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#### PROSTHETIC HANDS

When industrial designer Ernie Meadows and his wife Marj lost their 18 year old daughter Ellen in a car accident, Ernie decided to create a legacy her memory. He developed a design for a low cost, light, durable and functional prosthetic hand. In 2006 Ernie gave the hand to Rotarian friends, specifying that no one should profit from the production and distribution, and that no recipient should be charged. Rotary clubs, particularly those in Rotary District 5160, northern California, along with many others, funded the production of the hands which have been distributed throughout the world.

The hands are donated free of charge by the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation to Rotary Jaipur Limb. Now, many thousands of the hands have been produced, distributed and fitted at limb camps in India and Africa. They are also used in Colombia, Ecuador, Vietnam, Jordan and more. One such camp took place on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at The Government High School, Atibele, Anekal Taluk, 25 kms south of Bangalore, Southern India, and was attended by RJL Wolverhampton club member PDG Richard Green.

The camp was jointly organised by the Rotary Clubs of Bangalore Peenya, Hosur, Bangalore Spandana and Atibele-Sarjapura in Districts 3190 and 2982, under the exemplary leadership of Rotarian Mohan Kumar and with the help of Rotaractors and Interactors from the school. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> such camp Mohan had organised, and many more are planned. 86 men women and children received the LN4 hand at Atibele. These included Lavanya Prasanna.

Prasanna had lost her left hand and lower arm 9 years following electric shock – the cause of 80% of amputations in India, the others being railway, industrial and farm accidents. Hands are also fitted in cases of congenital deformity. In just 45 minutes, Prasanna, after travelling for 8 hours with her husband, had been assessed, measured and fitted with the new hand and given her first lesson in its use. The fittings were carried out by Prosthetist and Orthotist Doctor Chandani Korat who had flown many miles to give her services free of charge. The many Rotarians and other volunteers worked tirelessly through the whole day carrying out registrations, assessments, training and providing meals for the attendees and their families. Like so many of the people who were fitted with the LN4 hand, Prasanna smiled with joy as she received her new hand and said 'Thank You Rotary.' **Richard Green.**



#### Summer Lunch at South Staffs

Thirty-seven of us turned out in our best bibs and tuckers on a lovely summer's day with a view of the eighteenth green, woods and hills. This event partly replaces the Ladies Night so it was pleasing that six of the ladies were able to come : Sue Elliot, Freda Newbould, Val Parry, Ruth Parker, Anne Sharples and Jeanette Tweedale. Another objective was the Handover of the Lady's Jewel so Barbara passed the jewel to Sylvia who then presented it back, job done! Also IPP Derek received a club photograph, President Paul received another photograph (with interesting poses!), Sylvia, Barbara, Jeni and Cynthia received lovely bouquets. Unfortunately this lunch, pleasant and convivial as it was, replaces the summer party this year – what a shame. Never mind, the

food and drink and company were good, the organizers (ours and catering) did their jobs superbly well. We enjoyed it all, especially Peter Wright's commentary on Paul's photo and the fact that England scored six goals against Panama as we scoffed our lunch. SW  
(More pictures overleaf.)





## Pauls Pearls



Last month Barbara and I were on the verge of representing the club at the Cosford Air Show as guests of Group Captain Tone Baker. It is, of course, one of the highlights of a Presidents year and as it was the Centenary of the RAF it was very special. We had the pleasure of meeting PP Peter Barnett and Jane who were in the marquee next door ( at £250 a head!!). The show was brilliant although at times it was a bit too hot. Looking forward to next year already.

Next up was a photocall at the MS Centre promoting BFF. As I am sure you know it made a good spread in the E&S.

This photo was followed by the club photo, a copy of which was presented to me at the Summer lunch held at South Staffs Golf Club on Sunday 24th June. What a super day. The weather was perfect as was the venue, the lunch and of course the Ladies.

It has been a particularly busy time recently. My valedictory, my Induction, details of which are elsewhere. It was also my 75th birthday all within 7 days.

We have just returned from a trip to the Castlefield Bowl in Manchester where Barbara was treated, by the children, to a performance by The Rag and Bone Man. It was a very enjoyable evening, "getting down with the yoofs." I was half expecting to be handed a goldfish in a plastic bag! Next month we will have done Best Foot Forward, Civic day and the DG's visit. Can't wait till September...who thought delaying the break by another month was a good idea....Oh! That was me.



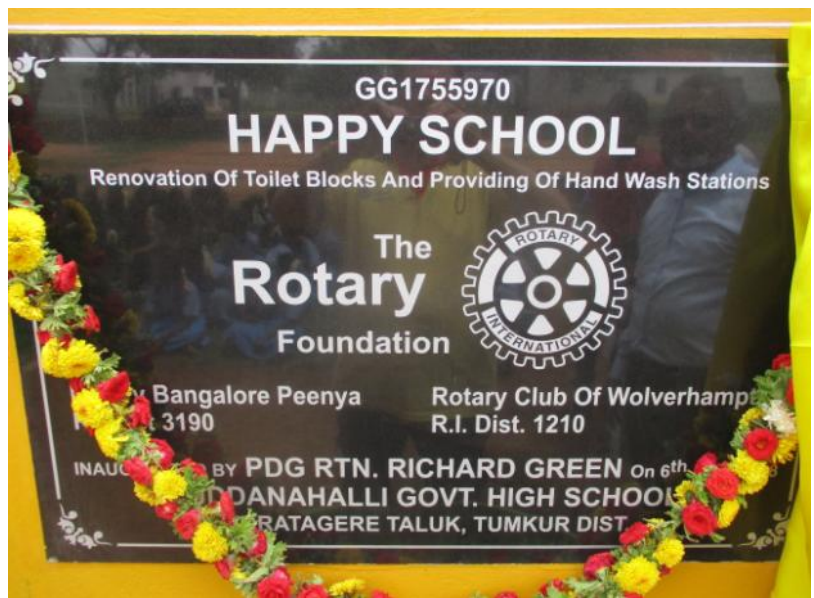


## Past District Governor Richard Green reaches the pinnacle of his Rotary career.

At last, my name is on the wall of a school toilet! It's in a village called Duddenhalli, about 40 kms south of Bangalore. It appears on a plaque, unveiled by me to mark the first of 6 new school toilets under a Rotary Foundation Global Grant project valued at \$40000, to bring fresh water and sanitation to these schools in remote villages in accordance with one of the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus for grant funded projects..

The project is a joint venture between the Foundation/International committee of the Wolverhampton club and the Rotary club of Bangalore Peenya and it was my honour to be invited to attend the inauguration ceremony during a visit to India in May and June this year. I invited the head boy and girl of the school to help me to unveil the plaque and then President Savitha Suresh of the Peenya club and I duly cut the ribbon at the entrance door.

When the building work has been completed in all 6 schools it is estimated that we will have improved the well being and the quality of school life for over 2500 children. RG



### The Les Burrell Award

This year the RAF is 100 years old and Cosford is 80, so we are pleased that Group Captain Tone Baker was able to come to lunch and award the Les Burrell Trophy to Mike Boyce, for his great contribution to fellowship. Les was Tone's CO when he arrived at his first posting in Cosford. He attended this year's 80th anniversary dinner and they were able to have a little of the old banter despite the old man's failing health. Mike was very pleased to receive our

award. And then Brian Woolley sent in a historic photo of Les Burrell handing to him the trophy at Dragon Boats in 2002—we have since discovered that the first actual **recipient** of the award was Rod Jones



### Club Photo 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The photo below was given to President Paul at the Summer Handover Lunch and organizer Peter Wright commented thus : Only Brian Oates was still behind the camera. When we said take it again you're not in it. He said 'no that's OK'. It wasn't until I received the copy of the photo that I realized why – Rod Jones had sat in his chair! But I have to say that I think Brian has produced an all-action masterpiece which ranks alongside da Vinci's Last Supper and fully reflects the club year. It's a bit like a picture of the England squad just after they have been knocked out of the World Cup. On the left flank you have Beddows, Fellows and Jones reflecting on their inability to prevent the winning goal . In the centre is Mike Boyce still holding his injured knee. Colley and Rissbrook are discussing whether it was a



penalty. At the back Jacques is about to remove the gum he has chewed throughout the match. Richard Green looks on in complete disgust. Centre Back Peter Davis looks completely lost. Wright is as usual failing to make any impression at Right Back. At the front next to the Captain, Williams continues to gesticulate, probably telling the referee where he can stick his whistle. PW





## Best Foot Forward Launch

On 15th June the Express and Star published an article to promote BFF. The charities being supported this year are The MS Centre, Central Youth Theatre and The Rotary Charitable Trust. As ever the event will take place at Aldersley Stadium on 7th July from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The call goes out to all comers to do laps of the track, running, walking, with your dog, in your wheelchair etc. This year we will be without Cosford Cadets who are called elsewhere in this RAF Centenary Year. So come and help the good cause and help your own fitness.



## Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2018

Mayor Phil Page invited finalist candidates, parents, former winners and runners-up, sponsors, and Rotarians to the newly refurbished Civic Suite. Roger Timbrell expertly 'emceed', Peter Madeley sympathetically introduced the eight youngsters – plus Alfie Bough. He received a special award for his untiring efforts in support of charitable causes at his very young age. Mayor Page jovially awarded certificates to all eight finalists: Millie Betteridge, Carina Kaur Bougan, Taranveer Khangura (substituted today by her sister), Amias Perry, Gurpal Sahota, Alisha Kaur Swali, Anna Tabner and Richie Tanner. It was clear that picking a winner among this tireless and selfless group had been difficult. In fact the judges decided to choose two winners: Millie and Taranveer. They would each receive £100 plus

£250 for their chosen causes. For all present this was a heartening experience and we wish the best of luck to these admirable young people in their future lives. (Better photos later of the shortlist and Roger, hopefully.!) SW



### Freda Newbould

We are sad to relate that Freda died at home last Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> June). She was in her mid 80s. She had been president of Inner Wheel three times. She came from the Wirral originally and had been trained as a nurse at St Thomas's in London in the days when there were very strict Matrons and the shifts started with a prayer on the wards. (Perhaps we should resurrect both of these!) She was widowed in 1986 and has left two children and two grandchildren. She had suffered ill-health recently but had attended our last meeting in June and the Rotary Summer Lunch on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Wendy Sutcliffe, President.

## Club Diary

9th July Rotary Junior Technology Tournament, Uplands School

17th July District Bowls vs Wednesfield

Fri 20th July Youth Orchestra Concert

23rd July Governing Council

9th August Canal Boat Trip

4th August Rededication Bilston War Memorial

11-17 August RYLA Week

20th August Governing Council

Meetings on 7th, 14th and 21st August

No Meeting on 28th August, Bank Holiday

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## Meetings & Speakers

Tuesday 10th July Civic Day with the Mayor

Tuesday 17th July Business Meeting

Tuesday 24th July Visit of DG Ashley Gray

Tuesday 31st July Janine Loxton Banking Scams

Tuesday 7th August Business Meeting

Tuesday 14th August Jeremy Walters, W1 Homefront

Tuesday 21st August Richard Green on Bangalore

### Duties

	Meeting Steward	Speakers Host	Money Steward
10th July	M.Eves	Pres or VP	P.Davis
17th July	B.Fellows	Business	M.Colley
24th July	R.Fielding	Pres or VP	C.Cundy
31st July	R.Green	R.Horrell	P.Davis

Duties on 7th, 14th and 21st August TBA

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](mailto:ruth@hollingsworthandco.co.uk) or by telephone to **01952 581014** (ask for Rotary Apologies) and copy to [geofflowndes@hotmail.com](mailto:geofflowndes@hotmail.com) (or telephone)