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### Wolverhampton Youth Orchestras

October 2019

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July St Johns in the Square was filled with supporters to hear the pre-tour concert. The Wolverhampton Youth Wind Orchestra under the baton of Ian Brailsford played four contrasting pieces in the first half. A good, excellently coordinated, full sound – I particularly enjoyed the three parts of Nott'num Town by Allan Street. After each piece one of the five supporting Rotary Club's presidents awarded one or two of the musicians a certificate for 'grade eight piano with merit' etc. In the middle of part 2 District Governor Brian Reilly gave a crystal trophy to Janey Harold named as Young Musician of the Year. (From the programme she appears to be a cellist and a clarinettist). After a pause for refreshments Tim Morgan conducted the Wolverhampton Youth Orchestra playing another four strings- dominated and contrasting pieces, with a mellower and equally clean and organised sound. The last item was the well known Aaron Copland Rodeo: Hoedown.

At the end we were all treated to an excellent encore which we think was Rossini's William Tell Overture!

We left in the certain knowledge that these teenagers would perform excellently in the upcoming five concerts in Northern Spain. Wolverhampton is blessed to have such a Music School and so many gifted youngsters. SW P.S. I have a copy of a letter sent to Mayor Claire Darke by the Mayor of Tordesillas (Miguel Angel Oliveira Rodriguez) following the tour which included a concert in his town. He considers it a privilege and honour to receive an orchestra 'with the artistic level of the Wolverhampton Youth Orchestras'. He expresses his deepest appreciation for our choosing his town, looks forward to future cultural exchanges and the development of any cultural development between our cities. A proper gent.

### Susan Husband

Was once in Rotaract and has rubbed shoulders with Rotarians for a few years as manager of 'our' MS Centre (which has every appearance of being a 'happy ship' as it continues its sterling work alleviating the suffering of a lot of MS patients.) Today (30<sup>th</sup> July) she was solemnly inducted into the club, Peter Williams spoke highly of her qualities, she expressed her satisfaction to be joining us and she was placed in the hands of Sylvia Morgan as her mentor. One of our guests was her daughter Sophie Yates who is a member of Wellington RC.

### District Governor Brian Reilly



At the end of June, before Brian spoke to the club we had the small ceremony of induction of Susan Husband, well known to all of us as manager of the MS Centre and whom we are happy welcome in. Brian then began, 'friendship and fellowship is all' and the old motto 'Service before self' is not superseded but added to by this year's R.I. motto 'Rotary Connects the World'. We have challenges and opportunities; Brian mentioned the MS Centre, RYLA, Polio eradication, BFF amongst other actions which our Club runs or participates in. Looking back Rotary was involved at the beginning of the United Nations Organisation 75 years ago. Looking forward the District Conference in Bath will, on the Sunday, recognise International Peace Day. In our district Roto is going to concentrate on posting future events. It has not been an entirely good year for the fight against Polio but the clinics set up to monitor that disease (c.150 of them worldwide) have helped with Ebola. Brian thinks we are doing a good job. We

are always happy to greet him as an old friend and wish him well in his governorship. SW



## Golf at South Staffs

The annual Bradford-Annan challenge was held at the home course of last year's winner David Berriman. The players were David, Stewart Ross, Peter Wright, Charles Cox and Mike Colley. President Richard joined the golfers for an evening meal and presented the very fine cup to winner Mike Colley. (If I am not mistaken the first winner's name on this cup is Stan Cullis.)

## Rotathlon Pitch and Putt

This year's event was held at Ledene Golf Club. Twelve players took part, including two of our ladies. (3 four balls, very easy to organize!) First out a very competitive team Stewart Ross, David Berriman, Peter Hand and Terry Walker. Scores were very close, Mike Colley was the eventual winner, DB second, and PH in third place. Ladies winner another member of the Colley family congratulations to Val. Richard Walton was very disappointed at the end "I asked if it was his golf", goodness no he replied "I have lost my ST MARTINS ROWING CLUB ISLE OF SCILLY Hat of 35 years in a hedge on the 6th hole" PS won't mention the meal. Clive Baker



## Let Us Play



Kim Hatton told us that she came to this charity for a better work-life balance but it sounds as though she and co-director Claire work all hours! It offers activities in sports, arts and play for children with disabilities, has about 270 on its books and a vastly over-subscribed summer programme. They have their own premises (7 Shaw Park Business Village), acquired and done up with the help of 25 friendly companies. The children are often very difficult to manage : the little boy that is entirely unresponsive, the girl that throws her poo at you, the boy that delights in setting off fire alarms...Fortunately many are 'really lovely', lots of people with skills volunteer, Kim and Claire are very organised. They meet lovely people all the time in the course of raising money via carboot sales and Ebay, busking with the help of Music School students and 'constant activities'. We were filled with awe listening to this tale of dedication and our sizeable cheque was the least we could offer to this socially so valuable enterprise. SW



## 'Best Foot Forward To Raise Thousands'

That was the headline of the full coverage by the Express and Star on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Community News reporter Harriet Evans described in detail



this 'key event in the year of the Wolverhampton beneficiaries Susan Husband (MS Centre) and Ken care Support Group) as well as President Richard. ees and Centurions also got a mention as did the a total, including participants' own sponsors, of this report a section of the E&S editorial referred the region's Rotary clubs'. Thanks E&S!



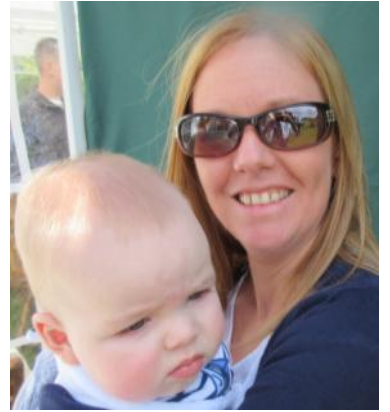
Rotary Club', quoting Timmis (Coronary After-Patrons, Cosford Train-money raised this year – £22,025. In addition to to the 'fantastic work of





### A Feast and Fun at Blackwell Cottage

Despite our fears the weather was good as c.70 of us convened at Jerry and Jenni's lovely house on the 18<sup>th</sup> August – Rotarians, DG Brian, friends, neighbours, families. The wine began to flow and then lunch was served with Hughie and his helpers living up to their reputation for good food. After lunch and a couple of Rotathlon presentations we



were marshalled by megaphone for games of quoits, lawn darts, a tin can shy, putting and boules .

Despite the vino and plentiful lunch there were *some* quite good performances – see photographs of winners with prize presenter Mel Eves (fairly fresh from playing football with some Wolves All Stars).

Apart from this conviviality some used the heated pool (Mike Boyce and grandson Dylan etc), some kept track via smartphones of England's valiant attempt to win the second Ashes test, some inspected Robin's superb Lancia Stratos and Jerry quietly targeted future members of the Club! Good luck in that Jerry and thanks for a great day SW



Rotathlete



Pitch&putter



Bouliste



Darts



Quoits



Cans



Tin Can Shy



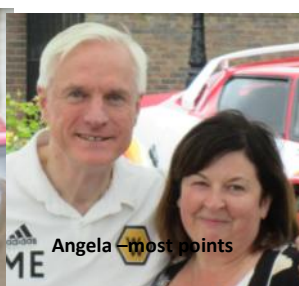
Quoits



Rebecca & Richard  
Darts



Tom Hewitt  
Boules



Angela –most points



Lancia Stratos



Pres. & DG



Debs, Rita & Matt

The Editor's daughter-in-law tries out the Lancia Stratos built by a Club member from a specialist kit. This was its first trip out after registration with DVLA (and four years in the making.) (See Wikipedia for more information about the splendid original which won the World Rally Championship in 1974, 1975 and 1976.)





## Last Night of the Rotary Proms 2019

The Symphony Hall was quite like the Albert Hall in ambience – plenty of the fans came from our club, many in a coach shared with Tettenhall RC. The coach escaped the football traffic and we reached the magnificent audi-

torium in good time. Then we were royally entertained by the famous Treorchy Male Choir and the equally prestigious City Of Birmingham Sym-

phony Orchestra. International conductor Anthony Inglis led the 80 strong orchestra and 45 strong choir and informed us



with great wit about the variety of musical items. We went from Myfanwy (Parry) via the Dambusters March (Eric Coates) and a Nat King Cole medley to Nimrod (Elgar) and Jerusalem (Parry and Blake). We were able to watch the increasing involvement of the excellent instrumentalists as Ravel's Bolero built up. We sang Jerusalem (and wondered how the Welsh choristers felt about singing England's pleasant land!) And at the end we enjoyed the music, loud cannons and fireworks of Tchaikovsky's

1812 Overture. All in all a very satisfying experience for which we thank Peter Wright . SW



## Halfpenny Green Vineyard

19 of us rolled up on a lovely summer evening (19<sup>th</sup> September) for a visit guided , light-heartedly, by Margaret. The wine business started in 1991 with 21 acres and its vinification done by Three Choirs. Now it has 30 acres here, thirty elsewhere and it makes other folks' wine also. We were cordially invited to join the grape pickers next week but preferred the drinking. We began with their

Sparkling and went on in the next hour to their Long Acre premium white, English Rose classic rosé and Penny Red. All very pleasant to drink – most of us liked the Long Acre best I think. We believed the message that Halfpenny Green aims to produce quality wines, competing with champagne and other good wines and far above Retsina('paint stripper') and the rest. We took in quite a lot of information about storage, maceration, use of sulphates (they are not organic), grape types, gyrators etc. But mostly we enjoyed and were impressed by the tasting and the tasty meal at the

end. A good event, thanks to the organisers.



## Peter, Gerry and Norman

A long time ago, when the old king was on the throne and the Queen was still Princess Elizabeth, in September 1950, Wolverhampton Grammar School, in its infinite wisdom decided to admit three young local "sprog"s. Wright PH into Remove A, Holmes NG into Remove B and Peters GJ into Remove C. By the end of the first term, they' had "weighed them up" and from January 1951 Wright, who was struggling with Latin, was transferred to remove B and Peters who had

quickly shown promise at maths moved up to remove B to join Holmes who had already found his level. There then started a friendship that has lasted almost 69 years. On leaving school they all joined local firms. Gerry into accountancy, finishing at Baker Muras Jones. Norman with estate agents JV Boswell and later as surveyor with Midshires Building Society and Peter with the family business of Sanders Wright and Freeman estate agents & surveyors. Finally they have all joined up together again, in Wolverhampton Rotary Club. Born within six weeks of each other, they recently celebrated their 80th birthdays together with their partners at The Bell Inn, Trysull.