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David Tuffley Paintings

The sale of the paintings by David Tuffley, a local artist who died in 2003, has to-date raised £1,000 which was presented by Rotarian Peter Wright to manager Susan Husband at the M S Therapy Centre, seen here with Sue Golding and June Pemberton, committee members, holding paintings which will go on sale at their forthcoming Spring Fayre at Newbridge on Friday 29 March.



Paul's Pearls

Well what do you make of that! I missed the deadline for last month's edition. So I will try and summarise the last two months...prepare yourselves!

We are fortunate to have had an interesting series of speakers during the last two months. First up was Ken Timmis who told us about the formation, in 1985, and continuing work of the Wolverhampton Coronary Care Aftercare Support group. They have been a supporter of Best Foot Forward and used the event to raise over £12,000 much needed funds for their cause. The next week

I was faced with a speaker meeting and no speaker. Fortunately Richard Green came to the rescue by giving an hilarious performance of his "2 Ronnies" talk. Thank you Richard.

Following that was the Tree Presentations which, as ever, was an enjoyable club event. On the 29th we would have had a presentation by the International and Foundation Committee, but we swopped it for the Les Goodchild talk. This was a very well attended talk in which Les told us about the formation of a different type of Rotary club, which was more appealing to those who would find a conventional club off putting. This talk generated a great deal of interest and by the time you have this edition I will be telling you about it's relevance to our club. Next up John Mottram, of the Rotary club of Etruria, told us a fascinating story of his experiences in the police force in the fight against the class A drug Heroin. He had spent many years in the Middle East, helping train local administrators and police to control the flow of the drug from Afghanistan to the West.

The next meeting was an important one for the club as it was a presentation of the proposals which arose from the questionnaire sent to every member. When you read this issue the club will be voting for its future. I am delighted to say that the membership accepted the proposals unanimously.

I was on grandparental duty the following Tuesday so I handed the meeting over to PE Richard which he took to it like a duck to water. Next Paul Brennan returned to continue his talk about his life in the RAF. Finally, in the week I write this we were superbly entertained by Jane DeVille Almond, a nurse by training, who came to talk to us about Men's Health. I would like to thank Roy Sutcliffe again for providing us with such a variety and interesting series of speakers. The clock is ticking...no not to our exit from the EU. 523 days gone and just 116 days left in the BBC (Big Blue Chair). There is still much to do before I will be satisfied that we have put this club on a solid footing for its future. Onwards and upwards.



St.George's R.C. French Evening

11 members of our Club with wives visited our daughter Club recently to support a "French-themed evening" at Albert Lawn Tennis Club. (Our support was greatly appreciated as we nearly outnumbered the rest added together !!). The room had been decorated with appropriate French regalia and striped shirts, berets and strings of onions around necks were on display (even though Clive Baker's waxed moustache kept falling off...)After a typical French supper meal (sausages and mixed veg plus a pud.) we were well entertained by an excellent musical duo who managed to main-



tain a super French accent throughout the whole evening (despite only living as far away as Shrewsbury !!) in their singing and conducting some hilarious "country dancing". (A couple of photos are attached from which you will note that two couples from our party, the Bakers and the Horrells, literally got into the swing of things with their contortions...)All in all, a most enjoyable evening (and once again proving that Rotarians know how to let their hair down..) P.P.Brian W.



Polio Crocuses 2019

The purple crocus, which is the emblem for Rotary's campaign to eliminate polio from the world, are in bloom in Bantock Park, Wolverhampton. This beautiful display, created in November by the Rotary club of Wolverhampton with the help of local schoolchildren,

serves to raise public awareness of the massive effort made by Rotary clubs throughout the world to defeat this horrible disease. When the project started



in 1985 there were over 1000 new cases every day somewhere in the world. Last year, there were only 33 new cases - 12 in Pakistan and 21 in Afghanistan. As of 19th February 2019 there have been 6 new cases reported this year. Rotarians

have donated \$1.8billion to the campaign, to which the Gates Foundation had added \$450 million matched funding. RG



Children's Trust Nepal

Alder Allen has written to thank the Club for its £500 donation towards the Chainpur Community Centre project. Educational and community facilities are needed in Nepal to stop farmers leaving the countryside (and lessen the need for imports of food). The photo shows the centre being built next to the primary school.

Wendy Sutcliffe PHF

Wendy , well qualified by her work with the English Speaking Board , has been a judge of Youth Speaks competitions for several years. However at the District 1285 final in Frodsham on 3rd March she was flabbergasted and delighted, after declaring the results, to be awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by President Glyn. (Roy has seldom seen her so stuck for words!)



Foundation and International Committee report

On 19th February Richard Green (chairman), Mike Boyce and Fraser Dukes gave us a full and interesting report. Rotary Foundation is a very highly rated charitable trust which receives money from all Rotary clubs and gives grants in six areas. Our club gave it £4300 last year and received, as a partner of Bangalore Peenya RC, a global grant which is being used to create toilet blocks in rural girls schools in India – hence Richard’s name appearing on a toilet wall in India! Our committee has spent its budget on a number of projects internationally ; Lend with Care (73 loans to date with no defaults), a grant for a school in Nepal, Jaipur Limbs, support for

needy families in Moldova, for a Malawi orphanage, a water tank in DRC, classroom equipment and extension in Zambia. In addition to the above have been the shoebox initiative and the marvellous ongoing Polio elimination effort. The latter has provided for immunisation but also for the establishment of specialised laboratories in 92 countries. At the present time the thousands of new cases have become 12 ‘type ones’ in Pakistan and 21 in Afghanistan. We await the blooming of the latest crocus plantings and could do worse than adopt the dictum of John Bunyan (quoted by MB) : “ You have never really lived until you have done something to help someone who can never repay you”. SW



Paul Brennan

Having struggled to join the RAF Paul worked his way up to the rank of Warrant Officer (or Master Aircrew) as he approached 40. Many would say that was sufficient, since W.O.s tend usually to run the show, but he still wished to be commissioned. His talk to us was a humorous take on the training involved when he was ‘grandfather of the course’ at the age of 40. During the several weeks of long hard days he was told off (not the word used!) by sergeants, even corporals and dominated by an Amazon-like woman C.O. (His wife Rita later told him that this lady assured her in the early days that he was in no danger of failing the course –she kept stumm about this!) He endured the tellings-off, solved the problems and even got his own back on a couple of officers. His account with military style bellowing reminded those in the audience who had served in the forces of their time at Catterick Camp etc On the day that Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, 2 August 1990 he won his commission - and served another 11 years as an officer. Ah, it takes me back! (Signalman Williams 23311954).



District 1210 Young Musician Final

Wolverhampton Rotary club played host to the District 1210 Final of the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland 2019 national Young Musician Competition at Wolverhampton Music School on Sunday 3rd. March, with Past District Governor Richard Green as MC.

A superb line up of 6 instrumentalists and 6 vocalists, having won competitions at club level from across District 1210 in Staffordshire, Shropshire and parts of the West Midlands provided a memorable afternoon for a packed audience.



Adjudicators James Thorpe, Simon Whitmore and Peter Aplin had an extremely difficult task to select the winners but eventually chose Kizzy Lumley-Edwards (vocalist, left) from Ellesmere College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellesmere, and Jia Ying Wu (piano, right) from King Edwards Camp Hill School for girls, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dudley, to go forward to the Regional Final which will be at Dean Close School, Cheltenham on March 31st.



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Another nice win on the Rollover Raffle

"Sutty" was chuffed to receive a cheque for £531 (Can't think why Brian is looking pleased. Or why they have switched sides in the photo!)

Brian Woolley reported on his recent visit to **David King** with his wife Margaret. David was largely uncommunicative although his responsiveness varies says Margaret. She is happy that he is in a good care home where he is well looked after. Club members are welcome to visit but should arrange visits with Margaret (telephone number in the Bluebook).



Men, women and health

Jane Deville Almond took on a quite difficult area, men's attitudes to health matters and gave us a rather uplifting talk. Broadly women deal more with doctors and men only seek advice when they are quite ill – in her years as a practice nurse women represented 80% of her customers up to the age of 55. After years working for the NHS she became an independent nurse consultant, opening surgeries in pubs, barber shops, a Harley Davidson showroom, motorway cafes etc. Her first special lunch in the Moxley Arms attracted 102 men – 73% of them had some problem that needed addressing. Men are not unaware of problems but the idea of 'I don't want to bother

the doctor in case he thinks I'm a wuss' often prevails. Women know what ails them but men need regular checks and don't have them – height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose, testicles, erectile dysfunction. Mental health is hidden, type 2 diabetes is galloping on with obesity. So her message was take all the tests (including the finger up the bottom prostate check). She gave it to us straight with lots of humour. (One quite alarming fact arising from her experience working in Bermuda – of its 66 000 population 33 000 are obese and one fifth have type 2 diabetes!) SW

Addendum to the Music Competition : Some of us thought that our vocalist candidate, Fiona Winning, had performed well enough to take the prize. However we recognised the 'beautiful sound' and 'really musical performance' of the judges' choice Kizzy Lumley-Edwards. Pianist winner Jia Ying Wu played without notes and, the judges told us, performed semiquavers with both hands. (Don't try this at home!) We wish them both continued success at the Regional Finals.

Diary

14th March District Quiz
25th Governing Council
29th MS Centre Spring Fayre
29th Wellington RC 90th Charter Night
Saturday 27th April District Assembly
Sunday 19th May Dragon Boats at Himley
Wednesday 23rd May District Council
2nd to 5th June RI Convention in Hamburg
28th June District Handover
Saturday 6th July Best Foot Forward
Saturday 14th September Last Night of the Rotary Proms 2019 at Symphony Hall.

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Meetings

Tues 12th March President's Review Group (contd)
Tues 19th (evening) Cosford Apprentices (at S.Staffs Golf Club)
Tues 26th J.Walters : Crime in Victorian Wolverhampton
Tues 2 April Ian Bell : Send a Cow
Tues 9th Group Captain Tone Baker, Cosford C.O.

Duties

	Meeting Steward	Speaker's Host	Money Steward
12th	M.Colley	n/a	D.Sanders
19th	n/a	n/a	n/a
26th	C.Cundy	R. Walton	R.Green
2nd April	P.Davis	A.Jacques	S.Bott
9th	F.Dukes	R.Horrell	M.Boyce

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).