



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2016

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians

With just a few weeks of tenure left as your Club President it gives me the opportunity to thank you all for the ongoing efforts to make such a difference to so many over this past year.

With our focus on young people it has been amazing to see young people develop their confidence in speaking in the public domain. To the participants of the Rotary Young Debaters Competition; to Rotary Youth Speaks. How marvellous that President Kennedy Team came third in the Rotary National Finals and even more so that the overall winner of the 'Vote of Thanks' went to President Kennedy School. Congratulations to them on this marvellous achievement.

Then we have continued to co fund Kare Adenegan as she prepares for the Para Olympics Rio Games this summer, we are routing for her to be in the medals. Our initial sponsorship made such a difference to her sporting development

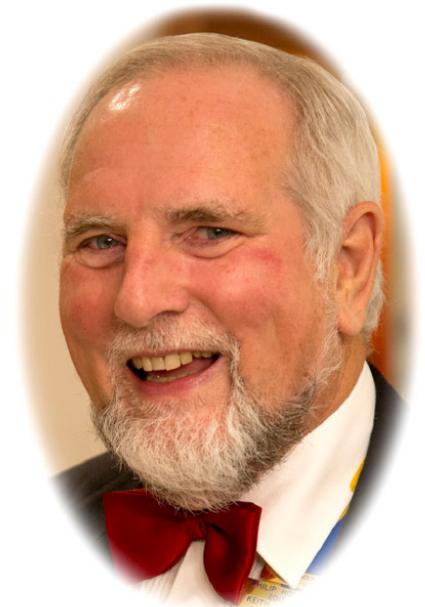
As we go to press Rotary we are again hosting the Technology and Innovations Awards to extremely

talented and creative young people from Senior schools, profiling imaginative and talented young peoples work.

Then at the other end of the spectrum we are supporting the International Children's Trust for ongoing work with very poor, vulnerable and at risk children in Africa. The thrust of this programme is to bring children out of poverty and provide education, vocational training and giving them real hope for the future. An astonishing transformation of lives leading from dependency to independence.

We are also continuing with the Disabled Outward Bound's Challenge, which is in its final year, having given young people the experience of a life time over some 34 years.

You the members have worked tirelessly to raise monies for so many worthy causes which have enabled amongst other things support for Myton Hospice, Coventry and Warwickshire air Ambulance, The Lord Mayor's Appeal, notwithstanding support for my chosen charities of Coventry Peace House Night Shelter, St Andrew's



House Care Home, Coventry and Warwickshire YMCA and The International Children's Trust.

We have had fun and much fellowship on the way and I hope Kevin, President Elect, will feel as well supported in his term of office as I have been.

May we all be a blessing to each other and those we seek to serve, Thank you so much for the honour of being your President,

President Ken Holmes GC



Sir Nicholas Winton MBE

Sir Nicholas was long lived to the age of 106 and passed away 1st July last year. He was born in Hampstead in London to Rudolph and Barbara Wertheim who were German Jews who settled in London in 1907.

There were slight name changes to the family and they converted to Christianity and Nicholas was baptised although he did not subscribe to any faith. He attended Stowe school and left without qualifications. He joined Midland Bank and later worked at Behrens Bank in Berlin. He moved to France in 1931 and secured a banking qualification before becoming a broker at the London Stock Exchange. Nicholas was an ardent socialist and became part of a left wing circle opposed to appeasement being concerned about the dangers posed by Nazi Germany.

At school he was an outstanding fencer and was in line for the British Olympic team for 1940 which of course was cancelled due to the war.

Together with a friend Martin Blake he was in Prague in late 1938 and became an associate of the British Committee for Refugees from Czechoslovakia which was in the process of being occupied by Germany. Single handedly Nicholas established an organisation to aid Jewish children who were at risk from the Nazis. He set up an office at a dining room table in his hotel in Wenceslas Square in November 1938 following Kristallnacht in Nazi ruled Germany. He secured approval from the House of Commons to allow the entry of refugees younger than 17 years provided they had a place to stay and covered by a warranty of £50 each based on their eventual return to their home country.

Not so well known is the fact that Nicholas was often on call as a Red Cross ambulance driver in Coventry during 1941.

He was for 50 years a Rotarian during which he served a term of President of the Rotary Club of Maidenhead.

Our own long serving Rotarian, the late Henry Hopfinger and his brother, were part of a group who left the German annexed territory of Austria via Vienna. Their parents sadly were to die in concentration camps.

It is fitting that we are reminded of these events when on the 19th May hundreds of people gathered in the Guildhall, London to celebrate the life of Sir Nicholas Winton. His daughter, Barbara began the service with a tribute to her father and an 80 year old Eva Paddock recalled the life saving journey with her sister when she was only 3 years old. Another survivor was 88 years old Hana Isaac-Kleiner said that she owed her life to Sir Nicholas. Hans Taussig, aged 92, another survivor said that he would have swum an ocean to be present at the event. He said "What that man did has never been done before or again. He was completely unique in achieving a miracle".



Some members will have received a hard copy of this club newsletter recently. The idea is that you read it and pass it on to relatives/friends and onwards into the community. Others will have accessed it electronically via our website. Encourage your friends to view this copy. The editorial content is clearly geared to the attention of the general public otherwise the entire newsletter is the ongoing history of the club.

John Hartley, Editor



IPC GRAND PRIX – KARE ADENEGAN

During the last weekend of May Kare Adenegan, the Coventry Godiva Harrier, was competing in the Switzerland International Paralympic Grand Prix in Nottwil which is located on the shores of Lake Sempach not too far from the famous city of Lucerne. The track is reputed to be the fastest track in the world for wheelchair racing and Kare was hoping for good times to secure her place in the Brazilian Olympics in Rio de Janeiro which take place in September.

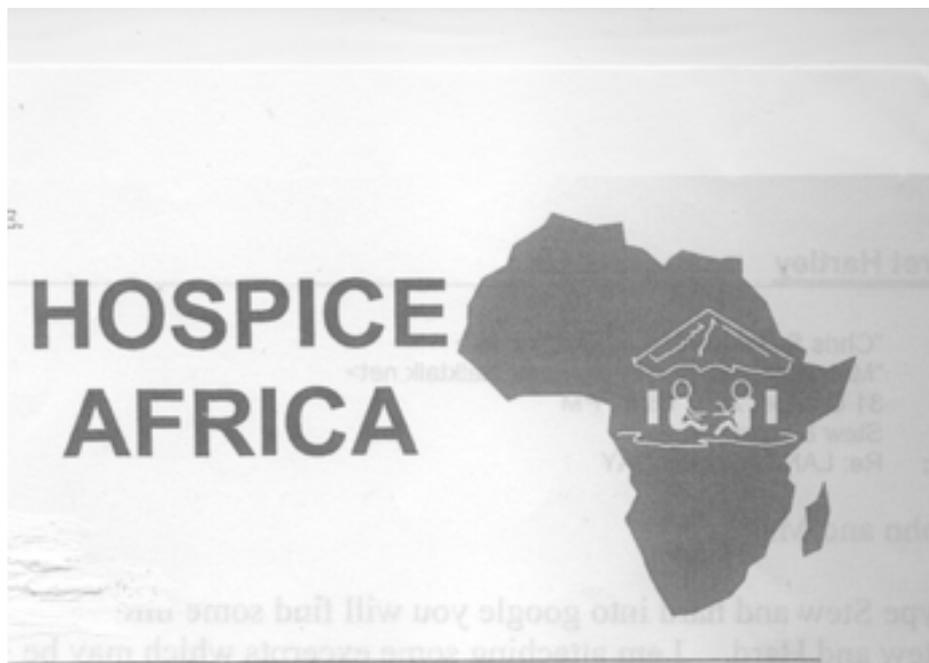
Kare entered three events 100, 800 and 400 metres. She achieved silver medals in the 100 and 800 metre events and came 4th in the 400 metre distance. We have to consider that Kare is still only 16 years old and attends Bablake School here in Coventry.

All Kare's main rivals were at the meeting in Switzerland it is well to note that they are full-time professional athletes who can train 7 days each week. Compare this to being a student at Bablake School where she can only squeeze in her training

sessions. I have been told that Kare's time for the 100 metres was 18.82 seconds which was a personal best time. Her UK ranking is No 2 in this event as she is also recognised as No 2 in 400 and 800 metres. Kare, with school exams out of the way, will concentrate on racing and will work on her endurance programme which commences in 3 weeks' time. Hopefully, together with four more competitions before the Olympics, she will be in top form for the final selection for the Great Britain team.

Her next appearance will be the London Anniversary Games and this will be followed by the Coventry Godiva Games in August. Her arch rival is Hannah Cockcroft MBE from Leeds and is 23 years old with full professional qualifications. Kare is never far behind Hannah and is on record as having beaten her once.

The Club has decided to present Kare with a sports fleece and a T-shirt displaying the Rotary logo to mark our continuing support marking our appreciation of her achievements.



HOSPICE AFRICA

Members may remember that this club was successful in securing a £160,000 3H Grant which set up Hospice Africa at Mbarara, Uganda in 1999.

Much of this success was down to the hard work done by the late Past President Allan Dixon. His wife Julia and son Richard keep in touch with the Hospice and recently attended the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool to meet Prof K Holden who is concerned with the ongoing support for this project which has been a resounding success.

Last year Hospice Africa was awarded a grant of £250,000 over the period June 2014 – May 2017 from the UK Department for International Development (funded by UK tax payers). This grant is to expand their mobile clinic service in Mbarara as a specialist base for treating children who have cancer. This is a region with poor roads and very limited medical services. Since 1998 they have treated mainly adult cancer patients there. Every four weeks one of their vehicles stops by the roadside in isolated villages and a nurse sees patients. The grant will fund the treatment of 450 children suffering from cancer. This will have an immediate impact on the children and their families. They will also teach palliative care to 350 undergraduate doctors and nurses at Mbarara Medical School so that when they qualify and work in the Ugandan Health Service they will be familiar with the use of oral morphine to control pain in patients. The grant will also fund the training of 40 Community Volunteers in basic care to provide nursing support to isolated patients in their homes, especially in areas where there are no nurses. The result is that the grant will have both an immediate and also a long-lasting effect on the lives of poor cancer patients in Uganda.

One of the conditions of the grant is the fund raisers achieve £50,000 independently and this is what is ongoing now in the UK.

I am aware that Julia Dixon is a regular contributor to Hospice Africa.

John Hartley

FOUNDATION DINNER 2016

Organised by Chairman and Club Treasurer Bob Kemble the evening was a success and raised £528 toward our contribution to Foundation funds which are processed through Rotary District 1060.

President Ken gave an address in which he explained for the benefit of newer members that "Foundation" as a title is an international charity which is principally administered from Rotary International in the USA. It is one of, or probably, the largest charity in the world. Funds are used to support areas where there are health issues such as the Polio Eradication campaign or to areas in the world where disasters have struck causing deprivation and hunger. Also through the Foundation Fellowship contributes to the furtherance of understanding and friendly relations between peoples of

different nations by enabling graduate students to study in an educational institution located outside of his or her own country. However funds do become available for redistribution at District level for individual clubs to receive, by application, support for particular projects. In our history we have received substantial financial support to build a hospice at Mbarara in Uganda, Africa for which we were grateful to the persistence of the late Past President Allan Dixon. More recently, but over some 20 years, we have been the recipient of smaller annual grants to support our project with Outward Bound.

The audience of our members and their ladies were grateful for this information who may have been confused between the title which is an American version of charity.



PRESTWICH DRAGONS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Few members will know that the above Manchester based team is sponsored by this club in the name of Rotary. They turn out in smart blue shirts well emblazoned with the Rotary logo and their club coat of arms.

One of the players is the tenacious tackler Jack Bogahalanda shown on the photo as second from the right on the front row.

Jack is a keen sportsman and also engages in rugby football and cricket. He also reveals his keenness to do a spot of distance running for charity.

It is clear from the photo that this soccer team achieves trophies and that this season as particularly successful.

From all accounts this football club was formed in 1972 to provide football primarily for young boys in the Prestwich area. Today it has over 200 members of both genders aged between 5 years and 16 years.

The club field 19 teams in local league competitions and they enter teams in the local County Cups.



COVENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION 2016

The season for public speaking in schools both Primary and at Senior levels has just drawn to a close with the Young Primary students pitting their wits against each other on topical issues in the prestigious Council Chamber of Coventry City Council House. Words of welcome and encouragement were given by our Lord Mayor Councillor Michael Hammon who was robed in full regalia for the occasion.

To reach the final of the competition some forty schools began and by keen engagement over four heats; the competition in the Council Chamber some 10 teams were present to identify the winner.

The ten teams were Earlsdon, Wyken Croft, All Souls, Joseph Cash, Aldermoor Farm, Mount Nod, Holy Family, Our Lady of the Assumption, Grange Farm and Allesley. These schools had been judged to have the highest scores out of the forty schools.

Aldermoor Farm School was judged to be the overall winner and pupils received certificates, individual cups and the principal cup which they proudly raised aloft in triumph having made their point that "We should support local shops". Second place, to the delight of the Lord Mayor was Earlsdon who suggested that "Tourism does more harm than good".

The prizes were presented by President Don Simpson of the Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee.

Thanks were expressed to the three judges who as ever had a difficult task to mark the performances of the students. Sandi McKinnon exceeded her duties as compère of the event and, despite a late start, seemed to end the proceedings on schedule.

On this occasion the proceedings were video filmed throughout and it is proposed that this will be placed on the internet so that all schools can access the programme of events.



2015-16 MEMBERSHIP BOOK

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

kenneth_holmes@tiscali.co.uk



YOUTH SPEAKS NATIONAL FINALS PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL 2016

With a continuing story of success the team from Coventry sponsored by this club presented itself at the Youth Speaks National finals held at Kirkham Grammar School, Preston, Lancashire.

The event was hosted by DG Arthur Jones of District 1190 covering Cumbria and Lancashire.

President Kennedy again presented their views on Blockbuster Books in this intermediate round (11-13 years) and were finally judged to be the third team in the national competition held on Saturday, 7th May. However Eesha Gupta was judged to be the overall winner of giving a vote of thanks to the organisers and the audience.

The press photograph shows RIBI President Peter Davey giving the team his congratulations.

ROTARY DISTRICT 1060

YOUTH SPEAKS DISTRICT FINAL SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE COMPETITIONS

BABLAKE SCHOOL – SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016

SENIORS

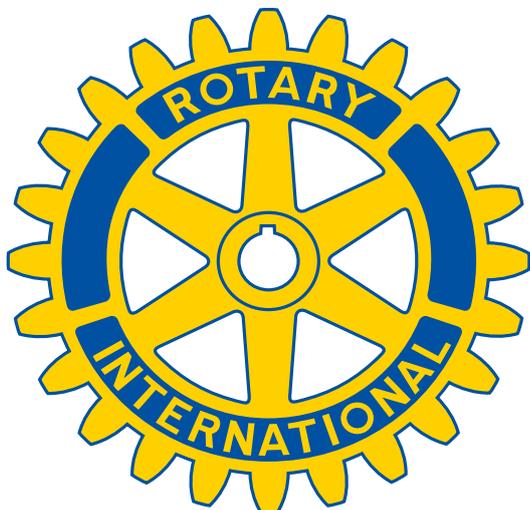
10 teams covering a wide variety of subjects presented themselves well in front of a large audience comprising naturally a fair number of parents.

The winning team sponsored by the Rotary Club of Solihull-St Alphege was King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls and they discussed "Homeless but Human".

The second position was taken by the Blue Coat School, Coventry who were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee. They spoke on "Globalisation".

In third place was the Trinity Catholic School, Leamington Spa sponsored by the RC of Leamington Spa Regency. They spoke on the subject of "Sharks".

The judges overall view was such they believed the standard was the highest yet and believed that within the 10 speakers we were sure to find future parliamentarians. The teams were close in marks over the full period of the competition.



Intermediate

9 teams chose challenging subjects to discuss and again raised the standards of this annual competition for the 11-13 year old students. Again a large audience for the afternoon session.

The winning team on local territory was President Kennedy School sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee. Their subject was "Blockbuster Books".

The second position was taken by "Woodrush High School sponsored by the Rotary Club of Solihull-St Alphege. Their subject was "A Question of Sport".

The third team was Highclare School sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wylde Green. Their subject was "A-1, The Delete Key on Humanity?"

Remarkably President Kennedy team seemed to be at the lower end of the age scale and were well rehearsed. However all teams were complimented on their turnouts with discussions which were thought provoking and entertaining.

In conclusion thanks go to the Rotary Club of Leamington Spa Regency for organising this whole day event and President Elect Peter Roberts who held forth to the audience during the times when the judges were deliberating in a side room.



CHARITY COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL 2016

This event took place at the home of Kim Rees in Moreall Meadows, Gibbet Hill, Coventry. It was the declared wish of Kim that funds raised would be given to two deserving causes namely 353 Charity and to Kare Adenegan who at 15 years old represents Great Britain in the wheelchair racing team.

353 Charity was formed locally to honour Private Conrad Lewis of 3rd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment whose home town is Coventry and sadly was killed by a sniper's bullet in Afghanistan on 9th February 2011. He had adopted a stray mongrel dog named Peg. Conrad's family traced his companion and brought

it home to Coventry. Peg made an appearance at the coffee morning. The 353 Charity exists to help members of the military community affected by conflict.

Kare Adenegan and her father Christopher were also present at the coffee morning. Kare's chances of representing Great Britain in the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics this year were enhanced by her results in the Dohar World Championships when she brought home two bronze medals. Kare competes with distinction in a variety of distances on the track and has yet to perform in the London Mini Marathon where last year aged 14 she broke the course record.

Now a year older she will have to be only two seconds faster to break the course record in her age group. Kare trains six days every week and is often to be seen track training on the Godiva Harriers' sports ground at the University of Warwick and has ambitions to maintain her studies to a high level of distinction.

Each of the above charities will receive £381.25 from the proceeds of this well supported event.

In conclusion, it should be recorded that the success of this event was enhanced by the hospitality and generosity of Kim Rees.



VISIONING WORKSHOP

Our President and other club members attended a Rotary International inspired workshop to consider the situation of our club in 2019. Among our group were members who saw the attraction to attend at the Cricket Club was a hot breakfast prior to the commencement of the meeting on Saturday, 14th May.

The first task was for those in attendance to assume that the time scale was 14th May 2019 providing an opportunity to look back and develop ideas on how we might have progressed in the three years. We assumed that our membership had grown to 60 of which 17 members were ladies.

Some of the fundraising ideas were optimistic such as raising £30K from a golf tournament. All elements of Rotary service were considered and suggestions were transposed on to poster sized panels which were placed around the room for review and voting for our preferences at the end of the meeting. These preferred issues would become the "plan" to progress the club to 2019.

The outcomes may be ambitious but one of the observations recognised by all present is the fact that the public and organisations generally trust Rotary to fulfil its promise for whatever project it is promoting.

Results will only be achieved when we all pull together and surmount the problem of the lack of interest from the media generally. Self preservation is how we progress and the message must be projected into the whole membership.

Thanks must be recorded for the attendance of the five person team who guided everyone through the three and a half hour seminar.

INFORMATION FOR NEW ROTARIANS

(and for old ones if they have forgotten)

The latest 'Duties' list can be viewed weekly on the club notice board. A list will also appear on our club website 'coventryrotary.org' and follow the link. Please make a note when it is your turn if you are unable to make a particular day, swap with another member but please tell the Club Secretary Brian Winstanley, to keep his records straight, having already written in the alteration on the notice board list.

For new members the listings of the duties of the Door Steward are not very onerous. The first part of the job is to take the money off members for the lunch and make sure they sign the attendance sheet, copies of which will be found in the Steward's box. When there are only two blank sheets left request more from the Club Secretary. He usually carries those in his briefcase. After everyone has signed (President and speakers do not pay) make sure your list of attendances agrees with those sitting at the tables. Balance the cash and cheques received and pass the list and payments to Treasurer Bob Kem-

ble who completes the payment to the steward of the club.

In tandem with the above duties you must ensure that visitors to the luncheon meeting and the speaker should record their names in the Visitors' Book. At a later point in the meeting the President will invite you to introduce the visitors to the meeting. It is appropriate to include the rank or position held if this is apparent, eg Past or President of a club or Past or Present Chairperson of an organisation.

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 Steward's 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.

Thank you all for your efforts.

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!!

***2nd Vice President
Robert Vilette
Chief Steward***

ATTENDANCE

Although our membership book has given attendance guidelines which are printed on the penultimate page of the handbook there remains a mystery to some degree on how the obligation to maintain attendance can be fulfilled.

Rotarians should realise that they must not assume and therefore treat our weekly meetings as a “luncheon club”. With that in mind each Rotarian should review the object of Rotary printed on the first page of the book. Reference also should be made to the General Information pages for further guidance on attendance matters.

For the benefit of all a full detail of attendance rules is printed below.

COVENTRY ROTARY CLUB

The more important provisions governing attendance are summarised as follows:

Attendance

1. A member shall attend the Club’s regular meetings but attendance only counts if the member is present for at least 60% of the meeting
2. Absence from a meeting can be made up if, within 14 days before or after a regular meeting of the Club, the member attends:
 - 2.1 at least 60% of the regular meeting of another Rotary Club
 - 2.2 a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact Club
 - 2.3 a RI convention or a RIBI assembly
 - 2.4 a District conference, assembly, meeting, committee
 - 2.5 and participates in a club service project, club-sponsored community event or council-authorized meeting
 - 2.6 a council meeting,
 - 2.7 a service committee meeting
 - 2.8 participates through the Club’s website in an interactive activity for 30 minutes on average
3. Absence from a regular meeting of the Club can also be made up if:
 - 3.1 a member attends a regular club meeting at any time during a period of more than 14 days’ travel abroad
 - 3.2 a member is engaged in council-authorized Rotary business which precludes attendance

Excused attendance

A member’s absence is excused if:

1. council has approved
2. the aggregate of a member’s years of age and years of membership is 85 or more and the council has approved the member’s written application

Leave of absence

Leave of absence may be granted by council on a member’s written application so as to prevent forfeiture of membership

Termination

A member must attend:

1. or make up at least 60% of the regular meetings of the Club in each half year
2. at least 30% of the Club’s regular meetings in each half year

Failing such attendance, membership is subject to termination by council

Unless excused by council, a member who fails to attend or make-up four consecutive regular meetings may find that such non-attendance is treated as a request for council to terminate membership

Note: It is emphasized that this summary omits other provisions that are thought to apply only in circumstances that are exceptional. It also does not repeat in full the wording of the provisions summarised. For further information please refer to the Club Secretary.

When signing in each member should note two side columns – “S” for Service and “F” for Fellowship.

In the event that another club is visited then a mark under column “F” is appropriate. For all other qualifying attendances the “S” column should bear your mark.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

What is Rotary?

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

And what is Coventry Rotary Club?

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

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

Please contact the Secretary, Brian Winstanley via mail:

secretary@coventryrotary.org

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

21-22 June	Viewing of Design & Technology Exhibits at WMG Academy, Mitchell Avenue, Coventry
22 June	Design & Technology Award Evening at Warwick University – 19.00 hours
29 June	District Handover at Nailcote Hall
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11 July	Handover Meeting
12 July	Arrival of RYLA Student Tatiana Ermachenko from Volgograd
18 July	Professor Ian Talbot – The British High Commission in Pakistan
25 July	RYLA Student Tatiana Ermachenco from Volgograd
28 July	Departure of RYLA Student
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7 August	President's Garden Party
29 August	BANK HOLIDAY
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12 Sept	Visit of DG Peter Roberts