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a word from our president



Dear Fellow Rotarians

As I write this it seems that the summer has finally arrived and we are approaching the end of the Rotary year. I would like to thank you all for supporting me during my year as President - a privilege which I have enjoyed immensely and which has provided many happy memories. Members of this Club are some of the best people that it has been my pleasure to know, and it has been an honour to serve you all in this capacity.

Our ninetieth anniversary celebrations have caused us reflect on our history - a history that is now up-to-date and deposited in the City archives, thanks to magnificent work by John Hartley and our historian Gerald Osborne. We held a memorable celebratory dinner at which the origins of the Club were explained and the link to our mother club, Birmingham, amplified. Geoffrey Jackson put in an enormous amount of work to get this event organised correctly and he and Harold Smart, who supervised the technical systems, must be commended for their first class

work. Peace doves flew, songs were sung, cake was consumed and a happy birthday was had by everyone. Many man-years of Rotary efforts were celebrated with great thanks through the presentation, by our District Governor, of long service awards to twenty two of our members. Someone ought to start thinking now about the Centenary!

Shortly after these celebrations we were saddened to learn that that our friend and fellow Rotarian Tony Doyle had passed away. Tony was a great guy, a tremendous wit and a real friend to many. We shall all miss him. It was so good that Bob Osborn was able to give him his 45 year long service award just a few days before, which apparently he accepted with his typical delight and humour. He particularly liked the letter from RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Bob says he smiled and read every word.

In this historic year our activities have continued unabated. Regular Monday lunchtime meetings, bucket collections (with or without eye contact!), skittles evening, arrangements for the design technology

awards which we are leading this year, with a record number of entries, and many other activities. This is the nitty gritty of Rotary work and most of it is done in a quiet and unassuming manner by dedicated members of this Club. This is where "service above self" really counts.

Bob Osborn is retiring as Secretary this year. I would like to thank him for keeping us all on the straight and narrow throughout the year - he has been simply splendid. Brian Winstanley takes over and we wish him all the best in his new role.

And so I sign off as your President, passing the batten to the very safe hands of David, Phil and Nick. To be honest, I am looking forward to sitting down below the salt again and taking my place as an ordinary but, hopefully, useful Rotarian. How fortunate we are to have willing and capable people to carry this batten and to move our great Club forward. May I wish you all you all a very good summer and a very successful Rotary year ahead.

Keith



Phil Hodgson

Members of this club will associate talent with the Rotary Young Entertainer event held recently at the Warwick Arts Centre or even the Young Debating Competition for Primary Schools. So we are used to looking outward – but what about looking within? Our next Vice President Philip Hodgson may surprise us all to know that in a recent production by the Coventry Savoy Opera Society, namely “The Mikado”, before audiences in Atherstone, Southam and Coventry, the town of Titipu was visited by the Emperor (eventually). Our Philip was cast in the difficult role of Pooh-Bah who was the Lord High of Everything Else! except the Lord High Executioner of Titipu.

The audiences enjoyed the performances and it has to be said that every word sung or spoken by our honourable member could be heard and understood.



Charity cash converters!

A NOVELTY machine that collects change from shoppers in Coventry market has raised £758 for charity. The Coventry Automata was manufactured by craftsman Jerry Elford in his Canal Basin studio 18 years ago.

It was provided by the Rotary Club of Coventry to replace the original wishing well which sat in Broadgate and for the past decade it has been in the market collecting change.

Lord Mayor of Coventry Councillor Kieran Mulhall attended a presentation in the market where he collected £158 from rotary club president Keith Chapman.

A cheque for £100 was given to Councillor Mulhall on behalf of the market traders.

This year money raised by the mayor's appeal will be shared amongst three groups – the Neo Natal Baby Care Appeal at University Hospital, the Army Benevolent Fund, and children with special educational needs.

Automata Cheque Presentation

The “Coventry Automata” is now in its 18th year since its manufacture by craftsman, Jerry Elford, in his Canal Basin studio.

This coin in the slot novelty item was provided by the Rotary Club of Coventry to replace the original wishing well which was situated in Broadgate. For the past 10 years it has been situated in the Coventry retail market collecting small change donations for the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal and Rotary supported charities.

Former Lord Mayor Councillor Kieran Mulhall attended the Market on Friday 13th May to collect a shared cheque for £158 from Rotary President Keith Chapman. In addition a cheque for £100 was given to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Market Traders by Peter McConkey.

The favoured charities for the Lord Mayor's Appeal were for the Neo Natal Baby Care Appeal for Walsgrave Hospital, Special Educational Needs and the Army Benevolent Fund.



Chuckles from the church noticeboard

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on 24th October in this church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5.00 pm – prayer and medication to follow.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

Rachel Smith - Olympic Hopes

This issue of our newsletter could not omit mention of the significant progress of Rachel in her dedicated career as a rhythmic gymnast. Our club has been a co-sponsor over the past four years or so during which time both she and her parents have made great sacrifices to their private lives to finance her progress toward her goal to be a member of the British Olympic team this year. Not only has she been a team member but was appointed team captain.

However, nothing is easy with Olympic selection because one of the important hurdles for any team to overcome is to achieve the agreed qualifying standard. This was to be proved at a test event held in North Greenwich arena in January. A technical fault in the form of a knot in a ribbon used in one of the routines caused the marking to be 0.273 points short of the standard. The overall marking was indeed above the benchmark score 45.223. Rachel's team scored 47.200. The British Olympic Association denied the team a place to the astonishment of the whole team. Following earnest appeals to the sport's arbitrator in following weeks, Graeme Mews reversed the decision claiming confusion in the wording of the policy was the cause of the disqualification.

British team coach Sarah Moon and team captain Rachel were relieved to receive the amended decision since the whole arbitration process was extremely stressful. The team has already been successful in winning the Nordic Championships and looks forward to the experience of full Olympic competition.

We wish them well



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



Rotary Club Breakfast 20th Anniversary

In celebrating its 20th birthday at the Holiday Inn, Ryton Bridge a number of "Mother" club members, including President Keith, were there to enjoy the occasion.

There is one thing to say about this club in that it has had a unique and ground breaking 20th year with the dual gender joint presidency with Margaret Bonnell and Terry Lewins. Both were involved at the birth of the club and have together maintained the special character of their Friday morning meetings. The presence of RIBI President Ray Burman and his wife Victoria, District 1060 Ray Brian Kimberley and Sheila, with Presidents

and representatives from all four Coventry clubs did not cause the proceedings to result in formalities which are foreign to our youngest club. This was a cheerful and friendly evening where past members came to give their support and revive old friendships.

The speaker for the evening was Coventry's own David Moorcroft who is well known and supportive of the work done by Rotary both locally, nationally and internationally. David was able to give us a talk both entertaining and informative.

There is no doubt this was a good night for all.



Coventry Schools Youth Entertainer Competition 2012

This event promoted by the hard working Rotarians of the Coventry Jubilee Club has now completed three years of presenting this event at the Butterworth Concert Hall at the University of Warwick.

This year all but one of our senior schools entered and provided the audience with a wide variety of acts. The overall winner of the competition, as declared by both the official judges and the audience vote, was 17 year old Reece Bahia who is in the sixth form at King Henry VIII. His vocal skills, his visual appearance, ie

smart and good looking, made him a natural winner among the ladies and the juvenile element in the audience Will he use his talent in furthering his career?

However from a personal point of view I was really sold on the performance of Fletcher Ransberry who at 12 years old, a pupil at Blue Coat School, gave everyone a brilliant display of comedy magic. Clearly he is a master of his art and who knows where he is going?

John Hartley





Charter Evening

Celebrating 90 Years of Rotary in Coventry

The 90th birthday lived up to all expectations and special thanks to President Keith, Past Presidents Geoffrey Jackson and Harold Smart who attended to every detail. The management and catering by the cricket club staff certainly came up trumps with the room filled to capacity.

Oh! I nearly forgot the release of the nine white doves (do they come in any other colour?). Well all that can be said is when they left us they were all fit and well so hopefully they arrived home safely before sundown.

The opening atmosphere to engage the guests was of typical 1920s music which few of us would actually have remembered; the strains without a doubt helped the party atmosphere. President Keith had given much

research time to his presentations and is clearly becoming quite adept at telling jokes; Susan had censored one and members were promised this would be given an airing on Monday, 28th.

The club was fortunate to have President Stuart Guy from our "long lost" mother club present if only to ring the occasional bell on the signal of our President. Many of us know District Governor Brian Kimberley who was usefully employed in the presentation of 17 long service awards ranging from 40 plus to 25 years plus.

A surprise birthday present to the Club was a cheque for £90 for our charity account from President Brenda Taylor of Inner Wheel.

2nd Vice President Phil Hodgson was kept busy throughout the proceedings with his

cameras and we hope for some interesting results.

After compiling the 90 year history of the club the promise to present this in hard copy and CD form to Michael Hinman, the City Archivist, was fulfilled by myself and relieved to do so. Club members should now realise that the next 10 years up to our centenary will be progressively recorded in our periodic newsletters. These are usually four each year. Therefore it is in the interest of all members to submit items of interest and club activity as we progress toward 2022.

What about our cake? Something for everyone and expertly made and decorated. Who had the three spires?

John Hartley



Trip to Newark

As a group of erstwhile Parliamentarians representatives of the Rotary Club of Coventry ventured into the Royalist territory of Newark on Trent in Nottinghamshire. The Civil War of the 17th century may have divided us but in this 21st century we arrived in a spirit of peace and reconciliation.

This day organised so well by our President Keith had many highlights. He, of course, had strong family links to the area. Accompanying our party was Dr Stuart Jennings, Chaplain to both Universities in Coventry and the author of the Newark and civilian experience of the Civil Wars 1640-1660 entitled "These Uncertain Tymes". Stuart's input throughout the day kept us fully aware of the situation in Newark 370 years ago. In addition to Stuart we had a guided tour of the town by Liz Shutter and Penny Hough from the Newark and Sherwood Museum Service which, after an introductory talk and coffee on arrival, managed to get our limbs exercised. Pleased to note that Liz was a former pupil of Rotarian and Past District Governor David Rees when he was head of a senior school in Newark.

A wholesome lunch for the party was held at Gannet's day café where we met Malcolm Humphries, President of the Rotary Club of Newark on Trent. Greetings and banners were exchanged before we returned to the tour.

We were enlightened by Rene Mouraille, the Newark Castle Ranger, who guided us around the site to see

the Norman gatehouse with views from the parapet stretching 20 miles and in contrast to go below into the dungeon like store where supplies were hoarded to resist the three sieges that Newark suffered throughout the war. Although the magnificent curtain wall had only partially been subject of restoration this will surely eventually be completed and present itself as a significant feature of the ruins. Time did not allow the party to imbibe in any one of the 30 real ale pubs that are accessible to visitors although the writer has a full map of their locations for a future visit!

Our party concluded its day by having a good survey of the Queen's Sconce which is a surviving example of 17th century military earth engineering. Having received an outline explanation of its purpose and its location from Stuart Jennings, we could see how important it was to the defence of the town some $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the north. The treatment of the whole area as a leisure park now owned by Newark Borough Council is a distinct asset to the local community. We hope that the Lottery application will be successful, which would create a National Museum dedicated to the English Civil Wars.

Our day concluded on time and thanks due to Johnson's Coaches for safe journeys.

John Hartley



ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

Rotary Club of Coventry "ELSON" Golf Cup

*Presented to the club by David Elson President 1935/6
This cup has had a "stuttering" history*

I am in my 40th year as a member of this club and I have known times when upwards of 20 members have regularly competed annually for the privilege of holding the trophy for 12 months. I have also known times when the cup has not been played for, because less than 6 members have shown an interest for various reasons (less than 6 is not really a competition). Currently we are going through one of those times, despite the fact that a few years ago it was decided to invite the wives and partners of members of this club to join in. This resurrected interest for a time, but only because 2/3 ladies joined us. Last year the cup was not played for and it begins to look like it might be the case this year. Part of the problem is finding a date, a time and a venue to suit all interested parties, plus the fact that we appear to have less golfers in the club nowadays. The competition is an 18 hole Stableford off full handicap, 28max for men and 36max for ladies with the prize being the cup. -- It has been the custom for the president to present the cup to the winner, at a small dinner held in the evening, after the competition. Wives, partners and all club members are welcome to join us. ---Would all members, particularly our newer ones who were unaware of this event, who would be interested in competing this year please speak directly to me, or telephone me, A.S.A.P.

Past President Brian Hammond

Blue Coat Spring Concert 2012

The Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College presented a charity spring concert in aid of the Rotary Foundation on Tuesday, 27th March. The college students performed a wide range of musical skills both instrumental and choral under the direction of Norman Owen. Within the programme we were able to see how the early years' instrumentalists are able to mature and deliver some complex pieces of music over time at Blue Coat. Rebecca Hare in her final year took the lead in the string ensemble and clearly impressed her audience.

This was a concert for the entire college allowing the audience to hear jazz, guitars, steel pans, strings, wind and choral presentations; all the more impressive in the new school theatre accommodating an audience of some 200 parents,

grandparents, uncles, aunts and, of course, brothers and sisters of the performers.

The evening was opened by a few words and a prayer by Principal Dr Julie Roberts and an announcement by Past President Geoffrey Jackson CBE JP who highlighted the Rotary Foundation charity. In conclusion President Keith expressed his thanks to Blue Coat and the audience in supporting the Rotary charities.

The retiring collection involving President Keith, Past President Geoffrey, his wife Rita, PP Brian Winstanley, Martin Cooper and PP John Hartley was generously given resulting in £263.52. The school contribution from the sale of tickets was £150 making a total of £413.52. This has been appropriately acknowledged to Dr Roberts.

Did you read that...

Did you read that Paul Harris, our founder, wrote "Rotarians are very much more disposed toward action than they are toward words"? Paul had the advantage of a unique movement in its infancy during the early part of the 20th century. Projecting Rotary into the 21st century perhaps we wish more Rotarians were so disposed. We face a more mature organisation nowadays and this applies to the membership where the average age has risen dramatically and we see degrees of infirmity among our senior Rotarians. To some extent this dilutes the activities within many clubs. One issue is clear and that is:

We welcome our recent new members!



COVENTRY FUN RUN

Five members of the club plus Nelly and Margaret had full charge and control of the Earlsdon Clock Island. Despite a few tense moments this was a pleasant experience after we had positioned all the barriers and cones. We were able to witness our own two competitors, Ian Talbot and Ken Holmes, who ran the course with earnest endeavour. The sight of the earlier competitors who were variously disabled showed great spirit to tackle this 3½ mile course on a very hot day. There were a number of game participants among 2,500 competitors who had various forms of fancy dress and gave a “fun” atmosphere to the event. David Moorcroft was in the race; he represented “Baby Life”. His tactics seemed clear that he was hanging back from the leaders to allow him the element of surprise in a storming finish.

Our services given to the Three Spires Round Table were completed at 11.30 am for which the club will receive a donation for its charities. It is believed that the event may raise some £50,000 for local and national charities.



Neonatal Presentation

This belated report records our continuing link with Barclays at Westwood Heath and manifested itself again with a cake sale at their offices on 28th November. The contributions of cakes from club wives (and the odd male member!), together with our friends, produced some 38 cakes. This was an exceptional donation and proved to be a challenge for Namvir and Margaret, our well known “trolley dollies” who trailed the Westwood site for seven hours or so to sell their wares. There is no doubt that a Rotary

cake sale is considered to be a quality event when compared to other similar sales held at Barclays.

The response from the staff was such that a sum of £415 was raised. This figure has been matched by Barclays’ management. The sale proceeds were to support the Neonatal Unit at University Hospital, Coventry & Warwickshire at Walsgrave.

Our cheque was presented in the Unit by four representatives of the cake making contributors.



Quiz Night & Skittles Night

Vocational committee ran the successful Spring fellowship fund raisers again, attracting as much interest from non Rotarians as members.

The quiz night at our home base benefited from a good hot buffet and was noted by the success of two rounds in particular, which raised amusement levels in an otherwise serious competition. These questions were based on a book entitled *Universally Challenged* by Wendy Roby. The idea was that they had all been answered incorrectly on television programmes, so the participants were asked to give both the correct answer and guess at the incorrect one. An example from the original *Blockbusters* was "What L do people make in the dark without thought of the consequences. The correct answer "leap" and incorrect "love" were given by most but thanks must go to the anonymous person who, from personal knowledge answered "a leak". The winners on the evening were the Bonds.

The skittles night at Barnacle Village Hall was another good evening and between the two nights several hundred pounds were raised for our committee and club charitable causes. Two rounds each of long alley, bar and table skittles resulted in the 'Rows' taking the prizes. The 15 thought provoking questions given for voluntary use and for amusement only are typical of the type discussed for years by club members. For the benefit of non attendees a selection of these are reproduced below for those with idle time to fill. The answers are also being supplied to the editor to be printed elsewhere in this edition or the next one at his discretion.

1 In a word what is it that fits the following descriptions:

- i) Those who have it don't want it
- ii) Those who want for it don't want it
- iii) It is greater than God
- iv) It is worse than evil.

2 Name one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

3 What famous American landmark is constantly moving backwards.

4 Name two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons i.e. they are perennial.

5 Name 8 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with S.

ANSWERS 1. Nothing 2. Boxing 3. Niagara Falls 4. Asparagus & Rhubarb 5. Shoes, socks, sandals, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts, sneakers, sabot.



Coventry Primary Schools Debating Competition

This event on Wednesday, 14th March held in the prestigious surroundings of the City of Coventry Council Chamber comprised eight teams from the following primary schools:

Longford Park

Wyken Croft

Allesley Hall

Sacred Heart

Sowe Valley

Richard Lee

Ernesford Grange

All Saints

The general theme of each debate related to sport. Each of the four initial debates drew attention to differing aspects of sport such as concern about behaviour of personalities on and off their arenas, drug taking, inequalities of pay and the extraordinary rewards to many individuals in professional sport, issues of inequalities of gender across the spectrum of sports and the consideration whether London should have been burdened with the 2012 Olympics.

Clearly a lot of meat on the bone! The subjects were well researched and rehearsed. The young students were welcomed into the Chamber by Dawn Lama and Sandi McKinnan who proceeded to "warm up" the youngsters to help to alleviate any nervousness among the teams. Clearly this introduction had full effect.

The process of debating is a well controlled discipline with three speakers on each side with opportunities for questions all within a time frame. Projecting our thoughts into the future we could have been listening to future councillors or even Members of Parliament. Judges always have a difficult task. They chose Allesley Hall and Wyken Croft to take part in a final debate which took place in the presence of the Lord Mayor Councillor Kieran Mulhall. The outright winner was declared by the judges as Allesley Hall. Presentation of medals, certificates and the winners' silver cup was made by the Lord Mayor assisted by Rotary Presidents Keith Chapman (Coventry) and Warren Offer (Jubilee).

International Children's Trust



Your help will make all the difference

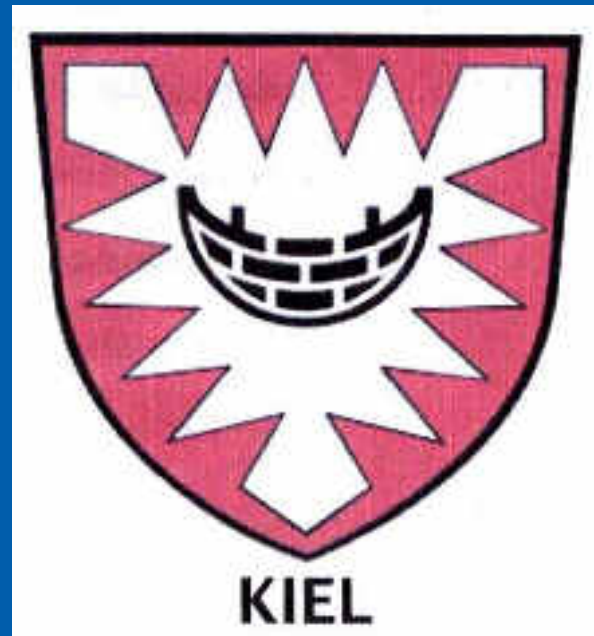
International Committee

This committee has dedicated itself to support the International Children's Trust. The charity is concerned with education, guiding and protecting vulnerable children world wide. The Trust was founded in 1967 when it was known as the International Boys' Town Trust. At that time it was concerned about poverty experienced by children in Africa and India. Our committee is focussed on the town of Chokkalampatty in Tamil Nadu, near to the city of Madras, India.

In cooperation with the Rotary Club of Northampton Beckett, the Rotary Club of Madras (who had pledged £5,000) it was hoped that with matched funding a total figure of up to £38,000 can be raised. The committee hope to apply to District 1060 in the window period of October 2012 to February 2013.

The area of India to benefit has a population of 62 million. The young people to benefit from the Trust come from remote villages and city slums. Most have only single mothers. One has to realise that India has a population of 1.24 billion of which 25% are experiencing poverty. 40% of people over the age of 15 are illiterate. The current school leaving age averages 10 years old. It is believed that 5.1 million people are affected with Aids from which some 31,000 die annually.

The task by the International Children's Charity is therefore so important to the children who may survive through care and education.



International Friendship Evening

In a spirit of International Friendship Margaret and I went to St Andrew's Church at Eastern Green on Monday, 16th April to hear two choirs perform a mixed programme of popular songs, gospel music and some famous hits from stage and film.

The international visitors were from our twin city, Kiel, in north Germany. "Extractor" is a grammar school choir open to ambitious female singers over 13 years until they leave the school. The choir known as "Extractor" is now 12 years since its formation and they have given many concerts. They were in Coventry in 2004. In 2007 and 2010 they visited Switzerland to take part in music exchanges.

The local choir under their musical director, Pat Trickett, is known as "The Nightingales" and they presented a lively programme. The conclusion of the two halves of the programme was achieved by combining both choirs to the delight of an oversubscribed audience.

The St Andrew's supporters provided refreshments and a very generous set of raffle prizes. It was pleasing to note that the Church Warden was able to announce a healthy profit from the evening and expressed their thanks to the organisers for a happy and fruitful international exchange.



Tatsuya Inoue

Some years ago a young Japanese student sponsored by Rotary came to study the English language at the University of Warwick. His name was Tatsuya Inoue. His home town was in Ueda situated in the district of Nagano. On his return to Japan he struggled to obtain meaningful employment and was exploited as a salary-man working long hours for a large corporation headquarters. About five years ago, in addition to office based work, he joined an educational process to qualify in the art of Shiatsu at the Japanese Shiatsu College. He has obtained a licence to practice as a Japanese national massage therapist and has passed the aromatherapy test class 1. Following a period of time working at a clinic he has now opened his own clinic Oketaku Shiatsu business in Jigugaoka, Tokyo.

He is able to command a fee of £50 for one hour's treatment and generally only charges an extra £4 for a home visit. "Tatz" keeps in touch with his progress and those Rotarians who knew him should know that he boasts an informative website in English – www.oketaku.com/eng/ It is to be hoped that his efforts to be his own boss brings him just rewards.

Rotary Events

Following the demise of a number of Antique Fayres organised by the late Past President Ron Cooper which were held in the main hall of King Henry VIII School up to 1983 the club had to look for an alternative way to raise funds for the Outward Bound Project for students with disabilities. This gave rise to the promotion of the annual sponsored swim held by the kind permission of Bablake School in their leisure centre. Next year (2013) this event will have run for 30 years. It is estimated that during this time over £75,000 will have been raised.

We participated in the Lions' Donkey Derby held in the Memorial Park for 18 years until 2009 selling books, bric-a-brac, plants and face painting. This event extraordinary in its intensive labour requirements probably raised over time approximately £10,000.

So these days are behind us and new activities do not appear to be as fruitful today. Having said all that we must be grateful in the extreme for a generous string of benefactions from individuals and charitable trusts who have given this club exceptional support, especially for the Outward Bound Project which is in its 34th year. Interviews for this year's course are now complete and the final selected group of students with disabilities will leave for Ullswater, Cumbria on Saturday 7th July. They will be seen off from Hereward College by our Lord Mayor Councillor Tim Sawdon and our President David Kershaw CBE JP.

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

		2012 Door Steward	Speaker's Host	Visitors' Book
July	2	John Hartley	Bob Kimber	David Davies
	9	David Joyce	Geoffrey Jackson	Ken Holmes
	16	Victor Keene	Gerald Osborne	Richard Perry
	23	Mike Pittaway	Pru Porretta	Tarsem Rupra
	30	David Rees	Trevor Sharman	Ian Talbot
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Aug	6	Bob Townsend	Ray Thompson	Dhiran Vagdia
	13	Jon Wilby	Trevor Webb	Amrik Bhabra
	20	Senarath Bogahalanda	Terry Bond	Jerry Cook
	27	BANK HOLIDAY		
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Sep	3	Keith Chapman	Dennis Coombe	Bob Hall
	10	Syd Creed	Rod Drew	Ken Holmes
	17	David Cule	David Joyce	Geoffrey Jackson
	24	David Davies	Victor Keene	Bob Kimber
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Oct	1	Joe Molloy	Daman Lal-Sarin	Gerald Osborne
	8	Bob Osborn	Mike Pittaway	Pru Porretta
	15	Richard Perry	David Rees	Trevor Sharman
	22	Robert Pargetter	Ray Thompson	Trevor Webb
	29	Jeff Rowe	Jon Wilby	Terry Bond

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!!



Recorded comments from our "Mother" Club Birmingham from 90 years ago

On recruitment of a new member:-

A member of the Fraternal Committee found a disconsolate individual in the Grosvenor Rooms. "Good morning", he said and shook him enthusiastically by the hand. "Can I help you find a seat?" "No thank you", was the reply, "not this morning". Our energetic club member ever ready to do his duty later discovered he had mistaken the Manager of the Grand Hotel who apparently was pondering on the problems of his day!

The Editor of "Rotaria" was one Rotarian Unite Jones who was a dedicated sportsman right up to his finger tips. There was evident concern that talent was running to seed on the golf links. He felt that diversionary activities within the club around the City of Birmingham at various times of the day and night would increase the decline in golf and other sports. He wished the membership to be fully aware of the reasons for this reversal of fortune on the fields of sport.



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.

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Club Programme

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| June | 4 | BANK HOLIDAY |
| | 9 | President's strawberry and cream afternoon in Hampton Lucy |
| | 11 | Propose VP David Kershaw on "Charter Schools in the USA" and lessons we could learn (DV) |
| | 18 | Propose Jazz Ladva (Rtn David Rees) |
| | 25 | CLUB HANDOVER EVENING MEETING AT C&NWCC |
| | 27 | District Handover, Park Inn, West Bromwich |
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| July | 2 | Propose Maggie O'Kane "Family Action Project" |
| | 7 | Departure of Outward Bound students |
| | 9 | Nick Howes (My Job "The Total Leader") |
| | 14 | Return of Outward Bound students |
| | 16 | Andrea Newman DEBRA |
| | 23 | Propose "My Job Talk" by Rtn Joe Malloy, JG Contractors |
| | 30 | Sackie Somal, Warwickshire Investment Partnership |
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| Aug | 6 | Propose Joel of Elite Therapy (DV) |
| | 13 | Propose Dave Boden, Chair, Grace Academy (TBC) |
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| | 27 | BANK HOLIDAY |
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| Sept | 3 | Propose Dave Boden, Chair, Grace Academy (TBC) |
| | 3 | Barclays Cake Sale |
| | 4 | Proposed Outing "Calendar Girls" @ Priory Theatre (International) |
| | 10 | Muna Chauhan "Zoé's Place Baby Hospice (DV) |