the puddin' race....'

The 'toast ta the lassies' was delivered by Past District Governor Richard Green to which the response came from Inner Wheel District Chair Susan Dapaah. As is traditional, there were many quotations from Burns' work....'the honest man tho e'er sae poor, is king o' men for a tha....' A wonderful evening in convivial company.



Ken Timmis MBE JP LCIE

Nobody took any notes when Ken came to talk to the Club on 8th January so this is cobbled together! He is chairman of the Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group which he works for in recognition of the care he received when he suffered a heart attack some years ago. The group has raised £2 million since its inception, partly in last year's Best foot forward. (Brian Woolley knows him from the



Best Foot Forward

Since being first staged in 2013, this event has enabled the club to create funding of over £117,000 for a raft of charities, most of them local. Within this total over £47,000 has been raised by charities for themselves, using Best Foot Forward as their own sponsored fundraiser. The remaining £70,000 has been provided by the event Patrons – companies and organisations which support our event with donations of £250 upwards, because they want to be associated with the benefits derived by the charities as the result of our staging the event. Inevitably every year some patrons have to be replaced and we are also striving to boost the annual total distributed.

Please will you help?

Please spare a few minutes to go through all your contacts at a senior level in community-minded companies for possible new Patrons for this year's event on 6th July. Just let any members of the committee have the details – we will be very happy to make the approach



The Heroin Route Programme

John Mottram from Etruria Rotary Club gave us a most illuminating talk about the fight against heroin misuse. After his 32 years as a policeman he became a consultant connected to the European Union's Heroin Route Programmes, now in their third iteration. The Taliban in Afghanistan, where the opium poppy is mostly grown, has rationalised its criminal involvement, for the money and the spurious notion of attacking the corrupt West! The refinement and transport of the drug has produced a vast network based firstly in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran and spreading partly via Africa to the European 'market'. The EU programmes are mounting an increasingly competent counter action but the problem is vast – of the world's 300 million container movements only 5% are checked. There is little consolation in the facts that the three base countries now have drug abuse problems or that cocaine, cannabis and chemical 'highs' are competing in the drugs market. 1200 plus youngsters die in Britain each year from heroin misuse. The British National Crime Agency needs the international cooperation. And Brexit might impede this! Not a happy story. SW

Paul's Pearls is missing from this edition of Hub. I hope that there is no unfortunate reason for this. The readers are promised a double helping in the March issue. SW

Diary

13th February Rotathlon 10 Pin bowls
11th to 15th Feb MS Centre Cake Week
16th Feb St Georges French Night at Albert Tennis Club
14th March District Quiz
19th March (evening) Cosford Apprentices presentation
25th Governing Council
29th March MS Centre Spring Fayre
29th March Wellington RC 90th Charter Night
Saturday 6th July Best Foot Forward
(Saturday 14th September Last Night of the Rotary Proms 2019 at Symphony Hall. See www.thsh.co.uk A group booking is contemplated.)

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Meetings

Tues 12th Feb Presidents Review Group—proposals for change
Tues 19th International and Foundation Cttee presentation
Tues 26th Paul Brennan : Down to Earth with the RAF
Tues 5th March Jane de Ville Almond : Male Obesity
Tues 12th March President's Review Group (contd)

Duties

Meeting Steward Speaker's Host Money Steward

12th	B.Bailey	n/a	S.Williams
19th	C.Baker	M.Colley	P.Wright
26th	S.Bott	F.Dukes	J.Wootton
5th March	M.Boyce	R.Fielding	G.Lowndes
12th	M.Colley	P.Hand	D.Sanders

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 by telephone).