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a word from our president



Dear Fellow Rotarians

During the last six weeks our country has been transformed by the events of 2012! The Olympic and Paralympic Games this summer have shown what a generous, talented, exciting nation we are when we set our stall out to show the world that service above self, understanding and respect for each other and determination and hard work can overcome barriers and disadvantage. It is so easy to forget that for all its inequalities and difficulties

our nation, at its best, can be a wonderful example to the world of tolerance, cohesion and inclusion.

When I reflect on the excitement and enthusiasm that has gripped the country over the summer months I realise again how important and meaningful are our Rotary ideals of Service above Self and the advancement of international understanding and peace the world over. What a marvellous time to become President of the Coventry Rotary Club!

On a more local note it has been a privilege and pleasure to welcome 5 new members into our club. All of these bring a variety of talents and experience which we embrace with enthusiasm and optimism. We also have two or three potential members showing great interest in our activities.

It has been a most encouraging start to my year of office and I look forward to continuing to serve the club with the ongoing support of you all.

David



West Orchards Bucket Collection to take place on Saturday 24th November

This Club has been granted permission by the West Orchards shopping centre management to hold a bucket collection on Saturday, 24th November. It would appear that they have generously waved the usual licence fee. We can post four collectors in designated positions throughout the day in 2.1/4 hour sessions. All 16 volunteers will be notified about their allocated positions and times by early November.

In general the collection will be for Rotary Supported Charities but we may dedicate minor shares to the Air Ambulance Service and Zoé's Place whom we hope will loan us display signs to help us with our overall collection.

We are hopeful of a good return since this collection replaces the one usually held at Morrison's of Binley.

Recorded comments from our "Mother" Club

The British Industries Fair (21st February 4th March 1921) was held at the Castle Bromwich Aerodrome. Members of the Rotary Club of Birmingham were involved in some 24 stands which represented their companies. Four other Rotarians were connected with the organisation of the Fair.

In May 1921 the Rotary Club of Birmingham had 240 members and this despite 39 resignations and "dismissals". This loss was counterbalanced by 54 new members. An average attendance at the luncheon meetings was 69%.



Tony Doyle - Obituary

A quiet man, sitting chatting, stick in hand, smile on face, waiting for his Rotary lunch – apparently nothing unusual about him - Tony Doyle. Wrong impression – beneath that exterior lay a talented man, but you had to get to know him to find that out. Family man first and foremost – loving and caring. Wartime RAF navigator with many logged flight hours under his belt. Skilled dental practitioner with local, national and international experience, he gave his professional skills freely as a volunteer to Rotary ventures. He was a highly valued member of quiz teams where his stored knowledge was recalled under pressure to answer sticky intricate questions. He golfed with friends and survived a traumatic collapse on the course. He loved good wine and knew his bottles and vintages.

He was not averse to complaining about food that was not up to scratch, but was a good trencherman. He read widely and loved to quote poetry he had learned at school – he rolled the names Horatius, Herminius, Lartius and Lars Porsena off his tongue in his recitation. He was an erudite man which he carried lightly. He socialised and was a committed, supportive Rotarian. We will remember him as a friend who bore his illnesses with stoicism, dignity and humour. Thank you Tony.

PP Dennis Coombe MBE

Cake Sale Monday 3 September



29 homemade cakes arrived on schedule at Barclays Bank at Westwood Heath office complex. Namvir and Margaret were fortunate enough to engage the additional assistance of Helen who also brought more cakes so a good result was in prospect.

Serving began in the offices at 08.45 am and as usual there was an enthusiastic response.

At the end of the day at 4.15 pm there were one or two cakes left to sell. Three of these were sold as whole cakes while another was to be taken up to Barclays Manchester office where a Coventry employee was to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 4th.

The final result may well be in the region of £350 which will be matched by Barclays to produce a £700 donation to "debra".

Hard work all round. Thanks to Rotary wives and for our trolley dollies, Namvir and Margaret.

Special thanks from Research Autism for our past President

This acknowledgement received in response to Past President's nominated charity for 2010/11.





Outward Bound 2012

In the run up to this annual event involving 10 young students with impairments there were a number of issues that arose causing the need for five more applications and home interviews. These problems were overcome and on Saturday, 7th July all participants were present and correct for the departure to Ullswater, Cumbria.

On board supervision was by Kate Ockenden and Joanna Walker. Kate stayed in the OB Centre one night until Adrian Lamb arrived on Sunday morning.

The first task of the group on Sunday was to engage in gorge walking having the "benefit" of swift running water from the recent storm conditions.

On Monday Margaret and I visited their camp site in West Yorkshire, near the village of Clapham, only to find that the field was saturated from continuous rain. Course Director Steve Pittock drew a very short straw with his bivouac because it found itself pitched in a deep puddle! Fortunately all inside was contained in plastic bags and therefore dry. Quite

a sight to see Steve with help lift the whole tent up on end and tip out gallons of water. All this to the amusement of our students who were lucky to have their accommodation on slightly higher ground. Our view is that everyone was in good spirits despite the obvious discomfort of the weather conditions. This course has to be the one over 34 years that has experienced such difficult conditions.

On their return to Coventry I was anticipating a number of negative reactions due to the weather conditions the group had endured. The responses were all positive – some with requests to apply again next year!

Joanna Walker did an excellent job in the care and welfare of the party. If needed she will be available in 2013.

Adrian Lamb was his usual jolly and generous self to all members of the party.

John Hartley

Service above self

This report was produced by a professional journalist who interviewed the founders of the Pain Relief Clinic in Hansali, Punjab.

In the heart of rural Punjab lies the village of Hansali, a tiny settlement known as the "bread-basket of India". The land is mostly inhabited by farmers who work the land for an income of around 3,000 Rupees (£36) a month. The people who live in these remote areas are deeply religious and Sikhism is a significant part of their daily lives. The people here are not rich but they do not fall in the category of poor from Indian standards; every village is connected by a road and there are water pumps, electricity and irrigation facilities. None of them go without food and all the children have access to compulsory schooling. But the medical facilities in this area are very limited and dental care was non-existent until only a few years ago when the Pain Relief Clinic was set up.

The idea for a health clinic in Hansali was originally that of the late Major Shamsher Singh, who studied medicine at the Medical School of Agra before serving in the Indian Medical Corps. With much encouragement and support from Dr Lal-Sarin, a Coventry Rotarian, Major Shamsher Singh's two sons, Mr Hardev Coonar and Dr Pritam Singh Coonar, set up the Pain Relief Clinic in 1999 instantly bringing pain relief to the people in the village in which it was nestled.

"My father always wished that our rural area had better medical care and so my brother became a doctor and started a general practice in the village. I became a dental surgeon but it wasn't until I retired in 1999 from the Eastman Dental and Hammersmith Hospital that I came back home to serve my people", explained Dr Hardev Coonar.

"During this period of time I was influenced by Dr Lal-Sarin who at the age of 60 had retired from general dental practice in Coventry and had started to volunteer in various parts of the world as a Rotarian dental

surgeon. We talked about setting up a clinic and started to set one up here in Hansali."

A month after the clinic had been set up a happily retired Dr Lal-Sarin started to actively take part in how the clinic was run. Spending months at a time over in the remote farmlands, Dr Lal-Sarin soon became a centre figure at the clinic, making sure that apart from extractions they started gradually doing fillings, crowns dentures and even root canal treatments all free of charge.

Dr Lal-Sarin then brought in the help of Rotary International, who directly helped by sending volunteer UK dentists to the village. Even his wife, Mrs Chand Sarin, began volunteering at the clinic. The clinic started reaching out beyond the village boundaries and, as one can imagine, in an area where medical care is scarce the clinic generated interest in the surrounding areas outside of Hansali. For the staff the demand became intense, but even though their wages were very low, their determination and enthusiasm never once faltered. In 13 years more than 100,000 patients have used this free service and the clinic continues to provide free dental treatment and lectures on oral hygiene to the girls' school and the boys' schools.

Quotes from volunteers:

"So far the clinic is going very well and has had many visits from many volunteers", Hardev explained. "The first year when we established the clinic I invited the principal director of a dental college, Dr Sybyll, to work here. More recently a group from the international college of dentists from New Delhi taught the staff for three days.

"We have had visitors in small numbers through Rotary in the past from Melbourne, England, Canada, USA and Argentina. In earlier days Rotary International used to pay

for people to travel and we would provide them with accommodation and free vegetarian food. But now Rotary has very strict funding and only volunteers have to fund the trips themselves but we still provide them with accommodation."

Most of the funding that the clinic receives is from Baba Ajit Singh Ji, a respected noble man who has established a place for worship and people have faith in his presence. He is warmly known to the people as Babaji and is regarded by many as an enlightened man who cares for the welfare of all people. Babaji receives many offerings and any money he receives is spent on good causes, such as education and health services. So far he has set up the local school, a college, a communal canteen at the very heart of the village and he even offered up his accommodation for the location of the Pain Relief Clinic.

The clinic has four surgeries, two of which are well equipped, whilst the other two are older and in need of some modernisation. The clinic has its own power generator for when the power fails and it even has digital radiograph equipment, which, as Dr Hardev explained, is a great improvement for the clinic.

Future plans

The plan now is to keep the clinic as a permanent feature and to keep it as a centre for providing pain relief treatment to the surrounding community. As both Dr Lal-Sarin and Dr Hardev Coonar explained, this is not a profit-making association; they buy local equipment and try to keep costs down as much as possible.

"There are so many charities that collect so much money but in quite a few cases people don't know what happens to the money, but I can verify completely that every penny we get is spent on the clinic; not a penny is wasted," Mr Lal-Sarin explained.



Alfred Edward Youell ONZM, MBE, FBI OB 30th June 1913 – 14th February 2012

Members of this club have much to remember of the long life of Alf and his wife Valerie. Some of us go back to his life as an active and prolific house builder in Coventry. Others will recall the recognition of his generosity to many local good causes which in 1998/99 were marked by the Club Jubilee Award of a silver medallion. Later he would receive two Paul Harris Fellowship awards; one given by Rotary in Coventry and the other by Rotary in New Zealand.

Alf and Valerie had a home in Blenheim and Russell respectively in the South and North Islands. Both visited these homes over a period of 20 years. In New Zealand he set up the Blenheim Trust giving grants to charitable groups amounting to 70,000 NZ\$ annually. He also gave grants to retirement homes and to organisations which work with people of all ages who had various forms of disability. In Russell he handed property over to the Salvation Army to serve the community. This proved to be a successful venture for the SA. Alf's generosity in New Zealand was recognised by an award of the New Zealand Order of Merit. On hearing of Alf's passing the flags on all the offices of the Salvation Army on the South Island were flown at half mast for two days in his honour. In Coventry he was no less generous and he was awarded an MBE for his charitable donations.

Alf and Valerie gave independently of each other substantial donations to support our Outward Bound project for disabled students. In fact this year's course

at Ullswater was well endowed with their financial help. In his early career as a working builder he espied the field with a hill top and vowed that would become the site of his home. He purchased the field in time and built what we know as "New Era Farm". Within that land he gave land and financial help to establish King's Hill Nurseries where people with learning difficulties would work and sell plants. There is so much more that can be said about the life of Alf – in fact will we ever know all those corners of society that benefited from his help?

Alf's funeral was in Stratford upon Avon Methodist Church on Thursday, 8th March. His life was celebrated in a memorial service in Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday, 11th July where many people from all walks of life were greeted by Valerie and Nick Youell, his son. The first of five tributes given in Coventry Cathedral was by Past President Rotarian Bob Hall MBE who highlighted the history of Alf's building business which spanned two generations.

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



COLLABORATION: Zane Simpson, Georgina Hackney, Fred Rex (senior member of staff), Lord Mayor Tim Sawden, Hiroshi Tamashita, John Hartley (past president of Coventry Rotary Club), Catherine Bellamy and Amina Hamad

Whitley Academy & Kamokita Hiroshima Twinning

“Coventry secondary school, Whitley Academy, welcomed three members of the staff of Kamokita Hiroshima Prefecture High School on Tuesday, 3rd July. These were Headmaster Mr Hiroshi Yamashita, Head of English Language Teaching Mr Yuji Tomiyoshi and English Teacher Mrs Emiko Urata. They were welcomed to the city by Lord Mayor Councillor Tim Sawden and to the school by Principal Mrs Lorraine Allen and Mr Fred Rex.

A special welcoming group of “host reporters” were Zane Simpson, Georgina Hackney, Catherine Bellamy and Amina Hamad, each of whom was only 12 years old. They had the important task of looking after the visitors throughout the day and fully reporting the proceedings for the school record. This included a visit to the Cathedral and the Transport Museum.

Kamokita High School has only 155 students compared to 800 in Whitley Academy.

This connection came about from a discussion in January

2012 between Whitley Academy staff member Mrs Minh Nguyen and Rotarian Past President John Hartley when he explained he knew of a Japanese lady with a ‘mission’ to set up a link with a Coventry school. The lady, Mrs Emiko Urata, was engaged on study leave for a Master’s Degree at the Institute of Education in the University of London. A meeting in Coventry was arranged and has culminated in the arrangements for this meeting of senior staff from Japan.

One of the results from the meeting may lead to Japanese students coming to Coventry for short periods accompanied by a member of staff. The partnership stemmed from the two cities with similar historical backgrounds and in particular the way in which their communities have both grown and become known as symbols of peace and reconciliation since the Second World War which saw the blitz of Coventry and the atomic bomb which was dropped over Hiroshima.

The international pairing aims to help youngsters learn about and respect other cultures,

languages and backgrounds therefore broadening their horizons beyond Coventry. Academy staff hope to build on the bonds by adding student exchanges in the future. The Whitley Academy reporters interviewed Mr Yamashita and were very enthusiastic about the possibilities of an exchange programme. Equally Mr Yamashita was impressed by the confidence shown by his host reporters at such a young age.

Academy Principal Mrs Lorraine Allen said “This experience brings a reality to different cultures, a real perspective and understanding of a place a long way from Coventry.”

From a Rotary point of view this link epitomises the ideals of the movement in forming international connections to further education and mutual understanding in which the Rotary Club of Coventry has a long and proud record.

The young Academy hosts and reporters were very impressed with the visit and its formalities. They did the school proud.”



Coventry's Hidden Glass

Below the floor of our modern cathedral and hidden from view for the past 70 years are 5,000 fragments of stained glass which were removed from the higher windows of the old St Michael's Cathedral before the devastation that occurred in the bombing of 14th November in 1940.

These relics are works of art and portray life in our city dating from the 15th to the 19th centuries. Much of the early work is attributed to Coventry born John Thornton who was a master glazier and stained glass artist. Thornton was active outside of Coventry and was responsible for the construction of the east window in York Minster. So far as is known his home was in the area of The Burges, close to the city centre.

These fragments have suffered some deterioration over the years putting their future at risk. Currently the pieces are stored on glass trays and subject to both hot and dry conditions. The surfaces are starting to stress craze and "crizzles" are forming which will lead to structural breakdown.

The World Monument Fund Britain has joined forces with Coventry Cathedral to launch an appeal to safeguard the cathedral ruins and to open up the crypts and to display the fragments of stained glass (after restoration) to the general public.

A glass restoration workshop will be set up in The Herbert art gallery and museum from August. It will be permanently open to the public's the restorers work.

These elements of restoration will require a substantial funding; sufficient is in hand to allow the glass restoration process to commence. The wider appeal will no doubt exceed 7 figures. However, as a more focussed appeal relating to the glass, individual contributions can be as little as £25 to support the calligraphic collection or £56 to support what is to be called the Coventry Collection embracing many designs. Larger contributions in the sums of £100 and £250 are being promoted.

A PowerPoint presentation of this important local project was given by Heather Gilderdale Scott, a Director of the British Archaeological Association, who gave a comprehensive 2012 Paul Mellor Lecture inspired from the Study Centre in London.

Should anyone wish to donate or learn more about the Coventry project contact John Hartley.





The Oscar Grunau Trophy Bowls Match

The bowls match with the Rotary Club of Nuneaton was always intended to be an annual event. It began when Past President of the Rotary Club of Coventry North Wilf Grunau presented a trophy to this club in memory of his father, Oscar, who had been an active Rotarian and President of our club in 1952/53. The presentation took place in 1965 and the first match was held in Coventry in 1966 which surprisingly the home club won. The second match held in the following year at Ambleside, Nuneaton was miraculously won by this club. From this date onwards there were no records of the continuation of annual matches. Indeed there was no trace or mention of the trophy albeit an official photograph was held within club records; that is until intensive investigations were held at both clubs in 1997. At a Council meeting in 1997 it was learned that Rotarian

Bob Hall had somehow inherited the possession of the trophy. Had this item really been missing for 19 years? Could it be that Coventry, the last known recorded winners, were accepting that possession really is nine points of the law!?

Since the resumption of the contest in 1998 Coventry has failed to overcome Nuneaton, the only rewards for the event being a fish and chip supper, good fellowship and good beer. This brings us to Tuesday evening, 14th August 2012. Can this be styled as the 46th anniversary or perhaps more realistically the 14th annual bowls match for the Oscar Grunau Trophy (what a way to have your name remembered!). The absence of 32 years of history, if indeed it was so, has developed Nuneaton into a team surely worthy of county class on the greens. We seemingly at Coventry have so much to do.

The match this year took place at Ambleside, Nuneaton where our team recorded a heroic defeat. We fielded a team of twelve men (which happily was reinforced by the surprise visit of Past President Tony Vincent) and Inner Wheel Past President Jill Joyce. Did we have the unlucky 13 syndrome? The conditions were perfect providing for us grounds for a memorable performance but it was not to be. Had we continued into the twilight hours perhaps then our moment may have been reached. Vice President Philip Hodgson faced the daunting task of presenting the trophy to IPP David Briggs of the Nuneaton club who, of course, already held it from last year and the year before that and the year before that..... The spirit of friendship prevailed as always, together with all round appreciation of the customary fish and chip supper.

Design and Technology Awards 2012



This event to display the chosen exhibits which represent the best items of course work by 19 secondary schools and 1 special school contained 284 projects. The students involved had decided to work in a wide range of materials at either entry level, GCSE, BTEC or AS/A2 level.

Over £3,000 prize money was distributed for exhibits judged by Rotarians to be the best in their individual categories.

In all there were eight categories for the students to use their design and skills to produce potential marketable ideas. The judges chose to highlight the work of six students to go forward to the West Midlands Rotary Club finals on 8th July. One of the selected six was Oliver Grimmett of the Blue Coat C of E Academy and Music College who received £200 for his "Self Generating Energy Project". Oliver aspires to enter the University of Durham in September to study engineering.

From a personal point of view there was much admiration for the "Baked Beans" dress by Leisha Blakeway and the jewellery made from clock and watch parts by Natalie Seymour (both from Coundon Court School). Lily Cook of the Blue Coat C of E Academy expressed her

fashion design and needle work in presenting a Japanese kimono.

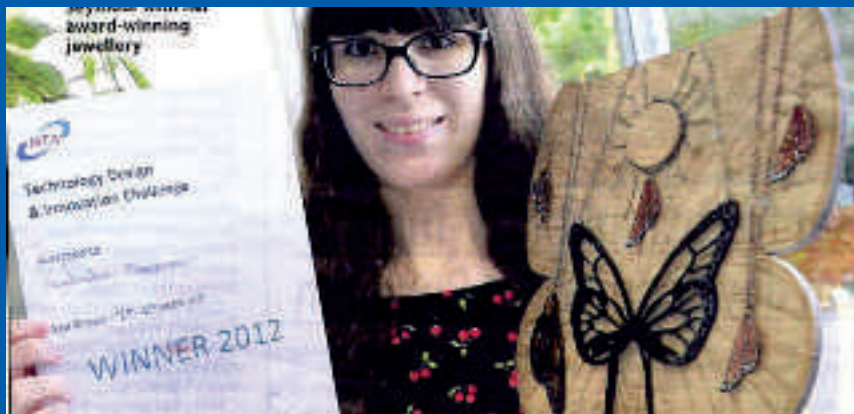
Overheard at the display held at the Museum of Transport from members of the public was "I always come to this exhibition – it is one of the best the museum puts on and I have to say this one is the best yet". These comments only go to prove how difficult it is for judges to select winning exhibits.

The awards ceremony took place on Thursday, 21st June at the Methodist Central Hall when the

proceedings certainly put the five Coventry Clubs well and truly on the map.

Words of appreciation were expressed in the presence of Lord Mayor Councillor Tim Sawden to the sixteen sponsors of this event and the Education and Learning Service.

Those assembled at the awards ceremony were able to hear Jane Hytch talk about Imagineer Productions and the major local project "Godiva Awakes" supporting the Olympics.



In the West Midlands Regional Design and Innovation Challenge Natalie Seymour of Coundon Court School won the competition held at the Yamazaki Mazak European Technology Centre in Worcester. Her reward presented by the Rotary District 1060 Council was a cheque for £200 plus a winner's certificate, together with a tour of the venue. The award for jewellery she had designed and made has inspired Natalie to take a step forward and to develop her ideas into a real business venture.

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, Bob Osborn, 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, Bob Osborn, 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, Bob Osborn, 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!!

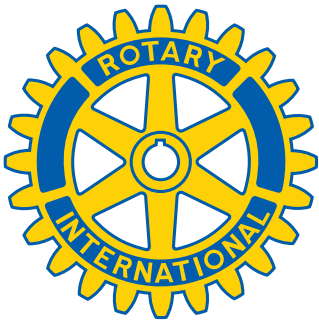


Past President Brian Russell Rotary Club of Coventry Phoenix

Rotarians in all Coventry Clubs will feel the sudden departure of Brian following a combined heart attack and accident which resulted in his untimely death. Brian was one of those Rotarians who was ever available to support a project or event. In recent years he was deeply involved in the Five Clubs' Santa Sleigh collections. He was, of course, involved in much more for his club Coventry Phoenix.

Two tributes were given by Past Presidents Bill Bennett and David Littleford at the funeral in St John the Baptist Church, Baginton at which the attendance exceeded the capacity of the church. Our condolences go out to members of his family. Monetary remembrance gifts are being directed to the Warwickshire/Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service, c/o A J Lloyd Funeral Directors, 38 Wallace Road, Coventry CV36 2LX.





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 world-wide 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, Bob Osborn via email:

secretary@coventryrotary.org

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

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
Oct 1	Joe Molloy	Daman Lal-Sarin	Gerald Osborne
8	Bob Osborn	Mike Pittaway	Pru Porretta
15		David Rees	Trevor Sharman
22	Robert Pargetter	Ray Thompson	Trevor Webb
29	Jeff Rowe	Jon Wilby	Terry Bond
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Nov 5	Ian Talbot	Senarath Bogahalanda	Rod Drew
12	Bob Townsend	Keith Chapman	David Joyce
19	Dhiran Vagdia	Dennis Coombe	Victor Keene
26	Amrik Bhabra	Syd Creed	Daman Lal-Sarin
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Dec 3	Jerry Cook	David Cule	Mike Pittaway
10	Bob Hall	David Davies	David Rees
17	Brian Hammond	Joe Molloy	Ray Thompson