

THE BULLETIN

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



President John and Mayor Tony at the Pershore Christmas tree switch-on, Saturday 21st November

CLUB PRESIDENT
John Angood

LUNCHTIME MEETING
Wednesday
12.15pm for 12.40 pm

VENUE
Railway Inn
Defford WR8 9BA
Tel: 01386 750309
Cost £12

**APOLOGIES
FOR ABSENCE OR IF
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**Welcome to the
December issue
of The Bulletin**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Bulletin. The copy date for the next issue will be 20th January (Publication date 27th January)

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Notices from the Secretary

Dress code: Smart Casual

Apologies for non-attendance

Please note that the club has agreed that failure of members to notify Clive Hughes of apologies **before Monday evening** can result in you being charged for the meal.

*If you are unable act as duty host, **PLEASE** ensure you have arranged a replacement.*

MENUS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Wednesday 9th December

Prawn Cocktail. Roast pork, apple sauce, stuffing, roast potatoes.

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Party

Wednesday 6th January

Trout Genoise, boiled potatoes. Lemon meringue pie.

Wednesday 13th January

Tomato soup. Petto de pollo livornese. (breast of chicken italian style).

Wednesday 20th January Border Reivers evening

Evening meeting with the ladies.



President John writes.....

Happy Christmas to you all and make the most of your time out from Rotary. Time flies when you are having fun. The second half of the Presidential year starts in January for another action-packed 6 months.

We launch a new venture - The Border Reivers evening when maybe we will re-enact the Battle of Flodden. Heaven knows what Cairns has lined up for us! Bring some friends along to join in the fun.

Rebecca Stephens, the first British woman to climb Everest, will be our guest speaker at Sixways on Saturday 27th Feb lunchtime. All credit to Clive Crouch for organising this event. Make sure you keep the date free and start encouraging

people you know to come along as well.

The scatter week on 3rd Feb has been strategically placed so each member can visit different clubs to give out fliers and hopefully sell tickets for the rugby match fundraiser Worcester Warriors v London Irish at Sixways on Sat 26th March. A challenge to see who can sell more tickets than Peter Gardner who is scattering to Australia.

John Angood

Advance Notice

In January next year we will not be holding the usual Burns Night, but rather a Scottish evening, when we invite the ladies are invited to join us. This will take the form of a 'Reivers' evening led by Cairns Boston.

As most reading this will be asking what is a Reivers evening, Cairns explains that Border Reivers were raiders along the Anglo-Scottish border from the late 13th century to the beginning of the 17th century.

It is sure to be an interesting and fun evening. Please put 20th January 2016 at 7pm for 7.30pm in your dairies now.

Christmas Lights Switch-On Day



What a day! It was hard work but at least the sun shone on the righteous, depending on which side of the street you stood for the street collection. With the help of the Twilight Club (Paul Johnson) and Inner Wheel (Jan Crouch), we managed nine collecting slots and amassed £234; thanks to Ken Rowe for orchestrating it.

Stress levels elsewhere were high; Barney, the storm, had remodelled our tree. Discussions with the Town Clerk and an inspection by a tree man confirmed that neither removal nor remedial straightening would happen. The gathering storm of criticism would be boldly faced down!

Of more immediate concern was the lack of lights and the absence of the lighting contractors.....they eventually deigned to turn up at 3.00pm; the path of true light etc!

By 13.00 hours, the Rotarian hoards had invaded St Andrew's Garden bearing crates of Champagne, beer, mulled wine ingredients, tables, gazebos, a tombola, gas rings, generator etc.. The three gazebos, in line together, housed Interact's cakes, Champagne tombola and the mulled wine and mince pie joint offering with Inner Wheel. I say "joint offering" – the idea was that I did the brewing and the ladies focussed on the "hard sell". I was allowed to set it all up and conduct the first brew, sampling frequently (quality control) – I also sampled the mince pies - both delicious. The ladies then shooed me away!

Innovations this year were children's entertainment and upmarket giftware stalls in Church Walk itself. This worked well. The Georgian themed stalls by the retail market appeared less well supported.

There is no doubt that many more people visited St Andrew's Garden than last year; there were more stalls and the atmosphere was good with a steady stream of people throughout the afternoon until the switch-on ceremony itself was due to start. Santa Claus (guess who) left leaving a queue of admirers to get to Broad Street in time. The lighting contractors made it just in time too!

Bob Marchant

DESAI FUNDRAISING COMPLETED WITH A BONUS BRINGING HOPE TO A SLUM



Four students from Desai School

Desai School is situated in Nairobi and only takes students and staff from the slum where it is situated. It has been a very successful model over ten years and is likely to be replicated in other deprived areas.

Our original promise was to raise £1400. Thanks to Polly and Joe's garden party, donations from Alan and Judith's wedding guests and all the generous sponsors of John's 10k Tewkesbury run we have now sent our final cheque to Swindon Old Town Rotary.

Since we started on this project we have sent a total sum of £1950 enabling Swindon to reach their target of £9000. This qualified for a global grant so they now have £31000 for the Desai School. Rotary Club of Nairobi Parklands has agreed to partner the global grant and

are forming a Committee for the purpose of ensuring the work is well done. They will build more classrooms and a kitchen to provide a meal a day for the students. Also a secure water and electricity supply will be added.



Franklin, the top student

In January the Headteacher Truphena Manga will be in UK with a British Council grant. If possible she would like to visit our club.

John

Please Note:
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing

Polio Children - Two Rotarians make a difference



Two brothers who have worked to help children suffering with polio have had their efforts acknowledged by Prime Minister David Cameron.

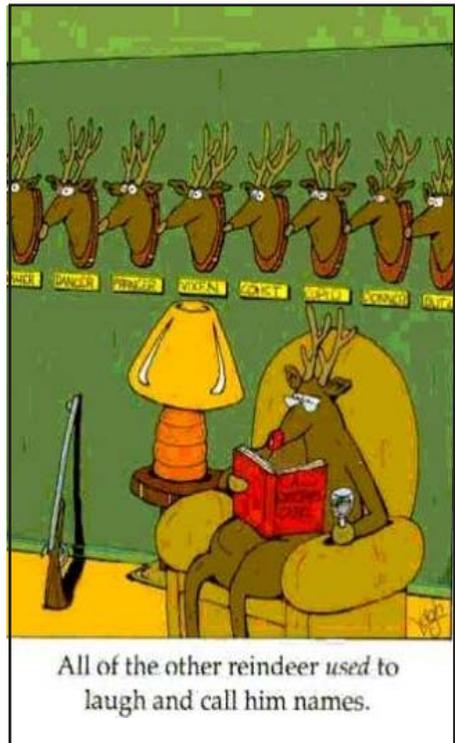
Arun and Mayoor Patel founded Polio Children in 2003. The charity seeks to change the lives of polio sufferers through activities in four main areas; improving child nutrition, promoting education for girls, supplying healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs and prosthetics and providing vocational training facilities. This includes settings, settings such as the one pictured above, where polio victims are being given a sewing class.

Arun is a member of the Rotary Club of Dagenham, while Mayoor works with dozens of clubs, and feels

extremely privileged to have their support.

To date, Polio Children has raised over £1.2 million, which has provided hope for over 1,000 children suffering with polio.

This is a cause extremely close to the brothers' hearts, as at the age of just one, Arun, was left paralysed in his right leg having contracted the disease.



December/ January Programme

Wednesday 2nd December
Meeting at Pershore High School

Saturday 5th December
Tree of Lights collection

Wednesday 9th December
Duty Host David Finch
Speaker arranged by Gordon H-Bennett

Saturday 12th December
Tree of Lights collection

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party

Saturday 19th December
Tree of Lights collection

Wednesday 23rd December
No meeting

Wednesday 30th December
No meeting

Wednesday 6th January
Duty Host Ken Bouchard

Wednesday 13th January
Duty Host Gerald Canvin
Speaker arranged by John Barratt

Wednesday 20th January
Scottish 'Reivers' Evening
Duty Host Edward Crowther

Tuesday 26th January
Joint meeting with Bredon Hill

Wednesday 27th January
No Meeting

From the November Council Minutes

It was reported that a new gazebo has been purchased for the club together with a sound system. An informal donation system was agreed for members wishing to borrow them.

Now that the new Twilight Club has been inaugurated, the importance was stressed of continued communications and invitation between the two sections of the club.

The Club Christmas dinner will be on the evening of the 16th December. The band, led by Gordon Hartley Bennett, will once again lead us with Christmas songs and carols.

A Scottish Evening is to replace the Burns Night on 20th January. It will take the format of a 'Reivers' evening.

The scatter week for 2016 will be in the first week in February. There will be no Pershore Rotary Club meeting on 3rd February.

Youth Opportunities reported that the applications for RYLA are down this year. Discussions are to take place to discuss its future. It was also reported that there will be a photography competition next year. The Judges are to be Judith Fulton (Gath) and John Kellett from Wyre Piddle

THIS MONTH'S CAPTION COMPETITION



Can you put a caption to this picture? If so please send captions to malkinson@msn.com.

All (printable) entries will appear in next month's issue. (the winner decided by the Bulletin editor). Good luck!



LAST MONTH'S CAPTIONS

John Angood

Tough at the top of Pershore Rotary

Malcolm Haden

Pershore Rotary Top Team puts on a brave face

Joe Oxspring

Pumpkins are we three, In Pershore Rotary, Who's a pretty boy then?

Gordon Hartley-Bennett

Fee-fi-fo-fum. We smell the juice of a Pershore Plum. Be he sweet or be he sour, He'll feel our teeth within the hour!

Peter Gardner

Rotary Conference has difficulty deciding between two options for their 2016 logo: The first from the Rotarians - three roundels in a line, or from our children, or our caption picture!

This Month's Winner

Clive Crouch

I'll give you the name of my dentist, he's always up for a challenge!

Thought for the Month!

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given--when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes.