

Boules Night

Fifteen Rotarians and "other halves" plus Susan Bloxham, ventured forth to the Plough at Claverley for the Boules evening on 23rd September and, fortunately, the weather was kind. The "Organiser Supremo" Geoff (even though not a member of the Fellowship Committee !!) did a sterling job sorting out the matches and the scoring assisted by Peter Hand and "Pitch-raker" Derek!

The eventual winner was Derek Morgan, closely followed by Geoff (2nd); Peter Hand & Robin T-M; Clive (welcome-home!); IPP Brian B. and "Stormin' " Norman.

"Chat, chips and sandwiches " followed in the pub with a reminder that the next Rotary/Fellowship meeting is Darts and Dommies on Wednesday 6th October.

To end on a personal note, hopefully we are slowly "emerging from many months of gloom" so if you feel so inclined, please support the Fellowship Committee in it's efforts to "breathe some life" into the well-being of our Club .Regards Brian W.

(I would have loved to have added a photo but it would appear that among the 30+ attendees that no one knows how to use the camera on their mobile phone....just saying, ED)

Books4Home

Dear PDG Richard & Norman

Thank you for copying me into this wonderful email. It is so lovely to hear feedback from the children. It seems that the youngsters are enjoying the books. Mission accomplished! Our aim for the project is to give every child a book of their very own, to take home, read, enjoy and keep forever. We wish to develop the love of reading, for children to enjoy reading with their family now, and also to maintain that love of reading as they grow up. If one Rotary Book4Home can help ANY child in this mission, then just WOW! The benefits of reading for pleasure are well researched and documented. Many thanks for your wonderful support with this project. You have made at least one little person in D1210 very happy indeed. *" it was really good I always wanted a Beast Quest book and luckily I chose one. "*

The book they may never have owned or read..... it just might be the book that changes their world. Without both of your help, this would not have happened. And, perhaps you did this for a further 199 youngsters! Many thanks again Kindest regards YiR Beverley

This is a copy of the e mail from PP Simon Walford to PDG Ron Lucas following the announcement of the award of an honorary Doctorate to Simon.

Dear Ron What a delightful surprise to hear from you. Thank you for your kind words. I too enjoyed my year as president of Wolverhampton Rotary. I was Medical Director of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals at the time and it was busy! We had a Rotary Scholar from New York State studying deaf sign languages too- Cynthia will remember organising a whole cohort of them and an introductory camp up near Bala. I bought a plaque of the "Four Way Test" and put it in my office – it is still there – now on the third incumbent's watch. In 1999 I was asked to lead a massive expansion of medical student training in Wolverhampton and then to be responsible for the health and welfare of all the doctors in training in W Midlands which involved a good deal of visiting around the region. Then in 2003 I was seconded to work in London as deputy director of the big programme which reduced waits for emergency care and then worked for ten years or so all over UK helping hospitals improve emergency and acute inpatient medicine. Finally I was persuaded to go work in Dublin for 3 years doing the same sort of thing for the government of the Irish Republic before I finally retired. I did all those jobs commuting each week from our home in Bridgnorth. Even then I became chair of the Board of the University in Wolverhampton. Three years ago Liz and I moved to Alnmouth on the coast near Alnwick in Northumberland and although the children thought we were mad they have all seen

how lucky we are to have a new house with enough room for everyone but a small garden and a big beach! The village is a real community with a very useful shop and we have been made to feel very welcome. We have a daughter with her family a bit nearer in Stirling, another in Cambridge and our son married a South African girl and they now live in Cape Town so it is two years since we saw those grandchildren. Who knows what the future holds – Liz and I have certainly slowed down but we both continue to have little jobs of a voluntary nature! With very best wishes. Kind Regards, Simon

(I spoke with Simon at the University graduation ceremony a few years ago. I asked him if he would consider re joining the club when he retired. He said that he felt that he couldn't because the club had (at that time) such a misogynistic attitude to admitting lady members. How times have changed...and for the better!ED)

Diary

November

Tues 02 Zoom meeting – Cliff Gammon "Goodbye Berlin".

Meeting ID: 826 0272 5452 Passcode: 469535

Tues 09 Lunch Meeting – Alan Peace "South West Coast Path".

Mon 15 Governing Council

Tues 16 Tettenhall Players "Codpieces".. 7.30 pm at Codsall & Wergs Garden Centre, £20 incl Buffet.

Tues 23 Lunch Meeting

Tues 30 Zoom - Fellowship Meeting.

December

Tues 07 Special General Meeting

Sun 10 Carol Service - St Barts', Penn

Tues 14 Social/Zoom

Tues 21 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Message.