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Bradford Annan Golf

On the 2nd of July eight stalwarts went to Oxley Park to compete. It was a lovely (warm!) day. David Berriman won and Paul Lockley came to present the cup and join us for supper. David remembered the course from at least 40 years ago. He complimented the greens staff on its superb condition. After a drink and a shower we enjoyed a tasty meal provided by Hughie Campbell. Thanks to Mike Colley for organizing this jolly event – which David will no doubt organize next year. SW

Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2018

On the 5th July Mayor Phil Page invited finalist candidates, parents, former winners and runners-up, sponsors, and Rotarians to the newly refurbished Civic Suite. Roger Timbrell expertly 'emceed', Peter Madeley sympathetically introduced the eight youngsters – plus Alfie Bough. He received a special award for his untiring efforts in support of charitable causes at his very young age. Mayor Page jovially awarded certificates to all eight finalists: Millie Betteridge, Carina Kaur Bougan, Taranveer Khangu (substituted today by her sister), Amias Perry, Gurpal Sahota, Alisha Kaur Swali, Anna Tabner and Richie Tanner. It was clear that picking a winner among this tireless and selfless group had been difficult. In fact the judges decided to choose two winners: Millie and Taranveer. They would each receive £100 plus £250 for their chosen causes. For all present this was a heartening experience and we wish the best of luck to all these admirable young people in their future lives. SW



Presidential Induction 3rd July

Since the President is taking over from himself Induction was slightly less formal—even the appointment of Richard Horrell as President-Elect, 'Stand up and bend down!'. As a preliminary President Paul presented the Rotathlon Cup to Geoff Lowndes, pleased to receive it after 20 years of trying. In his address, sent by email to the members, he thanked GL for stepping in as SVP and thanked the officers for remaining in post, while noting that there is as yet no successor to RH. A sub-group will soon report about future challenges and how to meet them. He noted that half of the Club would be turn-

ing out for Best Foot Forward, a sign perhaps that we would meet the future problems. Meanwhile he looked forward to three F's, Fellowship Fun and Fundraising.



Uplands Junior School



On the 9th July a number of Rotarians went to Uplands Junior School to help organize a Rotary Junior Technology Tournament . These events are intended to promote STEM subjects (Science Technology Engineering and Maths). The teachers led by Carolyn Bryan organized 90 odd year fives in teams of four. Notions of engineering were presented by Richard Green. Then the teams were given the task to build a scale model of a bridge enabling squirrels to cross a road using the materials packs provided – card, mesh, clothes pegs, rubber bands etc. The children were fully engaged all day and a varied array of bridges were produced. The products were tested, the final test using a hairdryer to see if the model squirrel could be blown off the bridge. It was concluded that three teams were joint winners : Dancing Donuts, Slush Puppies and Glorious Girls (the names of the other teams were equally fancy). All the children received a certificate and the 12 winners received an illustrated Science Dictionary presented by Chair of Governors Debbie Anslow and President Paul Lockley. The whole day was deemed a success and the school has already applied to compete again in the next edition of the tournaments. Rotary team leader Richard Green thought 'it was very rewarding to see all the boys and girls having fun and competing in a friendly way'. SW

Youth and Community Services Committee 2018/19 Progress Report July 2018

The Committee has been allocated funds of £8500 for this Rotary year and following its first meeting in the new year has committed to a proportion amounting to approximately £4000. Committee members are aware that Club members have stressed the importance of supporting young people as an investment in the future with the funds made available. The initial funding commitments have an emphasis on assisting young people to achieve their best possible outcomes individually or collectively in an aspect of their life from academic to developing their life skills. These commitments are:

1. Promoting and supporting the achievement of excellence in young people: -Rotary young musician competition.- Sponsoring Wolverhampton youth orchestra. - Bob Lampitt University Engineering Award for best student - George Sidebotham RAF Cosford Museum Apprentice Annual Award.- Wolverhampton Young Citizen Annual Award.
2. Supporting schools in developing young people: -Through giving Dictionaries for Life to approximately 150 local children. -Running the Rotary Technology Tournament with nearly 100 local children at Uplands School.
3. Supporting local charitable organisations that offer children activities outside the main stream: -Social event for young family carers through Spurgens.- Funding a place for a local student on RYLA.
4. Supporting the needs of families who have a child with special needs:- In dialogue with an organisation arranging family holidays for families with a child suffering cystic fibrosis.- Small grant to Dunstall Gateway Club operating costs.

The community service aspect of the committee work is to assist needy and disadvantaged individuals or groups improve or uplift their circumstances even if only for a short time. Community service activity will focus on supporting local charities with their work and responding to requests for financial support to assist small organisations or individuals. The only funding agreed to date is £100 for the Hunt Cup fund raising initiative for the Beacon Centre.

If Club members know of any potential funding needs or opportunities, please let me know. Grants are only made which help local people, supporting those in greatest need whether financial, social or in terms of their capacity to manage in the community. Individuals or organisations can be supported and grants can be for buying equipment or meeting the costs of an event or running an organisation. Support will not be given for beneficiaries with substantial balances or funds or to national charities unless it is to a local independent branch or to assist a named local individual. Brian Bailey

Best Foot Forward 2018



In warm sunshine BFF kicked off at 8 a.m. on Saturday 7th June. President Paul, Mayor Phil Page, Mayoress Elaine Hadley-Howell and VP Richard Horrell were soon on the scene together with a throng of participants. Lap records were broken in the first hours, 2,559 laps in the hour between 11 a.m. and midday, a record. Gradually however the numbers began to decline, probably because of England's upcoming World Cup match with Sweden. (Some Rotarians slipped away to watch this quite comfortable victory taking our team into the last eight.) After the match with skivers returning and new 'athletes' the lap numbers began to rise again. It seemed impossible that we would catch up but at 4 minutes before 8 p.m. we hit the target, ending up with 12,666 laps. Well done the patrons who put up the money. Well done the organizers and their helpers (half of the Club). And well done the walkers and runners.



Left : early morning on the track.
Right: Kellie Green and group, including crutches! Kellie herself did 105 laps—a marathon.



Left : Mayor Phil Page, Mayoress Elaine Hadley-Howell, Peppa Pig and Beast.
Right : Sujit Singh (a patient at the MS Centre), his family. PW and Pres. Paul



The Satellite Club with PW : Michael Walters, Nick Robertson, Will Jones, Edward Bolland, Ruth Burton, Dan Crudginton, Bruno Mustone, Harry Cresswell and Paul Jones. (They are planning a BBQ in September.)



Ashley Gray

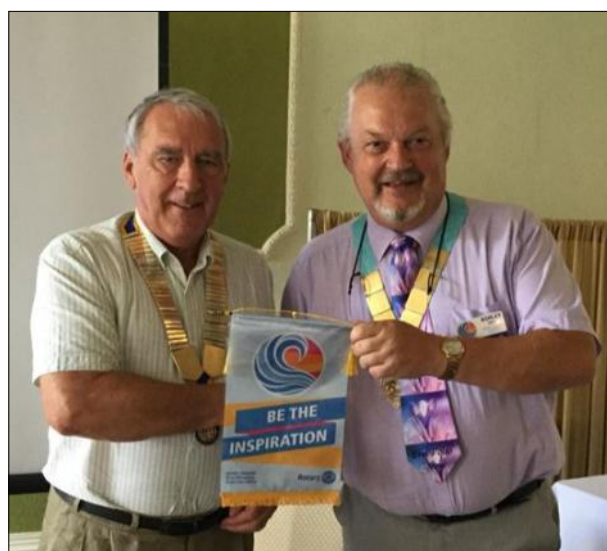
District Governor AG visited the club on 24th July as the representative of R.I. President Barry Rassin from East Nassau. He couldn't promote his October conference in Liverpool because of a technical problem but urged is all to come to that exciting venue . 'Be the Inspiration' is Barry's theme and was his message. The pre-tour youth orchestra concert was inspirational. The End polio campaign continues to be inspirational—only 22 new cases worldwide last year. We are to be congratulated on our Satellite Club. However membership in our District is falling as in other parts of the world—but not in Germany and much of Asia. In marketing and PR we ourselves are the best means - give 'elevator speeches' ('Rotary is the best thing that has happened to me in my life'), use the Social Media . As ever Ashley was very positive.



Geoff Lowndes was delighted to receive the **Rotathlon Cup** for the past year. The new year has begun with Crown Green bowling, won by Peter Hand (runner-up GL!) In **District Sports** our club beat Aldridge but lost to Cannock in the semis. After beating Willenhall in CG we will meet Rugeley at Penn Fields on 14th (semi-final). See Canal Trip overleaf.

THE MAYOR'S VISIT

The 10th of July was Civic Day and the Right Worshipful Mayor of Wolverhampton Councillor Phil Page visited the club together with the Mayoress, Mrs Elaine Hadley-Howell. President Paul Lockley welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress making the Mayor an honorary member of our club. The Mayor has strong Rotary connections and has chosen our very own 'Service above Self' as the theme for his year in office. He gave the club a presentation on the plans to rejuvenate the city and the local economy. We wish him all the best in his year as Mayor. RH



Bluebook Corrections: Brian Fellows lives at no. 73 (not 75), Roy Fielding new mobile 07799 940107

Club Diary

11-17 August RYLA Week
22nd August Rotathlon Pitch and Putt, 3 pm Ledene Golf Course
20th August Governing Council
September Possible Satellite Club BBQ. TBC
19th September Zone 6 Meeting
20th September MS Centre Social Evening with David Tuffley paintings. (Proceeds to Club's Charitable Fund)
22nd September Editor's birthday (!)

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Meetings & Speakers

Tuesday 14th August Jeremy Walters, WW1 Homefront
Tuesday 21st August Richard Green. A name on a toilet wall.
Tuesday 28th August No meeting, Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd October Presentation Y&CS
Tuesday 9th October Presidents Review Group Part 1

Duties

Meeting Steward	Speakers Host	Money Steward
14th August J.Hobbs	A.Jacques	D.Sanders
21st August J.H'worth	R.Jones	J.Walters

Members are reminded that **any member unable to fulfil any duty must swap with someone else, or otherwise find a substitute, and notify the change to the Duty Officer and Secretary.**

Apologies for non-attendance at Rotary lunch must be made no later than 4 pm on Monday, to ruth@hollingsworthandco.co.uk or by telephone to **01952 581014** (ask for Rotary Apologies) and copy to geofflowndes@hotmail.com (or telephone)