



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians

As I come to the end of my Presidential year in office I look back on that time. The year has gone by at an incredible rate. Our Club has achieved a lot in this breath-taking time and I will mention just a few.

My year started by seeing the youngsters set off on the Disabled Outward Bound's course. Sadly it was to be the last one. The club had been organising and fundraising this course for 35 years and in the process making a difference in building confidence for so many young people over those years. We have now turned our attention to the Sea Cadets, again helping young people.

Rotary has a great emphasis on helping youth and it amazes me who they rise up to a challenge. The Youth Speaks competition is one that seems to inspire the youngsters. It is a wonder to witness how articulate they are and how mature and thoughtful the arguments they put forward.

It was with great joy that I was able to be at the inaugural

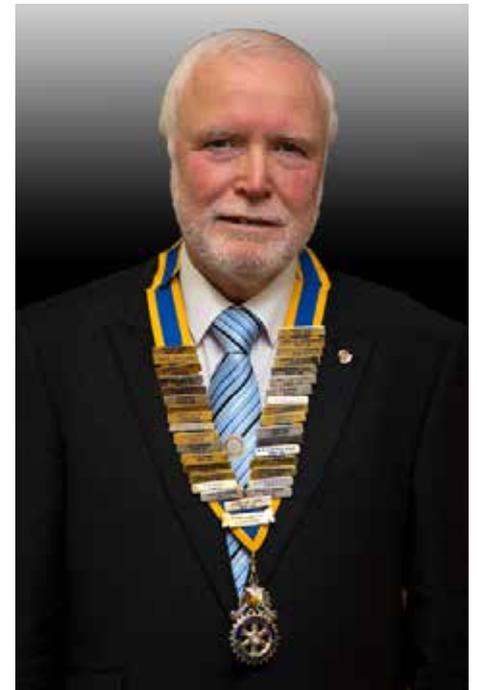
meeting of President Kennedy's Interact Club and present the Rotary Badges to the young members. I also had the honour of presenting the chain of office to President Paula of the newly formed Rotaract club at Coventry University.

It was also my pleasure to present Michael Pittaway a certificate honouring his 50 years' membership of Rotary

The club continues to do good putting service above self, collecting money for worthy causes, giving to the needy and sponsoring the youth wherever possible.

We are quite often rewarded when young people come along to our club to tell us what they have done and thank us for our support. We were rewarded in a big way when Kare Adenegan (the local Godiva Harrier) became an Paralympic medallist at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

I must thank club members who supported our fundraising concert in aid of the library for the school children in Lokiliri village South



Sudan. A good evening was had by all and we raised a substantial amount which was presented to Father Moses towards the library.

The District conference last year was truly inspirational and I must mention a couple of speakers

Luke Simon was working in Thailand when he and his brother Piers were caught up in the Indian Ocean Tsunami and sadly Luke's brother was killed. In memorial of his brother, Luke started the Piers

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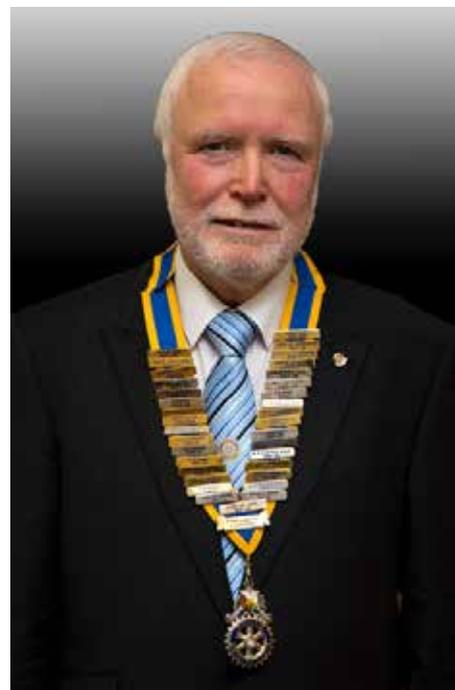
Simon Appeal to help disaster victims around the world up until last year they had helped victims of disasters in 17 countries and supplied 131 shelter boxes. He later started "School in a Bag" supplying rucksacks filled with stationery, learning resources and eating utensils for disadvantaged children around the world enabling them to have a better education. Much good came out of such a tragic loss.

Lamie Proctor and Saalim Koomar spoke about their work in Malawi. Rotary clubs are their primary source of funding. Their project focuses on Building Education and Innovation. They have had great success with their earth bag buildings. These are buildings constructed with bags filled with earth and laid like bricks and patted down, then plastered over. They train local people how to build in this way which is very cost effective and sustainable. Lamie and Saalim are graduates from the University of Manchester using their skills and ingenuity to help others.

I must mention our very own Pauline Smart whose talks at conference are both amusing and inspiring and wake people up. I do urge you to go along to District Conference it is a good battery charger and you get to meet many people that are doing marvellous things.

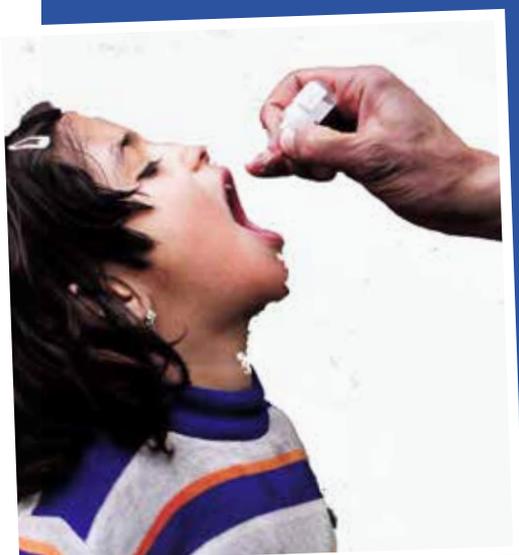
We have achieved much in this club but together Rotary as a whole has achieved even more.

Since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative effort began, polio cases have dropped a staggering 99.9 percent, from nearly 350,000 cases a year to only five cases reported this year, a record low. The virus has been eliminated in all but three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. This is a record that all Rotarians should be proud of and is an achievement that is worth talking about. This is a milestone that can only be accomplished by cooperation, organisation, dedication, passion and Love. Love for our neighbours, Love for our children and Love for the world we live in.



Rotarians are passionate people who care for the world we live in, their love for Justice motivates them and their love for peace inspires them to do great things. I am proud to be a Rotarian and I am proud and honoured to have been selected to be your President of this club. I wish to thank you all for your support and encouragement and wish Robert, my successor, a happy and successful year with our full support.

*Yours in Rotary
President Kevin*



PURPLE FOR POLIO

Rotary planted 7 million crocus corms which seem to have flowered well in the spring. Now they are asleep in the ground. I hope that we, as Rotarians, and they as followers will look forward to a good display in the spring of 2018. Progress with the Polio disease can be reported as progressive in the eradication programmes where the cases notified to date are lower than 2016.

I am sure that we all did our duty in selling our jars of plum jam and complimentary tea bags from Typhoo tea. Our thanks to Wilkin & Sons Ltd of Tiptree and Typhoo Tea Limited for their generosity. The possibility of these gifts raising £300,000 including the mark up by the Gates Foundation is no mean target for RIBI to achieve.



KARE ADENEGAN

This 16 year old Bablake School girl continues to shine in her career as a Paralympic athlete. Kare returned home from the Brazil Paralympics in 2016 with three medals for her events in the wheelchair sprinting 100, 400 and 800 metre distances.

More recently Kare was declared the Rotary International Britain and Ireland Young Citizen of the Year. She was unfortunately unable to attend the Manchester RIBI convention to receive her award due to an important family occasion. However it was arranged that the BBC CWR should interview her at the Warwick University track where she trains and this was relayed to the organisers of the conference who revealed her to the audience by recorded film.

Rotary presented Kare with a cheque for £500 which she would present to a charity of her choice. Kare chose the Special Baby Unit at Walsgrave Hospital. This presentation took place on Wednesday, 10th May at the hospital which was jointly presented to Amelia Davies, the Manager

of the Special Baby Unit, by Kare and our President Kevin Vaughan.

Further good news can be reported. At a recent event on Saturday, 6th May at the British Wheelchair Racing Association Kare went "head to head" with Hannah Cockcroft who is a senior with a similar disabled classification T34 in both 100 and 400 metre races. In the 100 metre event Kare posted 17.98 and 17.97 seconds in the heats and semi finals. In the final Hannah produced 17.40 seconds with Kare in second place.

Both Kare and Hannah are the only girls who have achieved times below 18 seconds in the history of the sport!! In the 400 metre event Hannah won in 59.04 seconds with Kare producing her personal best time of 60.84 seconds. It is only a short time before she will produce that 2 seconds improvement to beat Hannah into first place.

World Championships 14th-20th July at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, London.

A MESSAGE FROM KARE

Dear Family, Friends and Sponsors

I just wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU for your prayers, support, encouragement and guidance over the years.

I started on this journey as a novice athlete in 2012 (aged 11).

I have been chosen to represent team GB at the 2017 Para World Athletics Championship in the 100m, 400m and 800m (T34), wheelchair racing events.

I would like you to support me either by coming to watch at the Elizabeth Stadium in Stratford, London or by watching LIVE on channel 4 or More 4.

My races will be as follows:-

14/7 - 100 metres final @ 20:55pm

17/7 - 800 metres final @ 19:50pm

20/7 - 400 metres final @ 20:25pm

I hope to do you all proud.

Kare Adenegan

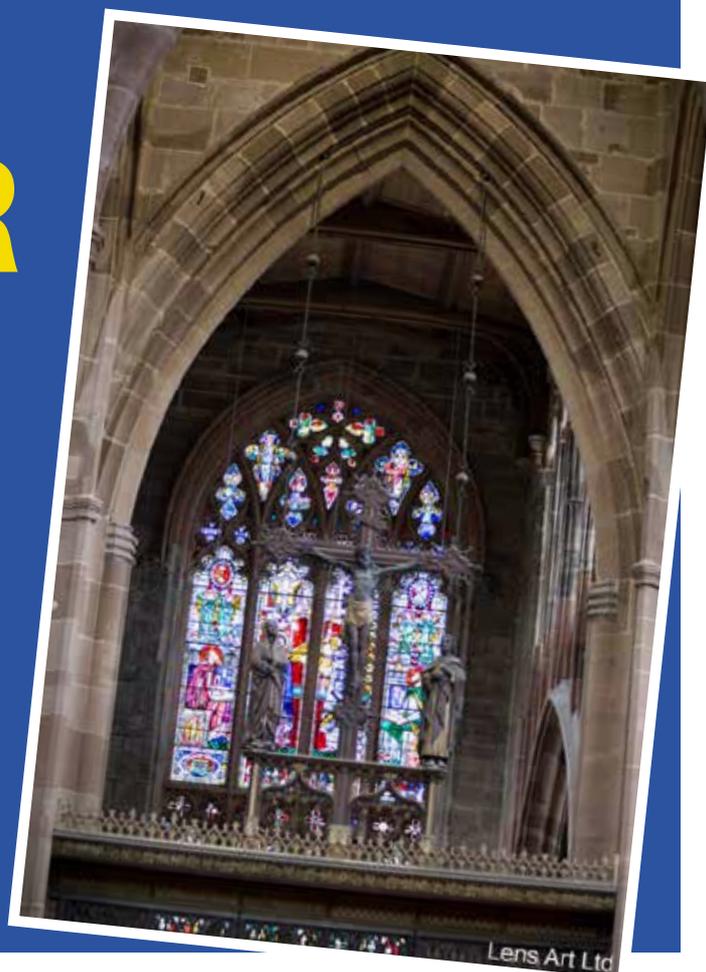


A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR MIDSUMMER

The venue was St John the Baptist Church which celebrates the Saint's Day on Saturday, 24th June.

The event was organised around the many talents of "Unlock the Music Concert Making" group and the audience was able to listen to the wealth of talent in this non stop of 24 pieces of entertainment by a choir, actors, soloists and instrumentalists. Such a collection of local talent.

The evening supported the restoration of the 1878 Bechstein grand piano in the church and to provide books to form a library for school children in South Sudan which is linked to the Rotary Club of Coventry.



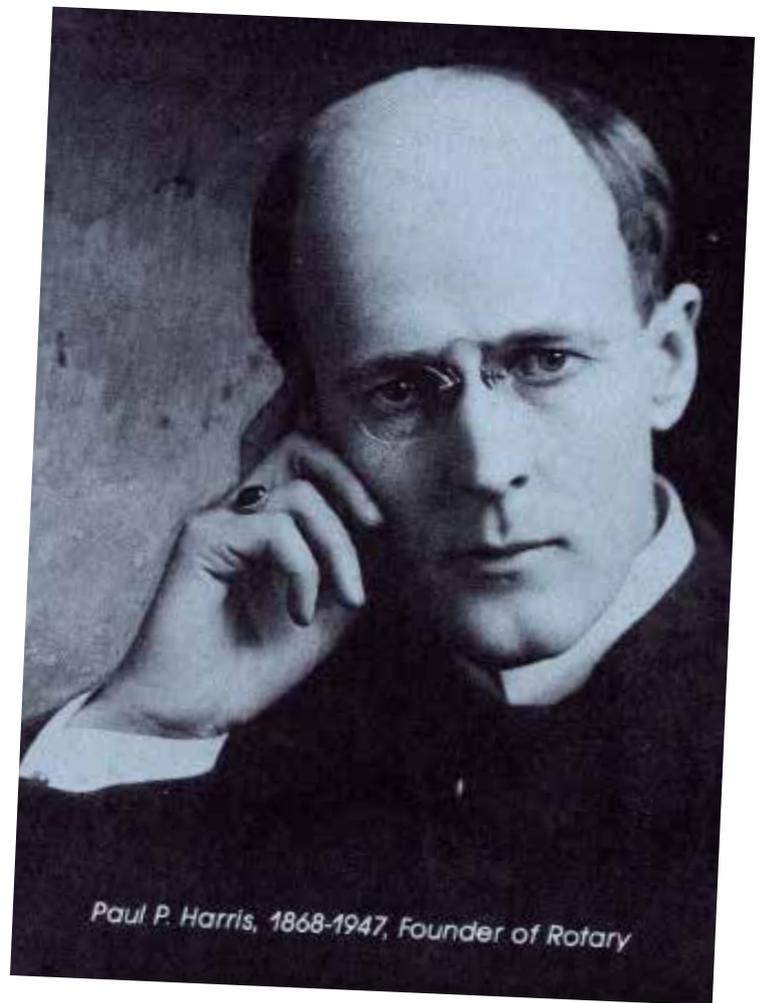
PAUL P HARRIS

(1868 – 1947)

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, was born on the 19th April 1868 at Racine Wisconsin. He was educated in Vermont and took his law course at the University of Iowa. He graduated and was admitted to the practice of law in 1891. He received his licence as an attorney and Counsellor of Law in 1896.

He spent the following five years seeing the world and learning to know his fellows by actual contact with them under all sorts of conditions. By 1896 he felt he had gained sufficient knowledge to be of service to his clients and opened a law office in Chicago. By 1905, as a result of his study and reflections, Paul Harris had formulated a definite philosophy of business relations. He called together three friends, each engaged in a different line of business, and expounded his theory to them. This group was the nucleus of the Rotary Club of Chicago.

After a few years this novel organisation had counterparts in other cities throughout the US. The need to bind them all together led to the formation in 1910 of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America. On the 2nd July of this year Paul Harris married Miss Jean Thomson, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the Rotary spread to Great Britain. As the movement expanded into Canada the



International Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, to be later renamed Rotary International.

President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs and Rotary International. He died in 1947.

CIVIC DINNER TO WELCOME THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES



Rotary Clubs in District 1060 welcomed Jennifer Jones President Elect 2016/17 of Rotary International to a celebratory civic dinner held at St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry

hosted by our Lord Mayor Lindsley Harvard.

Also present on this special occasion was Eve Conway President of Rotary International in GB&I, Peter Roberts District Governor 1060, Peter Offer Director of Rotary International and Jasminder Dhaliwal President of the Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee who said the Grace.

Of course each of the above had something to say as the evening progressed. Our principal speaker was Jennifer Jones, who proved to be an excellent communicator. Jennifer is President and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc and clearly has many functions that she fulfils in her life. Jennifer has served as the RI President's Representative, RI Training Leader, Committee advisor, member and

vice chair Rotary public image area and zone coordinator, leaders' seminar training, moderator and District governor as well as being a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, Canada.

In her speech to the Rotarians she referred to her own concerns about Peace and Reconciliation which directly relates to one of the principal aims of the City of Coventry and the conclusion of the Polio Eradication campaign which is drawing ever closer.

Jennifer is a recipient of RI's Service above Self Award. Both she and her husband, Nicholas Krayacich, are members of the Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Social of the Rotary Foundation.

RECONCILIATION SCULPTURE COVENTRY CATHEDRAL RUINS



This bronze sculpture depicts a man and a woman embracing each other. The inspiration behind the images was conceived in the aftermath of World War II. Europe was in shock, people were bewildered. A newspaper reported a woman who crossed Europe on foot to find her husband. The sculptor was moved and made an interpretation of her thoughts. She believed that this was not only about two people but hopefully a reunion of nations that had been fighting each other. She called it "Reunion".

So who was this inspirational lady? This statue was the work of Josefina de Vasconcellos (1904-2005) passing away only 3 months short of her 101st birthday. In her lifetime she was the world's oldest living sculptor. Josefina was English of Brazilian origin. Her father was a wealthy Brazilian diplomat. Her mother was an English Quaker. Josefina was married to Delmar Banner of German origin who was an Anglican lay preacher presumably English by adoption. At the age of 19 Josefina was accepted into the Academy of the Grande Chaumiere in Paris. Both Josefina and her husband were active supporters of the Harriet Trust which provided activity holidays for disabled children in Cumbria. During their marriage they adopted two boys.

Josefina was awarded an OBE in 1985 in recognition of her work in cathedrals and parish churches throughout England. Oddly enough she was an atheist despite her husband's religious beliefs.

The family home was in Little Langdale, Cumbria. Her workshop was in a converted outhouse.

The sculpture was believed to be her most important work. The reason behind the new name was brought about in May 1998 when it was presented to the University of Bradford as a memorial to the university's first Vice Chancellor, Professor Ted Edwards. Later (in fact 18 years) the sculpture was taken back to her workshop for repairs and upon the request of the Peace Studies Department of the University under its new name "Reconciliation" to celebrate Josefina's 90th birthday 26th October 1994. In fact she worked well into her 90s.

Her final work named "Escape to Light" located at Haverigg on the Cumbrian coast to commemorate the independent offshore rescue service.

In 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II bronze casts of "Reconciliation" were placed in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral and in Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan. Additional sculptures were positioned at Stormont Castle in Belfast, Northern Ireland and then in 1999 to mark the opening of the rebuilt German Reichstag (Parliament building). Another sculpture was placed in Berlin as part of the Berlin Wall Memorial.

As a piece of art that has 40 years of life to date and in Coventry Cathedral ruins a garland of coloured paper cranes are threaded through the sculpture on August 6th every year to remember the victims of the devastation and loss of life caused by the 'A' Bomb which exploded in 1945. The decoration precedes a memorial service in the Coventry Cathedral.



THE PRESIDENTS CONCERT

On Friday, 19th May President Kevin organised a concert at the Earlsdon Park Village Residential Home in Albany Road. For many of the Rotarians present this was a first visit to see and enjoy the facilities that the residents have to enjoy.

This was an evening of song and dance from groups of varied nationalities who gave enthusiastic performances throughout the evening. The show was compered by our own Pru Porretta who appeared as Lady Godiva and added colour to the proceedings.

This entertainment included the World Song Community Choir, Chinese Fan Dancers, "Unlock the Music", SENZA NOME – A Polish choir, and the Forte Gospel choir, not forgetting Andy Jones on the Bistro piano.

The success of this evening was to the benefit of the Children of South Sudan and amounted to £1200. This was well received by Father Moses from St Elizabeth's R C Church in Foleshill who originates from the village where the children are in most need of our help.





DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY PROJECT FROM COVENTRY SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2017

The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, 21st June at the Methodist Central Hall and was well attended by students and their parents. On a hot evening the audience had swollen to such an extent that the balcony was used to accommodate the numbers.

In all there were 238 projects from 21 schools which formed the exhibition which was displayed in an annex at the Coventry Transport Museum in Hales Street. This was open to the public from Tuesday, 20th June to Saturday, 24th June.

Within the display was a winning project from Finham Park School which was sponsored by Coventry 2020. This element of sponsorship was a new educational charity which promotes initiatives in Coventry Schools and encourages both technical and social skills to meet the social, economic and workplace environment of today. The trustees encourage interest in technology of Key Stage 3 pupils leading up to GCSE subjects. A small pilot scheme has been carried out in some Coventry schools recently resulting in a prize being awarded by

the charity to Finham Park School.

The main event in the Rotary calendar was supported by 12 sponsors including the five Rotary Clubs in Coventry. They produced the main monetary prizes including certificates of the section winners. The prizes were worth £100 to each winner plus a visit to a company to find out about their work and related opportunities.

The guest speaker was Sam Turnbull, the recruitment officer for Midland Group Training Services who was one of the event sponsors. As an inspiration to young people she related her varied career stages and supported strongly the value of apprenticeships as an "earn while you learn" step in a career path. She

*District Governor
Peter Roberts
"Shabby Chic Dress"
Ellie Hurst -- Tile Hill Wood
Academy*





Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor John Blundell, "Multi-Purpose Workbench" - James Aitkin, Ernesford Grange Community Academy



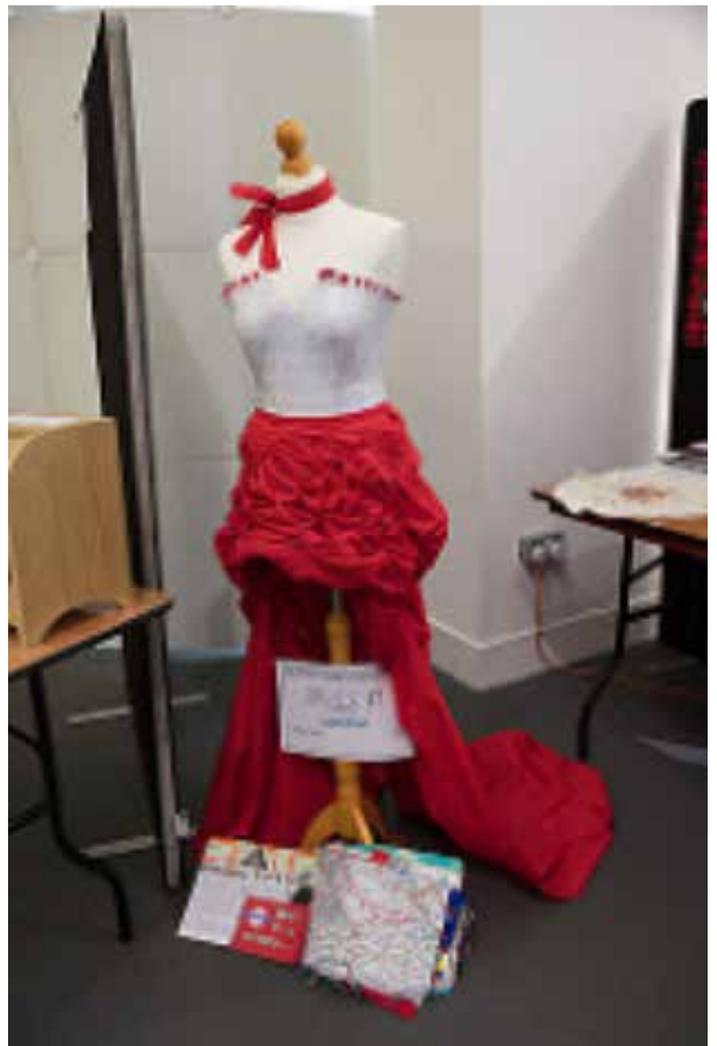
was well qualified to give such advice.

Other VIPs" after John Blundell, add District Governor Peter Roberts and Past President of the Rotary Club of Coventry David Kershaw, who in turn presented certificates to the various schools.

The proceedings were under the Chairman President Kevin Vaughan of the Rotary Club of Coventry. He informed the audience of the appreciation of the five Rotary Clubs to the Methodist Central Hall and the Coventry Transport Museum for their generosity in hosting the event. He drew attention to those Rotarians who had judged the work and others who had helped to act as stewards at both venues.



*"Architectural Model" - Matthaus Braithwaite
Finham Park Academy*



*"Trains" dress"
Lauren Brown - The Westwood Academy*

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

Kemble 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!!

***President Elect
Robert Vilette,
Chief Steward***



SEA CADETS ON PARADE

Continuing our connection with the Coventry Sea Cadets I attended the annual Lord Mayor's inspection of the Unit.

There is no doubt that the cadets on parade are a credit to the city. During the inspection by Lord Mayor Lindsley Harvard he was able to present the Divisional Shield to Petty Officer Cadet Chloe Mundy. This award is given to the best Unit in the divisional area based on attendance records, smartness and behaviour. This confirms our decision to support the Unit and the young people who convey such enthusiasm in all that they do.

J Hartley

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
Chapters Café, Frederick Lancaster Building,
Coventry University, Gosford Street,
Coventry, CV1 5DD

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

July 3	Conrad Pfahler, Schools Advisor
July 8	Party in the Park – Baginton
July 10	Tim & Julie, IPCC – Policing in Coventry
July 17	Councillor Michael Doody, Warwickshire District Council
July 23	President's Garden Party, Charterhouse, London Road At 14.00 hours
July 24	Councillor Robert Stevens, Warwickshire County Council
July 28	Treasure Hunt
July 31	Pauline Venables
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Aug 7	Ann Jones – Internet Security
Aug 14	Buff Forbes-Stone – Vicar – St Catherine's Church
Aug 21	Susie Martin – Laura Centre
Aug 28	NO MEETING
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Sep 4	Mrs Woodrow – Guide Camp
Sep 7	Coffee Morning at Kim Rees for Kare Adenegan
Sep 11	Malcolm Hayes – Chair of Trustees, Langley House Trust
Sep 16	Joint Collection with Inner Wheel – Morrison's, Binley
Sep 18	District Governor Charan Bunger MBE
Sep 25	Mrs Vickey Shelley – Head Teacher, Blue Coat Academy
Sep 30	International Evening at West Orchard Church Hall
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Oct 2	Professor Lawrence S Young – Warwick Cancer Research Centre
Oct 9	Issue Notice for SGM
Oct 20 – 22	District Conference – Llandudno



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