



Coventry Rotary Club

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newsletter

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a word from our president



Dear fellow Rotarians

Even though I have continually said 'It's my turn', I regard it as an honour to be your President. The previous highest office I held was Chief of Combustion at Noel Penny Turbines; I was Chief of but one person – myself! (However our President has also been known as Pooh-Ba – Lord High of Everything else! Editor)

My predecessor, David Kershaw, did a splendid job of running a 'tight ship', and left it rather more seaworthy than when he took over, I believe; this was despite having huge responsibilities on the city council.

My main aim is to improve the club by increasing membership, the number of women members in particular. So far, Dhiran Vagdia and Roma Hawthorne have made positive strides for me in this direction; many thanks to them.

The handover occasion was made especially significant by the presence of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Volgograd together with Olga Lawson, who originates from Volgograd, is married to an Englishman and lives in Essex. The cities of Coventry and Volgograd were

twinned soon after the end of the Second World War, having suffered similar bombardment, though Volgograd's was much the greater. During the handover, Olga and then president David Kershaw lit a ceremonial candle of friendship. Our club is hoping to send a delegation including myself to visit Volgograd and its club next May, a very exciting prospect!

After the handover, I enjoyed the hospitality of Jubilee and Breakfast clubs at their handovers.

I also attended a District meeting whose purpose was to garner opinion regarding the proposed re-districting of our District 1060 with surrounding districts. District 1060 satisfies R.I. rules for district size, but some of the others are too small and might be absorbed into the larger districts (or so I understand!). There was unanimous opposition to the proposal at the meeting!

My President's Garden Party took place on July 28th and was, in my opinion, a resounding success, due to a number of factors: firstly, the generosity of June and Jeff Rowe in making available their house and splendid garden was crucial. Thanks are due to many

for supplying, transporting and erecting gazebos. 'Sauce' (Charles and Milda Rushworth) supplied splendid catering. Then there was an excellent turn-out of club members and guests. Finally, the weather was splendid, and supplied just one short, sharp shower to remind us how lucky we were not to suffer many such!

I attended Phoenix's Beetle Drive. The game was surprisingly enjoyable, and taxed both body and mind to some degree! It was also a very friendly occasion, as were most, if not all, the Rotary events I have attended since I joined. A tidy sum was raised for charity.

Most recently, we played bowls against Nuneaton Club at the Three Spires Club off Spencer Avenue. We suffered our usual (in my experience!) drubbing, but again it was a most friendly occasion, and raised a small sum for charity. Next year is the 60th anniversary of the 'fixture', which Nuneaton will be staging – it would be good to have some support, preferably chanting and waving banners!

President Phil

President Phil's Garden Party

Sunday 27th July



With grateful thanks to Past President Jeff and June Rowe for the use of their estate our President provided a five star buffet lunch and drinks to suit. The weather was always a gamble but largely it was kind save for one sharp downpour while most of his guests were in the house loading up plates from the extensive display of food. This had been preceded by a parade of canapés presented and circulated the trays to exhaustion. A secondary queue formed to allow the guests a view of an array of desserts which surely satisfied everyone who hurried their helpings away into the garden to be consumed under the shelter of the gazebos. A hearty vote of thanks was given by Vice President Trevor Webb who considered the efforts of the working party to set out the tables, chairs and gazebos;

not forgetting the efforts of the transport and the working group to bring everything to the party (and indeed to return it at the end of the afternoon). Nothing is as simple as it seems.

In a continuing discussion following the dismantling exercise an enquiry was made by Past President Keith about certain structural appendages in Jeff and June's garden. Seemingly they have B&B boxes for bees and a construction similar to a beacon without the appropriate lighting, this considered unnecessary because the bees in their garden know how to come and go by instinct! There is no doubt that this garden should qualify as a site of scientific interest!

So surely a good time was had by all.

Attendance & Rotary principles

Members of this club will, of course, be familiar with the object of Rotary since it is stated on page 1 of our club handbook. However, there is another set of principles created by Rotarian Herbert J Taylor in 1932. This was called the Four-Way Test which was devised to serve Rotarians worldwide in their business and professional lives. This has been translated into 100 different languages and is often seen in club newsletters around the entire Rotary community. Some clubs, and RC Scottburgh in Kwa-Zulu, South Africa (our twin club) is one, actually repeat this after grace at their weekly meetings.

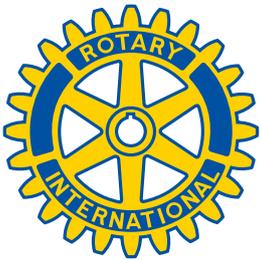
Of the things we say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Having trouble in keeping up your attendance?

We have four local Rotary Clubs as alternative options for you to consider.

1. **Coventry North**
Tuesday 12.45 pm
Coventry North Warwicks Cricket Club
Tel: 024 7631 8945
2. **Coventry Jubilee**
Tuesday 7.30 pm
Coventry North Warwicks Cricket Club
Tel: 01676 542255
3. **Coventry Phoenix**
Wednesday 7.30 pm
Hearsall Golf Club Ltd
33 Beechwood Avenue
Tel: 024 7667 5809
4. **Coventry Breakfast**
Friday 7.00 am
Coventry University, Riley Restaurant,
Tel: Jordan Well 024 7641 2520



Promoting Rotary

Whose job is it?

Each and every one of our members is in effect a recruiting officer. The ongoing development of a potential new member needs to be brought to the attention of the Membership Chairman and his committee who will help in ensuring that he/she will be given the background of the activities in which the club is engaged together with the wider outlook of Rotary both nationally and internationally.

One of the attractions of a healthy club is the venue. We can be happy to note we are in a convenient venue in a pleasant pavilion, plenty of parking and value for money catering.

Within each weekly luncheon meeting there is a good atmosphere. Plenty of banter which embraces everyone – possibly inspired in part by our silver Ted contributions which extracts a variety of comments within the club. The supply of good humour, together with information and general reports of club activities, is a helpful contribution from our President and his secretary.

We care for the welfare of our members who are unable to attend meetings and reports are welcomed.

Potential or new members need to be embraced into our committee structure and become active as soon as possible. While our club can be best described as "mature" we

must strive to engage younger members in order to lower the average age of the club. One of the ongoing attractions to our weekly meetings is the varied combination of speakers by those from outside the Rotary organisation and club members. It has to be said that our speaker's secretary well satisfies this element of club life.

In all this information it has to be stressed that to be a Rotarian regular attendance at all meetings and involvement in activities is essential. Good fellowship is vital which is an essential two way element. A Rotarian who has sponsored/introduced a new member must have a strong personal interest and indeed obligation to the person and realise that his/her responsibility does not end with induction into the club. The sponsor should be one of the main channels of support, information and be a partner of a special relationship.

Quote from Past RI President Dong Kurn Lee (Korea) "Rotary gives you the opportunity to build relationships, but more important, it gives you the opportunity to contribute to society. Rotary means the chance to help those who are less privileged. Weekly meetings allow you to meet with friends, to think about others and plan fund raising events. Everyone needs this".

Outward Bound

For the 35th consecutive year our selected group of special needs students from Hereward College, Exhall Grange School and Blue Coat C of E Academy (12 in all) departed for the Outward Bound centre at Ullswater, Cumbria last Saturday. They will be accompanied by Adrian Lamb and Kate Ockendon who will be our resident supervisors for the week long course.

In attendance was our Lord Mayor Councillor Gary Crookes, the Lady Mayoress Mrs Shirley Crookes and Jane Barlow, the Lord Mayor's secretary. This occasion was our President's first official duty which involved talking briefly to the Lord Mayor, students and parents.

The bus provided by 'A' Line was able to depart at 08.40 am for a journey of some four hours on a hot day. The forthcoming week promised to be warm throughout. This course costs £6,000 and is only possible because of the majority of funds are provided by a number of charitable trusts that we approach.

During this consistently hot and sunny week our group worked well together. Three of the boys appeared to be budding entertainers with Michael Jackson routines and comic joke routines which kept everyone cheerful. Rock climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, caving, camping and canoeing on Ullswater all proved to be popular.

Our group was judged to be the best at the all important "de-gunging" process following time out of the centre. This involves cleaning dirty footwear, washing all plates, mugs and utensils prior to the return to the main store and placing rucksacks and sleeping bags in the storage area. Margaret and I made a contribution to this while Adrian Lamb was in charge of the whole operation.

All returned safe and sound back in Coventry proudly displaying evidence of midge bites and sunburn.

John Hartley



OSCAR GRUNAU BOWLS TROPHY MATCH

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST 2013

This annual match was first played on 23rd July 1954 when the late Past President Oscar Grunau presented a trophy to both Coventry and Nuneaton Rotary Clubs to create competition of course but enduring fellowship. His wish was certainly granted over the past 59 years. However Oscar may have believed that honours were more evenly spread. Our club has much to do to redress the balance. Seemingly the team concentrate too much on the fish and chip supper and a pint of beer in the clubhouse than they do at bending their knees and using their right arms!

This latest match was played in fairly cool conditions and the evening was quite dull. Ignoring the state of the match the highlight was the sight of a sparrow hawk crossing the green with its screeching prey well fixed in sharp claws!

However this good spirited match was well fought by the home team supported by Jill Joyce and Margaret Hartley who both contributed points to our total of 33. The Nuneaton total of 47 revealed their supremacy. It could be said that Coventry was under strength on the night considering the absence of at least three seasoned players. Good to see Vice President Trevor on the green and overcoming his physical restrictions. He will be captain in the away game in 2014 when he will surely be looking forward to selecting a full strength team. President Gary of Nuneaton ceremoniously received the trophy from President Philip and looked forward to the 60th anniversary of the competition when the Nuneaton club was "promising a gala occasion".



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar - Kaoru Uehara

About three months ago year 6 students from Leek Wootton who attend All Saints C of E Primary School visited Coventry Cathedral under the supervision of teacher Sally Jacob. While there they became interested in the 1,000 coloured paper cranes hanging in the Chapel of Unity. They were able to research the symbolism and its connection to an 11 year old Japanese girl, Sadako, who sadly died from leukaemia which resulted from radiation caused by the Atomic Bomb which exploded above Hiroshima, Japan on August 6th 1945.

Coincidentally one boy in the class had lost his father from leukaemia earlier in the year. He contributed to the idea that his classmates, indeed the whole school, should undertake the task of making a setanabu (1,000 paper cranes) as a joint tribute to his father and to the memory of Sadako with her connection with the effects

of the radiation caused by the atom bomb. One boy applying his knowledge of maths realised that to produce 1,000 paper cranes would need every pupil in the school to make at least nine each. They would need to train everyone to fold the paper in the origami style. He formed a "crane club" to meet in the lunch hour where a production team was set up to complete the task.

Having packed everything away in a presentation box the next problem was how to deliver the cranes to Hiroshima and hang the skeins of cranes next to the large monument in the Hiroshima Peace Park. Coventry Cathedral was an instrument by a devious route to locate myself to see if a courier could be found. This was a coincidental contact because Margaret and I were about to meet two ladies from Hiroshima who had agreed to fulfil the task set by the All Saints

C of E Primary School. The 1,000 paper cranes will be given to pupils of an elementary school in Hiroshima who will ceremonially present them to the Sadako Memorial in the Peace Park and hang the skeins in the display cases. Eventually a report with photographs will be sent back to the Leek Wootton School. Special thanks to Mrs Hideko Okamoto for being the crane courier to Hiroshima.

Continuing the school interest in Japan our ambassadorial scholar Kaoru dressed in her summer weight kimono (known as a yukata) visited the school and faced many questions from the 11 year old pupils who were enthusiastic to learn all they could about Japan. Kaoru was given a conducted tour of the school and its grounds listening to a running commentary from one of the boys. All in all a good day!

Shelterbox Appeal

A collection taken at a club meeting to support the ongoing crisis in Syria was dedicated to the Rotary Shelter Box appeal. A sum of £343.75 was raised and receipt acknowledged by the ShelterBox Chief Executive, Alison Wallace.

We have been informed that reaching into Syria has been one of the biggest challenges that ShelterBox has faced so far. This has proved to be both dangerous and complex

for the volunteer Response Team members.

Volunteer Toby reports:

"Myself and a fellow response team volunteer are based close to the Syrian border. We are working with local partners who are able to get aid to desperate and displaced families in the most out of reach and dangerous corners of Syria.

When I return home, I will do so knowing we are doing our utmost to help the

innocent people caught in the crossfire. Thanks to your support, we are making a positive difference in the darkest corner of the world today."

ShelterBox continue to provide vulnerable Syrian families with the aid they need most, such as emergency shelter, blankets, water filtration equipment, cooking utensils and mosquito nets. Such items help them to survive

Door Duties 2013 - September - December

Members are reminded that it rests with them as individuals to arrange for a substitute and then notify the Secretary. The change should be recorded by deleting the printed name and writing name on the list on the notice board.

Date	Door Steward	Speaker's Host	Visitor's Book
2 September	Geoffrey Jackson	David Kershaw	Bob Kimber
9 September	Bob Osborn	Robert Pargetter	David Rees
16 September	Pru Porretta	Jeff Rowe	Trevor Sharman
23 September	Ian Talbot	Ray Thompson	Margaret Tse
30 September	Bob Townsend	Dhiran Vagdia	Kevin Vaughan
7 October	Jon Wilby	Amrik Bhabra	Trevor Webb
14 October	Keith Chapman	Terry Bond	Dennis Coombe
21 October	Ken Holmes	Jerry Cooke	Syd Creed
28 October	Victor Keene	David Cule	David Davies
4 November	David Kershaw	Rod Drew	Bob Hall
11 November	Bob Kimber	Brian Hammond	John Hartley
18 November	Robert Pargetter	Geoffrey Jackson	Brian Kelsey
25 November	Trevor Sharman	Bob Osborn	Mike Pittaway
2 December	Margaret Tse	Pru Porretta	David Rees
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23 December	Dennis Coombe	Jon Wilby	Dhiran Vagdia
30 December	Syd Creed	Amrik Bhabra	Senarath Bogahalanda

OSCAR AND WILF GRUNAU

School in Coventry before enrolling at the Coventry Technical College during the mid to late part of World War II. He at the age of 16/17 years became a cadet with association with REME and attained the rank of Captain in his ongoing career in the full service. On demobilisation he returned to the family business and became a Freeman of the City of Coventry.

His father, Oscar was a generous man and indeed a Rotarian, being a member of the Rotary Club of Coventry. In 1951 he presented a silver shield to the Coventry Boys' Club for annual sports competition.

Oscar became President of the Rotary Club of Coventry in 1954. For his amusement and his fellow members he was unable to attend the meeting which announced his forthcoming appointment. He recorded his response on tape which was duly played at the meeting. Giving his apology to the meeting he went on to say that he considered it an honour to accept the Presidency and appreciated the confidence of members that they had in proposing him.

As President he led the Lynton and Lynmouth Disaster Appeal in North Devon supporting the Mayor of Coventry's Disaster Fund.

He was the instrument as President to organise the sending of food parcels to Germany and Austria for the refugee camps set up there.

Again as President he persuaded his club members to dig deeply into their pockets and make extraordinary donations to support a new building for the Coventry Boys' Club, which eventually opened in 1954. Oscar, supported by his club members, took 54 physically handicapped children (8 yrs – 18 yrs) to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Coventry Hippodrome followed by a tea party at the nearby Fire Station.

Sadly Oscar died in 1964 and Wilf took over the reins of the businesses in Coventry and Nuneaton. His father had encouraged Wilf to become a Rotarian and he joined the newly formed Rotary Club of Coventry North in 1961 and became their President in 1972.



There is little for me to tell you about Wilf that I suppose you do not already know. May I tell you what I know about father and son?

Oscar came from a small village in Lithuania where he learned the basics of his trade from his father in coach building for horse drawn carriages, making harnesses and saddles. He even learned the art or skill of paper hanging and decorating. Oscar was smuggled out of his country and arrived in Scotland in 1910. After a short while he heard of the Daimler Motor Company in Coventry and he came to Coventry and gained employment as a coach maker.

In 1919 Oscar left Daimler to start his own company in Awson Street, Coventry and he appropriately named it "Awson Motor Carriage Company Limited". By 1952 he was employing 250 people and the business grew and expanded to a second factory in Nuneaton when up to 500 people were on the payroll. His son, Wilf, was in the business and along with his father became a skilled veneer specialist.

Wilf had been a student at King Henry VIII Grammar



OSCAR AND WILF GRUNAU (continued)

Wilf presented a bowls trophy to the Rotary Clubs of Coventry and Nuneaton for an annual competition and good fellowship. This event for the Oscar Grunau Trophy prevails to this day. The link with Nuneaton Club was brought about by the development of their second factory.

Among the lifetime achievements of Wilf was his participation in July 1971 of the London – Victoria (Vancouver Canada) Air Race for the Prime Minister of Canada Trophy. He flew in his twin engine Cessna and completed the course. He undertook this journey despite his strong belief in unidentified flying objects (UFO's). Those people who knew Wilf respected his views. He was never ridiculed.

Wilf came to the Rotary Club of Coventry on 4th August 1969 to address the members about his personal experience and knowledge of UFOs. He had recommended that I read an account of events in Pembrokeshire in 1977. While a fictional account of strange happenings Wilf believed the content and Wilf Grunau said that

he knew the author. The book was entitled "The Uninvited".

I sat next to Wilf on a plane journey to Lisbon in the early 1980s. I must say his line of conversation about experiences of flying his private aircraft certainly held my attention.

Wilf was a family man. His wife, Peggy had a daughter Gail and there were three grandchildren, Richard, Emma and Sean.

Sadly the Nuneaton factory was destroyed by fire and the business never recovered. Wilf was forced into retirement; the fashion of extensive use of veneered dashboards in cars was being phased out. Wilf was enticed to use his skills in California to set up and train operatives to produce a car kit company in the name of Madera Concepts. Although the association appeared to be one of partnership Wilf found himself working constantly on the shop floor. The business eventually failed. During his time in Santa Barbara he became a member of the Rotary Club of Goleta. There were two or three times each year when Wilf would return to the UK bringing the Presidential greetings

from his club when he visited both Coventry North (his former club) and to the Rotary Club of Coventry which of course was his father's club.

Wilf's wife Peggy did not stay in California and came back to Leamington to live and where Wilf would stay on his visits to the UK.

Failing health became critical in the mid nineties and, despite intensive treatment, he continued to decline. He was finally admitted to Warwick Hospital where he died on 24th December 1998.

Despite releasing all his skills and knowledge of his trade the partners of Modera Concepts or the Santa Barbara Clenet Coachworks never acknowledged the gift they had received from Wilf. The nearest they came to a compliment without naming him was that he was one of only two European automotive woodworking masters.

John Hartley
Past President

The Rotary Club of Coventry



Club Handover Meeting Friday 28th June 2013

This meeting achieved two objectives for our outgoing President David Kershaw. The first was to establish a twinning of our club to the Rotary Club of Volgograd. The inspiration for this friendship link came from a surprise visit to our club by Olga Lawson, indeed a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Colchester. Olga was born in Volgograd and pointed out that a Rotary Club had been chartered in her native city in 1998. Her visit was to observe the Madonna of Stalingrad of which there is a copy in our Cathedral.

On a later visit in May Olga presented a symbolic bottle of vodka which recalled Victory Day in Russia. It was interesting to learn that Volgograd is permitted to change its name back to Stalingrad on six special days each year. Also of interest is the fact that a 50,000 signed petition has been sent to President Putin to request the city's name be permanently changed to Stalingrad.

Clearly the city has many links internationally and the first twin city was Coventry in 1943 and now the connections have grown to 21. The general theme centres on friendship through Peace and Reconciliation. With a population of just over a million the city supports six universities covering a variety of disciplines.

President David presented a silver candlestick to Founding and Past President Tatiana who shared the lighting of the candle expressing our joint friendship. Also representing the Russian club was Igor Chernov and his son Georgy, who is eleven years old and a member of Interact.

We then turned to the business of the handover. In his valedictory address President David commented upon the good experience he had during his year and perhaps he might be able to join the table which contained the chattering class of the Club! In handing over to new President Philip he expressed his thanks for being able to stand in for him when enforced absences occurred. President Philip in his opening statement declared a wish to grow our membership by concentrating on the female gender. He may well have connection in this direction and his ambitious approach should not be underestimated. The concept of fund raising by bird watching will be a test for club members.

The presence of our Lord Mayor Councillor Gary Crookes and Lady Mayoress Mrs Shirley Crookes who having listened to all our proceedings must have convinced both that Rotary in Coventry and our club in particular are a local force for good in the community.



Young Designer and Technology Awards 2013

Having a good look around this exhibition held at the Transport Museum one has to admire the work of the judges in viewing 300 exhibits; even more so the excellent and high quality of research and work by students of 19 senior schools in Coventry plus one special school. However for sheer size and careful selection of materials the top prize was awarded to Matthew Dille of Blue Coat Academy having produced a memorial picnic table dedicated to Massey Ferguson Limited whose famous tractor factory closed 10 years ago. The approach to design and assembly was outstanding for an exhibit which will have ongoing use.

The exhibition seen in the early stages would have highlighted the efforts of Foxford School and Community Arts College to produce delicious French styled strawberry gateaux with piped meringue. Simran Thaply from Whitley Academy countered with a recipe from Italy and took the GCSE Catering Quality Award and a £50 cheque.

Tributes are due to all students for a generally high standard of work. This event was supported financially by the five Rotary Clubs, Coventry Transport Museum, NP Aerospace, Coventry General Charities and twelve other businesses and organisations.



A textile collection by President Kennedy School was well presented and worthy of a photograph.



Jake Parnell from Grace Academy revealed his interest in recycling with a four box unit which could be flat packed.



Christopher Clifford received a £50 Quality Award for his Art Deco wall cabinet.

Information for new Rotarians (and for old ones if they have forgotten)

The new Duties list can now be viewed on the club notice board. Please make a note when it is your turn if you cannot make the particular day swap with another but please tell the Club Secretary, Brian Winstanley, to keep his records straight and even write in the change on the list itself.

For new members we are listing the duties of the Steward which are not very onerous. The first job is to take the money off members for the lunch and then make sure they sign the attendance sheet, copies of which will be found in the steward's box. If there are only a couple of copies left ask the club secretary for more: he should have some in his brief case. After everyone has signed, this list should be given to the Club Treasurer who will later give this to the Club Secretary.

As soon as the lunch has commenced ensure that the numbers of members having signed in agrees with those sitting at the tables plus any late arrivals. Check that the number equates correctly to the cash and cheques received. Pass the list and payments to Treasurer Bob Kemble who will complete the appropriate payment to the Steward.

Are you the Speaker's Host?

This latest list is now on the club notice board so please check which date your name appears. If you cannot make the particular day swap with another but please tell the Club Secretary, Brian Winstanley, to keep his records straight or even write in the change on the list itself!

The only duty of the Speaker's Host is to entertain the speaker and give the vote of thanks after his talk. Before he arrives collect a card with the club's grace from the Stewards Box ready for him and hover near the entrance to introduce yourself as soon as he appears. Whilst talking to him you can find out anecdotes about him which can be useful during your vote of thanks. It is also desirable to introduce him to the President at this time before leading him to the Top Table just before the President rings the bell.

Are you on the Visitors' Book?

The latest list is now on the club notice board so please check what date your name appears. If

you cannot make the particular day swap with another but please tell the Club Secretary, Brian Winstanley, to keep his records straight or even write in the change on the list itself! Your duties are to ensure that visitors fill in the Visitors' Book (with intelligible writing please!) with their name and club (if a visiting Rotarian), or the name of the Club member who is introducing them (if not). Give them a Grace Card – these are found in the Steward's Box – and after lunch introduce them when called upon by the President. If the visitor is from far field then welcome him with a visitors leaflet. These contain information about the club on one side and a brief history of the City on the other. They can be found in the Steward's Box.

Thank you all for your efforts.

***PP Harold Smart
Chief Steward***

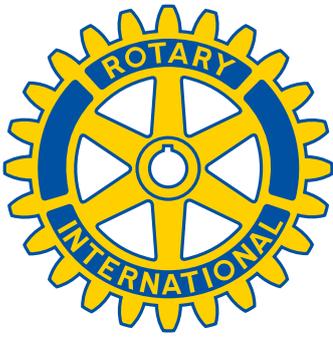
PLEASE NOTE. There are over 40 Rotarians in the club who are eligible for duties. With 3 duties to fulfil each week your turn will come up once every 13 weeks. If we increase club membership this period will be less so IT'S UP TO YOU TO DO THIS BY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!!



2013/2014 MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Will members please note the amended email address for our President:-

Phil.hodgson@coventrysavoy.org.uk



News from Inner Wheel

Within the proceedings of their Annual General Meeting held from 2-4 April in Bournemouth was a statement of achievement of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. Members had raised £1,251,332 for charities at home and £400,300 for 454 charities overseas. Adding to these fine achievements they provided 58 shelter boxes, 4,888 blankets, 5,000 cardigans, 6,500 hats and gloves, 1,700 baby bags, 4,782 Troop shoe boxes and 300 kg of used stamps (almost 1/3rd of a ton). These are impressive figures.

Secretary's Notes

What is Rotary?

Rotary is short for Rotary International. Service above Self is Rotary's motto. It is a worldwide association of local clubs for business and professional men and women who provide humanitarian services to the community at local, national and international level to encourage high ethical standards in all vocations work for goodwill and peace in the world.

And what is Coventry Rotary Club?

The Club is one of the five in Coventry. It was founded in 1921. The club has a full range of Rotary activities; community service, vocational training and job development, practical international help and support, young peoples' exchanges between countries.

It meets for lunch every Monday (except bank holidays) at 12.45pm at Coventry & North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Binley Road, Coventry CV3 1HB. Rotarians and other business and professional men and women are very welcome to come along to one of our meetings.

Please contact the Secretary, Brian Winstanley via email: secretary@coventryrotary.org

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Club Programme

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| 2 Sept | David Jane, Belgrade Theatre |
| 9 Sept | Vic Sheret, Director of Fundraising, Marketing & Trading AGE UK |
| 11 Sept | Red Lion, Claverdon |
| 16 Sept | Visit of District Governor. No Speaker |
| 23 Sept | Father Moses. Children's Trainers for Lokiliri, South Sudan |
| 27 Sept | Skittles evening at Barnacle Village Hall with other Coventry Clubs for Disabled Sports |
| 30 Sept | Carol Brown, My visits to Volgograd |
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| 7 Oct | Peter Wilson, PR Officer, City of Coventry Freeman's Guild |
| 14 Oct | Rashid Bhayat, Positive Youth Foundation |
| 21 Oct | Sarah Perry, The Coventry & Warwickshire Story |
| 28 Oct | Erika Coghlan, Director of Marketing, Coventry University |
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| 4 Nov | Peter Burns, President-Elect, Coventry & Warwicks Chamber of Commerce |
| 11 Nov | Canon David Porter, Coventry Cathedral (TBC) |
| 18 Nov | Special General Meeting. No speaker required |
| 25 Nov | Paul Carvell, Chair, North Warwicks Chamber of Commerce |
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| 2 Dec | Tina Costello, Heart of England Community Foundation (TBC) |
| 9 Dec | Mr Hunt, Deputy Chief Executive, WCC, City Deal |
| 16 Dec | Councillor Alison Gingell, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services (TBC) |