



# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### *Dear Fellow Rotarians*

I feel I have only just taken on the role of President of this fine Rotary Club. But already, as I write this, we are some nine weeks into my term of office. Looking back there has been a number of events that I have attended as President. I was pleased to attend a coffee morning organised by the ladies of Coventry Inner Wheel. Held at Brian and Pamela Hammond's house, it was a lovely morning and a very relaxed way of fund raising. Well it was relaxed for us not running around serving tea and coffee. I was privileged to go to Hereward College, to meet the youngsters as they set off on their great adventure the Outward Bound course organised by John Hartley. John has worked tirelessly for the past 34 years' fund raising, organising, vetting the youngsters, liaising with parents, teachers and instructors. Putting service before self.

The Bowls competition against the Nuneaton Rotary club was a great success I arrived just in time to see the end of the competition and our club win and receive the trophy in the club house over a pint and a fish and chip supper.

It was my great delight to host

the President's garden party at St Elizabeth's Church. We had lovely weather for the occasion and we were entertained by members of Unlock the Music. It was for me a great day and everyone who attended made the occasion special.

I attended a great celebration in Coventry Cathedral organised by Pru Porretta (Lady Godiva). Celebrating 1000 years of Coventry Heritage including the death of St Osburga, Lady Godiva and the 1000th Anniversary since the destruction of St Osburga's convent by Vikings. Lady Godiva told the story of Coventry's history through the ages, illustrated by a ten metre tapestry. The tapestry was made up from small individual panels that had been made by various groups around Coventry. Then on the Sunday I attended a special Mass at St Osburg's church. The Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley and also in attendance was the Bishop of Coventry Dr Christopher Cocksworth. The Lord Mayor, several councillors, Lady Godiva and many dignitaries were in attendance once again we had a great celebration.



I am looking to the future and the many things that our club does to help others. There is one project that is always on my mind and that is to help the children in the remote village Lokiliri in South Sudan, the home of Fr Moses from St Elizabeth's church. There is a lot of unrest in South Sudan the youngest country in the world. The root cause of the unrest I would say is ignorance and lack of education. The children in the village are keen to attend school and learn but they have very few resources to help them. One solution is to provide a library for them. I will keep you informed as the project progresses, I just pray that the fighting stops and peace returns to the country.

*President Kevin*



# HANDOVER

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016



This proved to be a busy event attended by almost 80 people.

The activity of President Elect Kevin discharging his regular role of photographer with a neat changeover of duties to Janet when he was elevated to President as the meeting progressed.

President Ken welcomed Father Moses of St Elizabeth's Church, Foleshill and invited him to say Grace before dinner was served.

Prior to the actual handover President Ken had welcomed President Jaz Dhaliwal of Coventry Jubilee, President John Green from Coventry North and Assistant Governor Past President Gabriel

Back of Coventry Breakfast Club.

We were also pleased to see Renuka Kapoor, daughter of the late Daman Lal Sarin, who had been a long serving Rotarian of Coventry North and this club. Renuka was present with her husband from New York, USA. Further introductions were announced by President Ken to Pat Bullock (Joint President Coventry Inner Wheel Club) and Paul Sabopathy CBE, former West Midlands Lord Lieutenant.

Charitable cheques were presented to International Children's Charity, St Andrew's Care Home, Coventry Peace House and the Samaritans of Coventry.

With these introductions and presentations completed the time came for President Ken to disrobe his chain of office from an extra long stint of 18 months and formally hand this jewel to the new President Kevin Vaughan. With the exchange



of badges complete he presented a large bouquet of flowers to Jenny Holmes who had supported Ken during his term of office.

The entertainment serenaded President Kevin with a selection of sea shanties based upon Liverpool the birthplace of Kevin.

Mother Russia reminding us of our twin club in Volgograd was in evidence throughout the evening being placed prominently on the top table and for the next Rotary year she will be hosted in the new home of President Kevin and his wife Janet.





# MÜLLER ANNIVERSARY GAMES IPC GRAND PRIX FINAL LONDON OLYMPIC STADIUM 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2016

Kare Adenegan was competing for her selection in the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil next September.

This 15 year old Bablake girl was up against international competition in London was by far the youngest GBR representative in a field dominated by the world record holder Hannah Cockcroft.

Perhaps the result with Hannah in the event was never to be in doubt. In fact she won the 100 metre wheelchair sprint in 17.61 seconds a match record. She was followed in second place by Kare who had a personal best time of 18.72 seconds. Kare was closely followed by Alexa Halko of the United States who made third place. Significantly both Kare and Alexa are fifteen years old compared to Hannah who

is twenty three years old.

Now confirmed following this result Kare has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Brazil 2016 Paralympics.

The selection for the Brazilian Olympics was to compete in three events, wheelchair sprinting in 100, 400 and 800 metres. Her rich reward at the time of going to press is a silver medal for second placing behind Hannah Cockcroft who took gold. Both Kare and Hannah have membership of the Coventry Godiva Harriers. The pleasure for this effort could not be more due to Kare's parents who have been so supportive of her athletic career. Now we sit with fingers crossed for the result to come in the 400 and 800 metre races.

# CHARITY GIVING

Each member of this club should be aware of two methods of securing charitable funds when they shop on line. This applies to almost anything from small items like clothing or larger items such as electrical goods and hotel or holiday bookings. Collectively the club could benefit by several hundreds of pounds each year.

There are two methods, known to me, *“Give As You Live”* and *“Easy Fund Raising”*.

## *What is Give as you Live?*

Give as you Live is a shopping and price comparison website with a heart. You can shop for products from thousands of leading online retailers; use their price comparison tool to ensure you get the best price and even save money by using the exclusive offers and deals available on their site.

Don't forget, a percentage of every purchase you make will be donated to charity.

## *Where does the money come from?*

Like other price comparison websites, they generate money through affiliate marketing. This means that retailers pay them commission each time a sale is generated for them through their site and they pass at least 50% of this on to the charity of the supporter's choice.

## *Why you should join Give as you Live*

- Receive top offers and vouchers from more than top retailers straight to your inbox.
- Choose to support any one of 200,000+ UK charities including schools, churches and social clubs.
- Keep track of how much you have raised for your favourite charity.

Sign up it's free. [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)

## *“Easy Fund Raising”*

This is a great way to earn charitable funds for our club. The qualification is that it only provides funds if you shop on line. For example, let us say that you wanted to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Having decided what you want you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). On this website you click it through to John Lewis to make your purchase. This registers with John Lewis that you came through the Easy fund Raising channel. The price of the shoes is exactly the same.

After you have received the shoes, John Lewis will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation to the Rotary Club of Coventry. The donation actually goes to Easy Funding who in turn will forward it on to you to give to the club.

To check the validity you are advised to read the website which is [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

I have been fortunate to receive a donation via my travel agent for a holiday which was worth over £3,500. A payment of some £355 is currently being processed into our accounts for charitable use.

This will also work for insurance premiums for cars, home and life insurance and also Amazon.

*John Hartley*

# RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES



Around 4350 athletes from 160 countries competed for 528 medal events in 22 different sports. It was into this cauldron of competition that our 15 year old Coventry schoolgirl found

herself facing up to the world in three events 100, 400 and 800 metre wheelchair races. Kare Adenegan had undergone months of preparation to find herself representing Great Britain. As a female competitor she was one of some 1650 women hoping for medal recognition. Being a member of the T34 classification Kare has to depend on support from her family, her coach and team mates to be in place on the starting line for each race.

Her main rival is also British and is Hannah Cockcroft who is 24 years old and accredited with being the World Champion and this status brings with it great expectation. Our Kare had great hopes to be up there with Hannah on the podium and to receive a medal award.

In her first event 100 metres Hannah broke the world record in winning but close behind Kare produced her personal best time to secure the silver medal. Kare then competed in the 400 metre final when she was able to perform with some distinction to take the bronze medal. Concluding her events in the 800 metres Kare made her mark and place on the podium again with a bronze medal.



An all round exceptional performance from this 15 year old Bablake girl. What a foundation she has laid for the Tokyo games in four years' time.



## ROTARY CROCUS CAMPAIGN 2017

This apparently has become one of the leading International fund raisers to support the "End Polio Now" campaign.

Since 2012 the Rotary crocus has raised £1 million being distributed to 15 different countries.

Rotary Clubs in Coventry have secured 5000 bulbs which will provide 1000 bulbs for each club to

plant in time for the spring of 2017 to raise the profile of the Rotary movement.

It is a fact that the crocus smell so strongly to a bumble bee that it entices them out of their hives in the spring – so we are helping the environment. At the time of going to press we do not know where our crocus will be planted so you are requested to keep your eye on our website for further news.



# ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2016

This was the “official” 50th anniversary match between the Rotary Clubs of Coventry and Nuneaton. The first match in 1966 followed the presentation of a match trophy presented by PP Oscar Grunau of Coventry who had a business relationship with both towns. The trophy has had a varied experience over the years having been “lost” and renovated but, despite these events, it has stood for friendliness between two clubs which have a mother/daughter relationship.

The evening was well attended and hosted at the Ambleside Bowling Club with background music created by the Zumba dancers. The hospitality ‘shed’ was most conveniently situated greenside which of course could not be said about the bar. This did not prove to be a problem because most of us needed the

use of the toilets which were handily placed at one end of the bar.

Recalling details of the match itself the teams were divided into sets of four who played on a drying surface; when the Jack was played long it required the bowling arm to produce some extra power. Much to Coventry’s delight they won 32 points to 26 meaning that the trophy will spend the next 12 months on PP Philip’s piano.

For some the highlight of the evening is the serving of fish ‘n chips (for the second time in two days for Coventry) so they were eagerly awaited. This was where John Frisby’s plan went unfortunately somewhat astray. The chip shop apparently forgot where the bowling club was located. Fellowship prevailed in the shed!



*PP Ken shows an aggressive approach*



*PP Jeff approves his wood with encouragement*



# 1000 YEARS OF COVENTRY HERITAGE

The heritage weekend started with a spectacular event organised and choreographed by our own Pru Porretta in her role of Lady Godiva.

Five of our club members were present who had fringe roles to ensure the safety of the many school children from a variety of local schools who had parts to play in the pageant.

The Lord Mayor Councillor Lindsey Havard was present along with other councillors, Master of the Freeman's Guild and his supporters, our President Kevin Vaughan, Louise Bennett, Coventry Chamber of Commerce, and many others who helped to entertain the large audience gathered in the Cathedral.



Lady Godiva had gathered her bevy of international sisters to give her escort from Broadgate to the Cathedral via Priory Gardens where a prayer was offered to St Osburga to commemorate the anniversary of the destruction of her convent 1000 years ago. Throughout the procession Jaman Aggrey played his African drums to call the public's

attention to follow from Broadgate. Estimates will vary but some 200 or more people were eventually settled in the western end of the Cathedral.

The Pattison College dancers performed the gentle routine of dance to the tune and song "The Lady on the Horse".

Steve Bagley represented industry in demonstrating his skills riding a penny farthing cycle to which the audience sang the song "Daisy, Daisy" although it was a



cycle made for one!!

There were dances by the Chinese community, African school children from St Mary's and St Benedict's. The whole audience sang

the Lennon/McCartney "All you need is love" which was introduced by Lady Godiva's granddaughter Thalia and led by Lizzy Perring and Patsy Clark.

Throughout the proceedings at appropriate intervals the 20 panels of the new Coventry Tapestry which depicts the events throughout the 1000 years were placed on display. This will surely find a home in the Herbert Art Gallery.

The proceedings closed with the distribution of food and other goodies to the school children by the Godiva Sisters.

I believe that, as Rotarians of this club, we should appreciate all that Pru Porretta does for this city. Almost single handedly she organised this event, indeed one of many, which have marked the historic events in Coventry.



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2016

I have never been good at estimating the number of people in a room; certainly not when the figure exceeds "a lot". However, my sense of inadequacy in this matter felt less important after I asked Past President David Kershaw (500) and our Guest Speaker Julie White (700) for their estimate of the number in the Ramphal Lecture Theatre at the Awards Ceremony. Fortunately, neither asked for my estimate. The official capacity is 400. The "guesstimates" and the fact that the Ramphal was full, all indicate that the annual Exhibition of Design and Technology projects celebrating the achievements of the city's young people is a major point in the Rotary year when Rotary is in harmony with the community it serves.

Probably only Santa's Sleigh and the Young Entertainer can rival its popularity.

The 2016 Exhibition was undoubtedly a success, not just as measured by the number of students, parents, carers and school staff attending the Awards Evening, but also by the quality of the projects on display. Once more the judges, whether from sponsors or the 5 Rotary Clubs, had an unenviable task in determining those students who were to be recognised at the Awards Evening.

Our venue, the Ramphal Lecture Theatre, was excellent for our purpose. All present could see and hear the proceedings. Those responsible for the presentations made good use of the technical facilities. On arrival the Warwick University Welcome Service was on hand to greet and welcome everyone.

An additional boon was that all our speakers were relevant, effective and brief. Everyone was welcomed

by President Margaret, of Coventry Breakfast, who ensured that the evening proceeded logically and smoothly.



The inspirational Guest Speaker was Julie White, Managing Director of D\_Drill (Master Drillers) and indeed a daughter of a former rotarian. As the 2011 Business Woman of the Year, and someone who had expressed her views on a number of topics on Any Questions, she demonstrated with humour, that with perseverance, enthusiasm and commitment, young people could make their way along any of their chosen paths. In the current climate Julie's enthusiasm for apprenticeships was particularly apt.

Lindsay Harvard, Lord Mayor of Coventry, pertinently reminded everyone that Coventry is a city of innovation and rejuvenation; a city of inventors. In the audience he anticipated that there would be successors to James Starley and Frank Whittle, albeit, in their own chosen sphere relevant to the 21st. Century.

There was a welcome innovation this year. John Feldman of Coventry 2020 spoke of the charity's objective in encouraging students' interest in engineering and design / technology at Key Stage 3 as precursor to selecting their GCSE subjects. We were happy to feature the first Coventry 2020 projects in this year's exhibition. John Feldman presented prizes to students from Stoke Park School and Community Technical College, and Finham Park Academy. The organising group hopes to explore further ways in which we might assist Coventry 2020 in their work.

District Governor Paul Jaspal spoke briefly of Rotary's roots and congratulated the students on the excellent quality of their work.

For all judges the task is challenging, but probably more so for those charged with seeking from the 180 projects those which, in addition to the quality of design and production, also demonstrate innovation and potential for commercial production. Those so selected go forward to the District Final on Sunday 3 July. Seven projects were chosen. The overall winner of the Innovation Award was Josh McKinley of King Henry VIII School. Worthy of special note was that included in the 7 projects was one from a student at a special school.

# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2016 (CONT'D)

Looking back, there was much to be thankful for. We are indebted to the WMG Academy for kindly providing an excellent exhibition area, and to the University of Warwick for hosting the Awards Ceremony, as well as to our guest speaker and other guests. But inevitably the bouquets go to all the students and their teachers for providing work of such high quality.

However, it has to be acknowledged that all is not as we would wish it. In many ways WMG Academy is an excellent venue. But it is geographically challenging! Apart from its distance from the city centre, it is a school and there are consequently safeguarding issues that the staff must take on board. Members of the public cannot be allowed general access to the site when students are there. As a result the exhibition was only open to the public for limited times on two days after school hours. As a result, on Tuesday afternoon visitors to the event were like "one man and his dog" watching a cricket match, to quote one Rotary Past President. Consequently, visitors flocked to the exhibition on Wednesday afternoon prior to the Awards Evening. In these circumstances it is difficult to ensure that students' work is accessible to the wider public.

We have to acknowledge that money is important, for to have a more central location would require finance beyond our means. Similarly, sponsorship is vital. We are very grateful to all the local companies, businesses

and universities that supported the event, and especially to those sponsors who judged exhibits and presented awards, and offered winning students a day or half day visiting their firm.

With no input from the local authority, contacting schools, and chasing them as deadlines approach (!), is problematic. It is doubtful if the exhibition could have been mounted without the determination and perseverance of Sam Rooke of Coventry Jubilee, and the generous support she received from President Kennedy School. Nevertheless, four of Coventry's secondary schools did not enter, and one school that did enter did not present their students' work at the exhibition.

In addition to Sam Rooke, special thanks must go to Niall McChesney of Coventry Phoenix, for overseeing the work of the organising body, and David Line of Coventry Jubilee for his work in allocating the number of projects to schools, and ensuring that the programme was produced on time.

Altogether some 10 members of Coventry Rotary Club contributed in various capacities to the success of the event, whether judging, security, hospitality or car park supervision. Every task essential. Thank you.

**T.J. Bond**



## INTER DISTRICT FINAL COVEN MEMORIAL HALL, NR WOLVERHAMPTON

Josh McKinley of King Henry VIII School, had submitted his A2-Product Design Rotach which had been selected to go forward for the Inter District final. The judges stated that the standard of entries was unsurpassed. Josh took first prize and received a framed citation and a cheque for £200. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coventry. Ashley Vinning (who was sponsored by RC of Coventry Jubilee) produced a drone for his submission of an A Level Product Design for work he did for WMC Academy for Young Engineers.



# MEG WHITEHALL, SEA CADET

Meg Whitehall, a 17 year old cadet with TS Coventry Sea Cadets, is one of only four cadets selected in Britain to represent her country to travel to South Korea to participate in a world wide sea exercise in July and August.

The Rotary Club of Coventry has made a donation of

£100 toward her total expenses which hopefully will largely be covered by a grant from General Funds of the Sea Cadet movement.

On her return Meg has agreed to make a presentation to club members to give us her impressions of this unique experience.

## BOBBY HARRIS

We were all saddened to learn of Bobby's passing on 14th June following a fall in her home. She was 88 years old.

A lively person who on her 80th birthday decided to do a parachute jump for charity. Bobby was a long time member of Inner Wheel Club of Coventry and during this time had served as President and taken an active part in the many fund raising events organised by the club. Well known for her straight talking and sharing a joke Bobby well reflected her background being a farmer's daughter in the county of Derbyshire.

In memory of Peter, her Rotarian husband, she presented a trophy to the winner of the annual Treasure Hunt organised by Past President Ray Thompson; an event she always attended to present the silver cup.

With failing eyesight Bobbie left Coventry to live near her daughter Catherine in Ashover near to Matlock in Derbyshire.





# TREASURE HUNT

## TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

In the new surroundings of the Berkswell Cricket and Tennis Club it did seem for a while that we would be rained into the pavilion along with the two well turned out teams of youngsters who seemingly were enjoying the fruits of the bar that were within their age range. So we arrived in a moderate rainstorm displaying umbrellas which must have given Past President Ray a glint of hope that we were all prepared to face a dull wet evening to sort out his most obscure and tantalising clues. One of the benefits of a treasure hunt in and around Balsall Common is that one's knowledge of geography of the area is enhanced – not only because of the route of clues we were following but from friendly inhabitants who were ready to talk to Rotarians over the garden gate and at times provide a tip or two.

Ray Thompson in preparing the hunt is undoubtedly intellectually advanced over the competitors providing much debate en route as to the certainty of a correct answer. But then his guile was being matched by a studious group in family Bond. Led by the elders Terry and Carole who were reinforced by grandchildren Elizabeth and Philip the result for the evening was never in doubt when they displayed the Peter Harris trophy at the end of the evening.

Was the attraction for a good attendance a "Fish & Chip" supper which we all tucked into with relish?

# 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 12.45 pm 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](http://www.coventryrotary.org)***

4-6 Nov	District Conference, Carden Park Hotel, Cheshire
10 Nov	District Quiz, Coventry Golf Club 18.45 – 19.00 hrs
12/13 Nov	Disabled Sports
28 Nov	SGM
30 Nov	District Council
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7 Dec	Opening of the Festival of Christmas Trees by the Lord Mayor of Coventry at Holy Trinity Church
19 Dec	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
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23 Feb	ROTARY DAY
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15 Mar	DISTRICT COUNCIL
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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***