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Rotary Club of the City of Wolverhampton

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A Hundred Years of Service

Founded in 1921

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Crocus Planting In Bantock Park

October 24th is Rotary International's World Polio Day. Once again, the City of Wolverhampton club planted 2000 purple crocus corms in Bantock Park to add to the many thousands we've put there over the years. This is to continue to raise public awareness of the Rotary campaign to eliminate polio - the purple



crocus being the emblem of the campaign. We are winning. There have only been 2 new cases this year - one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan, where Rotary has just reached an agreement with the Taliban that our vaccination programme can continue.

Additionally this year we responded to the Billion Seed Challenge by spreading a large quantity of wildflower seeds in support of the environment - a new area of focus of the Rotary Foundation.

We were joined by the Mayor of the City, Councillor Greg Brackenridge, children from Merridale and Uplands schools and the Bantock Park Users Group. The children really enjoyed working with us! **President Richard.**

100 years ago...

This is our anniversary year and several important dates will pass us by unless marked.

To update PDG Fraser Dukes foreword as written in the book "Seventy Five Years of Rotary Service" by PP Bob Lampitt

"The ideal of Rotary spread to the British Isles in 1911, and came to Wolverhampton in 1921, when, the then, Rotary Club of Wolverhampton was formed. The city has been served for 100 years by this club but few, especially newer members, are aware of the ways the members, through their service, worked to benefit the community. Furthermore, members have contributed to the advancement of the idea of Rotary around the world, both in high office and at individual, club, district and national level. "

It was about the middle of 1921 that George Stevens accepted an invitation from The Rotary Club of Birmingham, (our mother club) to attend one of it's meetings. He was so impressed that he sounded out a number of his friends and arranged a meeting at the Victoria Hotel where the feasibility of forming a club was discussed.

The meeting took place at Reynolds Restaurant on Thursday November 24th 1921 with the mayor Alderman James Thompson in the chair and decided that the first interim luncheon meeting would be held on December 5th 1921. This took place at 1.15pm at Reynolds Restaurant again under the chairmanship of the Mayor. No minutes survived but attendees were amongst the great and the good of Wolverhampton at that time.
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