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a word from. our president



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Since the last newsletter our club has been involved in a number of events in addition to our regular weekly meetings and the other wide ranging activities led by our club committees. I never cease to be amazed at the variety and amount of voluntary activity undertaken by members in our local community.

We were delighted to welcome members from Torquay Rotary Club to a very enjoyable evening of friendship and fellowship at the Four Seasons Restaurant on Friday 5th October. This link between our two clubs began with Michael Hammon's generosity and hospitality when we were entertained by his club at the 2010 District Conference at Torquay.

This year the District Conference was held in Cardiff and attended by sixteen members and wives on the last weekend in October.

We enjoyed good company and meeting many friends. The highlight of the Conference for many of us was a passionate speech by Coventry's own David Moorcroft, talking with great authority of the Olympic movement and, especially movingly, of the Paralympic Games.

The weekend of November 10th and 11th saw Coventry's five Rotary Clubs support the 31st English Disabled Sports Team Championship at the Xcel Leisure Centre in Canley. This again was a joy to behold and reminds us all of the indefatigable human spirit. The concentration, determination and effort of all competitors was truly inspiring.

On November 11th we joined an enormous number of Coventrians at the Annual Civic Remembrance Day Service at the Memorial Park, led by the Bishop of Coventry. It was a very moving occasion for

all and it was good to observe the sizeable number of younger people who were present. In representing the five Rotary Clubs of Coventry I placed a Rotary remembrance wreath of poppies on the War Memorial.

I am writing this having returned from seeing the Christmas lights switched on in Broadgate and the Rotary's Santa Sleigh taking pride of place. This reminds me that Christmas is rapidly approaching! I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

David Kershaw





The Lord Mayor's Canopy Chair

When ex-apprentices are admitted as Freemen of the City of Coventry they take part in a ceremony which is held in the Council Chamber. Situated in the centre of this chamber is the Lord Mayor's Canopy Chair. Although this grand chair looks to have been a medieval archbishop's chair, evidence in the Coventry Heritage collection reveals that it was ordered as part of the Council Chamber's original furnishings at the start of the 20th century. On the upper left of the chair (viewed from the front) is a carving of Lady Godiva holding a small church and carrying a pilgrim's staff. This indicates her piety and her benevolence to the church. On the upper right is a carving of Lord Leofric. There is a "lantern" at the top of the chair which is used as a traffic light system of red, amber and green. When proposing, supporting or debating a motion Councillors are given a pre-arranged period of time to speak. During their debate the lantern is green but it changes to amber as a one minute warning and turns red when their time is up.



The Brian Russell's Sleigh

The handover of the Honda 4 x 4 vehicle by Listers of Coventry provided an opportunity for everyone to see the renovated Santa's Sleigh which henceforth is to be known as Brian Russell's Sleigh in memory of the sterling work he contributed to produce the original model.

Thanks to Listers of Coventry, Warmead, Nyanza, Sainsbury's, Harris Signs, Jason Gage and Harold Smart for the generous forms of sponsorship needed to put the sleigh on the road.

On Thursday, 15th November the covers were removed and Presidents and representatives of all Coventry Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract Club were present. This provided the opportunity for the press photographers to have a field day of exploitation of angles and poses in order to support a press statement to the Coventry public.

The Brian Russell sleigh will have travelled around several districts of Coventry encouraging the public to contribute to the Myton Hospices and the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service. The results will be announced in January 2013.





Rotary District 1060 Conference

Cardiff 26th - 28th October 2012

The Rotary Club of Coventry despatched a group of 16 delegates to South Wales to embrace two days of information, entertainment and enjoyment in capital city Cardiff.

The city certainly wears the mantle of the first city in Wales with some distinction. A first impression was clear to most of our party. Where was there evidence of economic despair? Everyone we met were happy and in a party mood. Shops, and there were many, were busy. The restaurants both during the day and evening were doing great business.

Ah! The conference! Highlight was the Colwyn Male Voice Chair that gave delegates a rousing performance on Friday, 26th. If only we could understand the words!

Saturday, 27th saw an agenda of many items perhaps too

many. However there were highlights. Helen Jackson spoke passionately about her campaign for National Parks. Dr Carl B Roberts CMG, The High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda, espoused the beauty of his Caribbean islands which he must do often since he is the official ambassador to the UK, France, Italy, Germany and Spain. He was very convincing with his PowerPoint presentation. Coventry's own David Moorcroft excelled himself and proved to be the ambassador we all expect. His praise for the Paralympic Games brought in the promotion of disabled sport by Rotary in Coventry.

Sunday saw the early risers attend a service before the proceedings got underway with Liz Moran of the Barchester Foundation. We hope to have her speak to the club

in the future. David Swettenham exports thousands of bicycles to Africa every year. This has led to life changing opportunities for children and young adults to develop personal abilities giving them a chance in life.

President David presented our Foundation cheque for £500 to District Governor Steve Cartwright who was surprised to learn that our club members had no fancy dress and were not physically able to participate in the Saturday night entertainment which included limbo dancing. Those of us who had not had surgery on hips or knees were able to realise that now was not the time to join their club! We retired gracefully to a French restaurant on Mermaid Wharf of Cardiff Bay and had a thoroughly good evening embracing excellent food in equally excellent good company.

Have fun, stay young
and exercise!



Can exercise improve your life? Exercise for the 50+ adult

Step right up! It's the miracle cure we've all been waiting for.

Joel Poirier, a speaker we received a month or two ago, proposed long life to each and every one of our members. Like him we were also hopeful. Part of his message is reproduced below:-

It can reduce your risk of major illnesses, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer by up to 50% and lower your risk of early death by up to 30%.

It's free, easy to take, has an immediate effect and you don't need a GP to get some. What is it you say? Exercise, of course!

Exercise is the miracle cure we've always had, but have neglected to do for far too long. Our health is now suffering as a consequence. Whatever your age, there's strong scientific evidence that being physically active can help you lead a healthier and even happier life.

Research shows that physical activity can boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. It's also medically proven that people who do regular physical activity have physical benefits as described below:

- ***up to a 35% lower risk of coronary heart disease and stroke***
- ***up to a 50% lower risk of type 2 diabetes***
- ***up to a 50% lower risk of colon cancer***
- ***up to a 20% lower risk of breast cancer***

- ***a 30% lower risk of early death***
- ***up to an 83% lower risk of osteoarthritis***
- ***up to a 68% lower risk of hip fracture***
- ***a 30% lower risk of falls (among older adults)***
- ***up to a 30% lower risk of depression***
- ***up to a 30% lower risk of dementia***

Given the overwhelming evidence, it seems obvious that we should all be physically active. It's essential if you want to live a healthy and fulfilling life into old age.

A modern problem

We are part of a modern problem because we are less active. Technology in all its forms has made life easier. The television screen does add to our relaxed way of life. Those of us who are over 65 apparently spend 10 hours (or more) sitting or lying down which makes us part of the most sedentary age group. Our inactivity is described as a "silent killer". We should all consider doing something about this. Why not join a bucket collection or participate in a sponsored walk. Rotary can help in these respects!

Any member wishing to know more about this subject, for his own good, should make himself known to the Editor who will happily send the whole paper to him. Professional help is available at 92b Barker Butts Lane.

Coventry University

Visit to the New Engineering and Computing Building

On one evening in mid-September a party of Rotarians from the Club were introduced to the new Engineering and Computing building at Coventry University. This iconic building, costing £55 million was designed by Arup Associates and built by Vinci Construction. It presents the state-of-the-art in teaching and learning and is crammed full of sustainable technologies, such as rainwater harvesting, solar energy and biomass boilers.

We were given an initial briefing by Doug Fewkes, the Project Manager for the University, whilst drinking coffee from the integral Starbucks. Liz Smith from the Faculty of Engineering and Computing then spoke about some of the pedagogical issues and the concept of "activity led learning", which the building supports.

Following this we had a "top to toe" tour of the facilities, starting with a green roof and ending with a Harrier jump jet, a formula one racing car and flight simulators in the basement. Between the top floor and the basement are the staff rooms (everyone is visible), student learning spaces (each with an individual screen), a 250 seat lecture theatre (all in the round) and other specialist items.

This is certainly a rather special building and will become, one imagines, the subject of several magazine articles and award ceremonies. It has a stark, almost brutal, architecture. Does this perhaps represent one perception of the subject matter of computing and engineering? It certainly demonstrates the way in which human inter-action is changing – and all because of that early pioneer, the first silicon chip.

We are indebted to Chris Smith of the University's Business Development team for arranging the visit.

IPP Keith Chapman



Windows with a difference



They get everywhere



What is this doing in the basement?



A place to learn



So this is a classroom!



English Disable Sports Championship

10th-11th November 2012

For the 31st consecutive year the English Disabled Sports Championships were held in Coventry and organised and sponsored by the five Coventry Rotary Clubs. The Xcel leisure centre in Mitchell Avenue attracted nine teams from all parts of the Midlands who competed in a variety of events such as curling, table tennis, rifle shooting, weight lifting for both genders, swimming, boccia and the popular slalom.

In a fiercely competitive two days Team Hucknall from Nottinghamshire was overall winner but only

by four points from Team Leicester Team, Rugby was third.

This event included a number of participants who were involved for the first time and the benefits to them was the obvious boost to their self confidence and they were, of course, able to share the overall enjoyment of everyone involved.

Thanks once again to the Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee who had the lead organising role.

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

West Midlands Special Schools Sports Championships

Wednesday, 17th October 2012

This annual event, now moved to a midweek competition was held in suspense due to the late arrival of the Birmingham & Wolverhampton teams. Traffic problems were responsible for the delayed start. By the elimination of the opening ceremony and trimming the time allowance for the various disciplines the organisers were to be applauded by finishing at 2 pm the planned end of the sports.

Frustrations to one side, eight members of this club were allocated the boccia event where the disabled youngsters revealed their aggression by throwing their red or blue "missiles" at a soft ball about 12 inches diameter. The actual rules of the game were stretched to the limit however – all down to the obvious enthusiasm of the teams involved. Very noticeable in one case was the recognition of a team who identified their best thrower. They quickly kept him/her supplied with ammunition from those less able. A display of teamwork to be commended albeit outside of the rules. One or two competitors occasionally threw their opponents balls back to seek an advantage. These games were an expression of genuine endeavour, encouragement and, more importantly, to be enjoyed by all involved. The referee, Dennis Coombe, was his usual vocal self ensuring the games were continuous. He chastised Rotarian collectors where necessary when the red and blue balls had to be collected at the end of each match. This back breaking exercise however was relieved by the welcome help by students from Henley College. Dennis kept Margaret on her toes in ballerina style when she was nominated to be his centre spot ball spinner.

When full time was called in some form of relaxation Rotarians sat as if they were the gang of four contemplating the success of their efforts.



The Ifakara Bakery Project and The Free Bread Funds – Tanzania

We went for a holiday to Tanzania. In Ifakara, in the Kilombero District, about 250 miles South West of Dar es Salaam we met the Sisters of St Francis who had a vision to run a bakery. They wanted to provide a staple food all the year round to the local population especially when their harvest of maize fails. Following some market research and making a business plan we considered such a project viable.

Although we had no help from any major charities we managed to raise £30,000 which was necessary to buy all the machinery, oven and equipment, even a generator. It was not easy but with a considerable effort and helped by the many donations from individuals and various organisations we were able to purchase all the equipment and also paid for the transport, clearing charges and installation costs. We visited Ifakara again to install and commission all the equipment as well as to teach the Sisters the art of making bread and the safe handling of the machinery in 2001. Before we left we daily produced up to 100 loaves of bread.

The bakery is a great success and today they produce between 400 and 900 loaves daily, providing local employment and making a huge difference to the Ifakara population. When all our friends heard how much the bread is being enjoyed in Ifakara they rallied again and sent us gifts so that we could set up the "Free Bread Funds" for those who could not afford their daily bread and 80,000 loaves reached many children in 2011, including:

- *Nine wards of the District Hospital*
- *The Nazareti Leprosy Centre and the Lepra Village*
- *The Ifakara Orphanage*
- *The Bethlehem Centre for children with learning difficulties*
- *Seven Nursery Schools, Kindergartens and Primary Schools*

For many this is a lifeline and they are all very grateful. To help maintain these Free Breads £25,000 is required in 2012. Any gifts, small or large, will be used entirely for the purchase of freshly baked bread as all administration costs are borne by us.

We are happy to talk to any organisations which would like to hear more about the Ifakara Bakery Project; we bring our own projector and screen and we charge no fees but are happy to accept any donations and if a collection is taken we shall be delighted; eg £25 will buy 100 loaves of bread!

Bread is the Staff of Life. If we work together we shall ensure that this food continues to be available to all the people in Ifakara where it is making a substantial difference.

The Ifakara Bakery Project and The Free Bread Funds

c/o Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg
18 Grange Hill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham B38 8RG
Tel 0121 458 5488 or email Emschellenberg@aol.com
Registered Charity No 1114531 – www.ibpfreebread.com



Godiva Day

Friday 7th September

Seven members of this club assisted the above event in operating as course marshals to ensure safe passage of the many school children from Priory Gardens to the Lower Precinct. Based upon this club's recent past experience with the release of 9 white doves to celebrate our 90th birthday, we were allocated the responsibility to handle a particular aspect of the programme. So what about "The Godiva Dove"?

Dutifully collected 9.30 am on Friday, 7th September to take part in the Godiva Day celebration in the city centre our white feathered friend, according to instructions, was kept quiet and at peace in the Priory Gardens' Faith Centre.

That is until its curtain call when within its churchlike cage it was collected by who better than Vice President Phil Hodgson, who has knowledge of avian habits, to transport it to the plinth at the foot of Lady Godiva's statue in Broadgate. The time for release at 12.30 pm had arrived for our modern day Lady Godiva to affect

a ceremonial release. This was done amid loud applause and cheering from the assembled school children.

The dove chose to fly past Primark turning towards Holy Trinity and then who knows where.

Returning the cage to the owner at 4.45 pm I enquired as to the time that our dove (known as No 16) had returned. The fact was that it was now absent without leave. Wither a lone dove? OK a sunny day and a nice opportunity for a trip over the countryside. The owner did not seem concerned. We suppose should a bird decide to leave the ranks then so be it. He simply mates another pair and gets them to sit on a few more eggs. Nothing to get "eggcited about"!





Barbara Kelly
Home girls
after school

Turning lives around for the poorest children of Chennai & Thiruvallur

In Chennai, capital city of Tamil Nadu, where India's fourth highest population of slum dwellers reside and in a rural area further north in the state of Thiruvallur, the pressures of over-population and poverty cause families to fragment – rendering them ill-equipped to support their children. In these circumstances, children are at risk of exploitative labour, girls are often pushed into early marriages and many face a future without attending school; more often than not this will be a future of poverty. With your help International Children's Trust is supporting exciting projects that move children away from this poor and insecure future.

The Rotary Club of Madras provides Homes in Selaiyur in southern Chennai and just outside Gummidi poondi in Thiruvallur, giving shelter and support to extremely poor children. Each Home has a dedicated full-time social worker manager with assistance from teachers and trainers of school

subjects (including English), and skilled trades. Over 120 boys receive school education, with personal support including healthcare, nutrition, sports and pastoral care. Many also receive vocational training and eventually they find work or further study as part of their entry into adulthood. These boys would otherwise have become unemployed adults without the ability to support themselves.

In 2009 the Rotary started a pilot programme to support children educationally and socially within the poor communities around Selaiyur. The project was incredibly successful. 45 children were rehabilitated into state education, with 2 boys and 1 girl going on to graduate in full vocational training. Staff have worked with parents and carers, and the children themselves, ensuring that the effective care delivered in the Homes is replicated for those children in the family home.

Plans are now in place to broaden the programme. The Homes will act as

centres for the target communities and offer educational, social, vocational and economic support on an outreach basis. Vocational training will be developed with a focus on preparing young people with the skills they need to find employment and support themselves in the local economy.

Also in Chennai, The Barbara Kelly Home for girls is a residential centre built and equipped with the support of International Children's Trust and Inner Wheel of Madras. The centre provides intensive personalised education for girls who would otherwise be at risk of domestic servitude, trafficking, early marriage and abuse. There is a strong focus on building self-esteem, working with families to equip them to support their children and promoting confidence and life skills. A vocational training centre also promotes computer and tailoring skills, increasing the chances of girls gaining employment when they leave the Home.

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 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!!

With Apologies

Your Editor apologises for four distinct errors in the September issue of the Newsletter and the delay in its delivery. He has paid the penalty through Silver Ted.

Through these omissions it has been established that we actually beat Nuneaton at the Annual Bowls Match in 2003.

Two spelling errors and the incorrect insertion of PP Bob Osborn's name as Club Secretary, rather than Brian Winstanley, lead me to believe we must do better next time.

John Hartley

Rotary Fellowship

A reciprocal fellowship meeting with the ninety-two years old Rotary Club of Torquay was held at the Four Seasons Restaurant on Friday, 5th October. Our President David was to naturally entertain the visiting President and found himself sitting between two ladies with identical first names. This could have been a daunting experience but as the Coventry Rotarians and their ladies anticipated this was a form of entrapment that David was well able to rise above and be the able host that he was to all the guests of which there were almost 60 in number.

President Vivienne Daubenspeck of the Torquay Club in her address wished to share the recent project of her club to support the establishment of a school in the township area of Cape Town, South Africa. They had put together a Rotary Foundation grant application in cooperation with a Rotary Club in Cape Town and the laborious paperwork was now in the involved and copious process of consideration. Being practical as well as hopeful of success the Torquay Club has planned to visit Cape Town in 2015 when the whole scheme would be complete and ready for its official opening. Considering our own club's

connection with funding from Foundation in recent years we can only wish them the very best in their efforts!

In reply our President David referred to his experiences in education where his knowledge of Rotary ideals and practices were put to good use to resolve a particular individual social problem at a school in Bradford. He also highlighted the current scheme with schools in Coventry known as "Africa Inspires". Five secondary schools had organised connections with schools in Kampala, Uganda, Africa. These links involved the development of the Olympic competitive spirit by introducing and developing games such as soccer, rugger, netball, etc to the pupils. Equipment was provided as a result of fund raising. The follow up was the visit by several pupils from each school to play important roles in this process and to provide a water harvesting system to their school buildings.

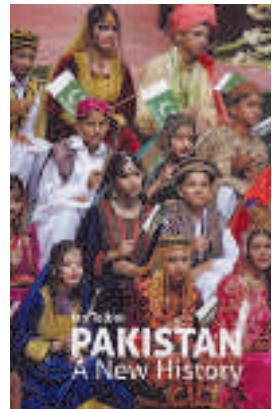
Throughout this evening good fellowship prevailed and special thanks are due to Mike Hammond for his influence and generosity in helping this occasion to become a reality.

Door Duties 2012

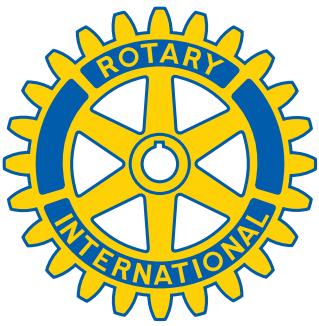
Members are reminded that it rests with them as individuals to arrange for a substitute and then to notify the Secretary. The change should be recorded by deleting the printed name and writing name on the list on the Notice Board

DATE	Door Steward	Speaker's Host	Visitors' Book
Jan 7	Geoffrey Jackson	Robert Pargetter	Amrik Bhabra
Jan 14	Bob Kimber	Brian Kelsey	Senareth Bogahalanda
Jan 21	Gerald Osborne	Jeff Rowe	Keith Chapman
Jan 28	Pru Porretta	Bob Townsend	Dennis Coombe
Feb 4	Martin Cooper	Bob Hall	Syd Creed
Feb 11	Rod Drew	Brian Hammond	David Cule
Feb 18	John Hartley	Roma Hawthorne	David Davies
Feb 25	Ken Holmes	Nick Howes	David Joyce
Mar 4	Dan Howells	Geoffrey Jackson	Daman Lal-Sarin
Mar 11	Victor Keene	Bob Kimber	Robert Pargetter
Mar 18	Joe Molloy	Bob Osborn	Mike Pittaway
Mar 25	John O'Driscoll	Gerald Osborne	Jeff Rowe
Apr 1	David Rees	Pru Porretta	Trevor Sharman
Apr 8	Philip Townshend	Ian Talbot	Ray Thompson
Apr 15	Margaret Tse	Bob Townsend	Jon Wilby
Apr 22	Kevin Vaughan	Dhiran Vagdia	Dennis Coombe
Apr 29	Trevor Webb	Terry Bond	Bob Hall

- It would be appropriate for members of this club to congratulate fellow member Rotarian Professor Ian Talbot on the launch of his latest book entitled "Pakistan – a New History". Margaret, myself and PP Damon Lal were present at his book signing held at the University of Warwick Bookshop on Friday, 9th November. We might have thought such an event to be a quiet and approving atmosphere to share with others. However Ian was to face in-depth grilling from certain intellectuals within his audience. In cricketing terms, Ian batted well against some aggressive bowling!
- The book will be distributed to North America and, of course, the Asian sub-continent giving readers a fresh insight into this controversial nation known for its troubled past and questionable future.



PP John Hartley



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 Rotay 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 service to the community at local, national and international level 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 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 12.45 p.m. 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

We're on the web! www.coventryrotary.org

Club Programme

Dec 17 **Christmas Lunch**

Dec 24 **NO MEETING**

Dec 31 **NO MEETING**

Jan 7 Miss Vicki Jones. Warwickshire Girl Guides – The non boring bits.

Jan 14 Darren Gardner, Director of Sustain Able(DV)

Jan 21 Andy Mallabone, Coventry Telegraph (DV)

Jan 25 Youth Speaks, Intermediate Heat, Bablake School, 18.30hrs.

Jan 28 P Smith, retired Tax Inspector.

Feb 1 Youth Speaks, Senior Heat, Bablake School, 18.30hrs.

Feb 4 Doug Squires – RNIB.

Feb 11 Susie Chong, Malawi Project

Feb 18 **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Feb 25 **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Mar 1 **SPONSORED SWIM**

Mar 4 William Clemmy – Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs.

Mar 11 Colin Knight, CCC

Mar 18 Amy Salmon, Dyslexia Action

Mar 25 Claire Bullivant, Age UK

Apr 1 Tim Brooke, Friends of the Masasi and Newala Charitable Trust.

Apr 8 Emma MacDonald, Arthritis Research, UK.

Apr 15 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** No Speaker Required.