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#### RYLA

One of the most successful Rotary projects for young people is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards ('RYLA'). This is a one week residential course at which young men and women aged 16 to 18 are given the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills. This year's course took place 12th to 17th August at Kibblestone Scout camp, near Stone Staffs. 29 youngsters had a highly enjoyable and successful time under the expert guidance of Rotary mentors and the professional Awesome Adventures company.

One participant was 17 year old Ollie Hall from Heath Park who was sponsored jointly by the Wolverhampton and Wednesfield clubs. Ollie wants to join the RAF as a large transport aircraft pilot and there is no doubt that his experience at RYLA will go a long way to him achieving success in his ambition. (Our picture shows one of the teams - 'Richard's Rhinos' with their Rotary mentor Richard Green of the Wolverhampton club.)

#### PE Richard wishes Bretby RC bon voyage

Over three days members of Bretby Rotary Club set out to push a barrel of beer from Banks's Brewery in Wolverhampton to Marston's Brewery in Burton on Trent to raise money for Burton Albion Community Trust. The money is to be used for increasing sport participation for local people with disabilities. The route was along canal towpaths. PE Richard got up early to see the first of the teams of pushers on their way and pass on best wishes from the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton.



#### Best Foot Forward Cheques



On 23<sup>rd</sup> August a large group was invited to the Mayor's Parlour where Mayor Phil Page and President Paul Lockley presented cheques for £4250 each to the MS Therapy Centre (in the person of manager Susan Husband), the Central Youth Theatre (Holly Parry Assistant Director) and Wolverhampton Rotary Club's Charitable Trust. In its 6 years BFF has now raised more than £119 000 for charity—this year over £19 000. Among the many runners and walkers 18 distinguished themselves by doing 100 laps or more of the Aldersley track—105 laps equal a marathon. The best of these BFF Centurions were Brian Slater (190 laps) and Earl Edwards (188). In addition to the above sums £6500 was raised for participants' own charities e.g. £3160 for the Coronary Aftercare Support Group. Thanks are due to the 44 Patrons, the hundreds of runners and the many busy Rotarians. A splendid effort!





## Pauls Pearls

Welcome back. It was good to have a break, which Barbara and I took full advantage of with a couple of weeks cruising the med. Looking back over the past two months in the diary I realise why I needed the break. To pick up the threads from the last Hub, after beating the Aldridge club in the district croquet competition we had to face Cannock next. Regrettably I must record that they just beat us. Still there is always next year! Tuesday 14th was the day I had the pleasure of awarding an honorary life membership to Dick Dawes. The following Tuesday I handed the Bradford Annan cup to David Berriman. Next occasion was the BFF presentation of cheques at the Mayor's Parlour. Another great opportunity to show what Rotary and our club does for the city of Wolverhampton.



So that brings us up to date except for a little story from our cruise. The ship docked in Malaga on the middle Sunday, giving a few hours to stroll and get a feel for the place. After a bite to eat and walk round the sights we were heading back near the cathedral. A small group of white t-shirted men and women were engaging with the public and on closer examination I noticed that the t-shirts were emblazoned with the Rotary logo.



They approached me to ask if I would like to know more about Rotary, at which point I introduced myself. They were from the five clubs along the Costa del Sol. We took a group photo a copy of which should have been with me by now...but manana.

The pic is another of my occasional series, this time from Roses on the Costa Blanca.

And so it starts all over again. If you read the last flyer you will note that we have a full program for the next two months.

Paul

## ROGER WELLSBURY 1937 - 2018



Roger Wellsbury was a cousin of Peter Wright and although not a member of Wolverhampton Rotary Club, was a strong supporter and attended numerous functions over many years. Through his friendship with George Sidebotham he encouraged George to tell the amazing storey of his wartime experiences and regularly accompanied him to local Round Table and Rotary Clubs. When George died in 2009, Rotarians Peter Wright and Robin Tyler-Morris suggested that The Club should recognise George's contribution to his country, the local community and the Rotary Movement of which he was a Past President of The Wolverhampton Club and Past Governor of District 1210. Arising out of this suggestion, The book "A Lifetime of Service" was produced by Peter Wright with much of the contributed material being provided by Roger. Several hundred copies have been sold perpetuating George's memory and providing funds towards The RAF Museum Apprentice Programme, from which has also evolved The Annual Apprentice of the Year Award which now forms part of the Club's calendar.

Many tributes have been received including : **Paul Sidebotham** " .....I will never forget him because he lives in my memories of my father's last years. George and Roger became quite a double act and without his help, research, enthusiasm and friendship I am sure Dad would not have been motivated to do so many "gigs" to tell his extraordinary story and besides that he was a special loyal friend and undoubtedly enriched his life." **Darren Priddy** (Manager Michael Beetham Conservation Centre)"...being involved with the Clubs you mention, you know he has helped change so many peoples lives. Roger played a huge role in the development of our Apprenticeship scheme and The George Sidebotham Annual Award. We will miss him at this year's Open Week". **Mick Shepherd** (MBCC Apprentice Manager)" ....Roger has long been a valued member of the MBCC team and will be sadly missed by our youngsters too". Peter Wright



### The Bob Lampitt Award

I found my academic gown, hood and mortar board, presented myself at the university and paraded through the streets to the Grand Theatre. (Thank goodness I wasn't reading out the names of graduating students e.g. Aanuoluwapo Opeyemi Barnigbade !) Francesca Bumpus was very pleased to receive her cheque and will be happy to lunch with us and tell us about herself when we have a suitable date. As ever it was interesting. Patrick Ball, who visited us a while back, was officially declared a professor. Vice Chancellor Geoff Layer sort of remembered me – his 91 year old father is secretary of the Harlow RC. He had a nice aphorism in his society-focused talk : 'Management is about doing things right, Leadership is about doing the right things.' Colin Brown read out the names (see above) and told me that a very large proportion of their pharmacy students are British Asians from our region. I had lunch with an engineering lecturer born of Turkish parents and

brought up in Germany ; he confirmed that Chemnitz is not a congenial place for immigrants . (My former workplace is looking good but there are hardly any language students among the 23 000.) SW



For the **Rotathlon Pitch and Putt** a small band turned out to compete on 22 August (at Ledene). Stewart was incapacitated so he organised us. Stuart was doing very well but came to grief in the water. Clive didn't fare much better. Rumour has it that Mrs Colley outscored Mr Colley. The winner takes us back to ITMA ( It's that man again) –



David Berri-man! After the sport it was a different story, umpteen partners and people with injuries came for a nice meal at the cleverly named Crown Joules in Codsall.



### David Tuffley Paintings

On 20<sup>th</sup> September the MS Centre very kindly hosted a gathering of some 35 (mostly) Rotarians and partners for a viewing and sale of some 50 works. In between drinks and chats about our holidays (and waiting for the fish and chips!) the Club sold a good number producing £505 for our charities. Peter Wright organised and reports that quite a number of paintings, all of a high standard , are still available. Anyone still interested may wish to refer back to President Paul's very informative flyer, several pictures and a bit of biography, sent to all of us on 8th September. (Send in your suggestions about what the ladies in

the picture are saying.) SW





# Un peu de philosophie

Can you imagine my delight and surprise to come across this public toilet in Nice with its strange notice : Je pisse donc je suis. The original, of which this is a scurrilous variant, is : Je pense donc je suis – I think therefore I am/cogito ergo sum. This the famous dictum of the rationalist philosopher René Descartes who died in 1650. (Thinking, and doubting what cannot be proved, was for him the start of rational thought.) Another humorous, anglo-saxon version of the Cartesian phrase is : ‘I’m pink therefore I’m spam ‘ ! SW

## Sports and Entertainment Report October 2018

**District Sporting Events** The Winter Sporting events are well under way and we have entered 3 District Events, Snooker, Ten Pin Bowls and Darts. The first round in two of these events have been concluded. Snooker was played against Wednesfield and Wolverhampton recorded a 6 to 0 win. Ten Pin Bowls against Walsall Sadlers also resulted in a success. Next rounds are to be played by 31st October; Darts against Willenhall (away), Snooker against Rugeley (home) Ten Pin Walsall or Wednesfield (home). My thanks as always to your team members for giving of their time and money to represent our Club.

**Rotathlon 2** Events have taken place so far this year Crown Green Bowls was won by myself whilst Pitch and Put was won by David Berriman. Darts and Dominoes is scheduled to be played on 10th October, Slot Car racing will take place in November and Snooker in January. Peter Hand



## Sister Club Agreement with Bangalore Peenya

A highly successful Rotary Foundation Global Grant project involving the clubs of Wolverhampton and Bangalore Peenya, India, in District 3190 is nearing completion. The project, called ‘Happy Schools,’ and valued at \$40 000, is for the provision of clean water and sanitation in village schools in the state of Karnataka, southern India. The project has proceeded so smoothly and the bonds between the two clubs have become so strong that a sister club agreement has been entered into.

One of Rotary’s key aims is to exchange and foster international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship united in the ideal of service, and the agreement will pursue these plans by exploring further joint humanitarian projects, exchange visits and encouraging communication between the members of the two clubs. We look forward to an ever growing friendship between our two clubs and our families, with a strengthening bond of Rotary service.

The photograph shows the signing of the agreement at Wolverhampton by President Paul Lockley, flanked by President Elect Richard Horrell and Vice President Brian Bailey.

## Club Diary

- 16th October District Quiz
- 18th October Past President’s Dinner
- 22nd October Governing Council
- 23rd October Will Farmer Antiques Evening (Grammar School)
- 11th November Remembrance Service
- 22 Nov. St Georges Charity Film Night (Finding your feet)
- 26th November Junior Tech. Tournament at Uplands School
- 26th November Governing Council
- Tuesday 11th December SGM
- Tuesday 11th December Zone 6 Meeting
- Sunday 16th December Carol Service and lunch at Patshull

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## Meetings & Speakers

- Tuesday 16th October Tony Gregory : Horse drawn barges
- Tuesday 23rd October Paul Brennan : the RAF and me.
- Tuesday 30th October Presidents Review Group 2
- Tuesday 6th November Louise Walker : Teenage Cancer Trust
- Tuesday 13th November Ned Williams :Hidden Biographies

Duties	Meeting Steward	Speakers Host	Money Steward
16th October	B.Oates	J.Wootton	M.Boyce
23rd October	N.Holmes	P.Wright	T.Budd
30th October	D.Sanders	n/a	M.Colley
6th November	R.Fielding	J.Walters	C.CoX
13th Nivember	R.Green	P.Williams	C.Cundy

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