

THE BULLETIN

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



Vice President Bob welcomes 'Reivers' Alex and Kim to the Reivers evening on Wednesday 20th January

CLUB PRESIDENT
John Angood

LUNCHTIME MEETING
Wednesday
12.15pm for 12.40 pm

VENUE
Railway Inn
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Tel: 01386 750309
Cost £12

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**Welcome to the
February issue
of The Bulletin**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Bulletin. The copy date for the next issue will be 26th February (Publication date 2nd March)

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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 FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Wednesday 10th February

Hors d'oeuvres. Cottage Pie

Wednesday 17th February

Beef Bourignon, creamed potatoes.
Fruit salad

Wednesday 24th February

Prawn cocktail. Involtini funghetto
(pork loin with mushrooms)

Wednesday 2nd March

Roast lamb, roast potatoes, mint sauce. Creme caramel.

Wednesday 9th March

Mushroom soup. Poached cod
or haddock, parsley sauce,
boiled potatoes.



President John writes.....

Well done to all the Rotarians who helped towards our record total of £4200 Tree of Lights fund raising effort. Thank you - you all worked very hard. Beneficiaries will be Acorns Hospice £1500, Pershore Riverside Youth Centre £1500 with the remainder going to PROGS.

Then just as we are honing our fund raising skills we encounter a couple of setbacks with both the Rebecca Stephens event and the rugby match fundraiser Worcester Warriors v London Irish at Sixways. Hopefully we could try these again in the future.

At least this will free up some time to concentrate on the Gala Concert at Number 8 on 26th June. Get the date in your diary and encourage some of your family and friends to join us.

John Angood

Floods in Cumbria

The club sent £500 to Keswick Rotary Club for the flood appeal.

They are working in partnership with the Keswick Lions Club and because of local knowledge Rotary and Lions are well placed to provide a rapid response and can get funds quickly to those who most need them. They are well into the process of identifying and helping those most in need with cash, vouchers and moral support.

The Rotary Club has been very active also in the clearing up and cleaning process. They have promised to send feedback later in the year.



ADAM'S QUEST TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS FOREFATHERS LED TO THE SHORTEST EVER EPISODE OF "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"

Tree of Lights

Despite a drunken tree that looked like a hedge that someone had gone through backwards, £4,189.39 was the final total for this year's Tree of Lights, beating last years £3,330 by a considerable margin.

Once again we will be able to give Acorns £1,500, Pershore Riverside Youth Centre £1,500 and put £1,189.39 into the PROGS fund so that we can really follow up on our intentions to offer grants to local causes.

The key to our success this year has been to form a "Tree of Lights" committee, which brought know-how together and enthusiasm to improve on last year. The key improvements were £775 corporate sponsorship (about £300 last year) and giving through www.pershoretreeoflights.com which came to £435.

So many Rotarians and Inner Wheelers helped out that it would be impossible to thank everyone, but Ken Rowe must get a special mention for all his hard work organising the collections in the face of last minute changes from Wychavon and Asda.

The "names" this year were displayed on a rolling screen in the window of Allchurch Bailey in Broad Street, and the display received overwhelming praise (despite a couple of complaints – mostly because there were so many names that it was difficult to spot a particular one).

The names have also appeared in the Evesham Journal and will be in the Pershore Town Council Newsletter.

Peter Gardner

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which went almost un-noticed. Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Kokey" died peacefully, aged 83. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in - and things just started to go downhill from there!

Reivers Evening 20th January



*'Reivers' Kim and Alex with organisers
of the evening Cairns and Anita Boston*

T'was on the night of Wednesday, 20th January that 44 Rotarians and their guests gathered to hear the story of the battle on Flodden's Field – a bloodbath just north of the border some 500 years ago.

Arriving on a cold winter's night, to be greeted by the grim presence of Alex and Kim from the Riverside Youth Centre attired in battle dress and wielding battle axes, was a daunting prospect! Inside, we were corralled in the bar area accompanied by music of the time and place recorded by Gordon (not a hardship) until summoned by a fanfare played by Gordon to process into the banqueting suite. For this, we were allocated to each of the opposing sides, the Scots, wearing something blue, led by the

Duke of Baccleau (Ron Davis), the English, wearing something red, by Baron Perci of Alnwick (Bob Marchant). Saltires and flags of St George adorned the room and the warring factions sat apart. We wondered what was to come!

This rather different evening was the brainchild of Cairns Boston, inspired by his discovery of the pleasurable taste of the Reivers' Pie- a delicacy of the violent Border region, to be an antidote to the more traditional Burns Night. The pies, made across the border, were delivered by courier; their content remained a secret but they were very tasty. The toasts, from both nations, flowed throughout the meal demonstrating brotherly harmony. However, the verse that followed the comfort break made up for it.

Cairns and his wife Anita stood in opposing corners and in the grim presence of the battle ready Alex and Kim, and with the aid of our new PA system, traded extracts from McGonnel's poetic saga of the English chasing the Scots up the hill and vice versa; blood galore and deaths a plenty. Light hearted entertainment!

It was a fantastic evening that will be long remembered.

Bob Marchant

Rotary Young Photographers Competition



Judges of the competition - Lisa Lambon, Judith Gath, and John Kellett.

Each year the Rotary Club of Great Britain and Ireland holds a national photographic competition for young people under the age of 18. The first round of the competition is run by individual Rotary Clubs in association with local schools.

This year's first round has been completed with 24 entries from years 12 and 13 at Pershore High School. Each candidate had to submit a portfolio of three photographs on this year's topic "Our World is Beautiful".

A wonderful selection was exhibited and assessed by a panel of three judges; Judith Gath, (Past President of Pershore Rotary Club), Lisa Lambon, (Editor and Publisher of 'Life in the Village' series) and John Kellett, (Secretary of the Vale of Evesham Camera Club). They awarded first prize to Abigail Jones for her African

village shots; second place to three stunning landscapes by Harry Bennett and third prize to a portfolio of portraits by Jake Spencer.

These entries go forward to the District stage of the competition, with success at this stage leading on to the final National stage of the best portfolios in the country.

The winning photos by Abigail



February/March Programme

Wednesday 10th February

Duty Host Gordon H-Bennett
Speaker arranged by Malcolm Haden

Thursday 11th February

Kids out

Wednesday 17th February

Duty Host Clive Crouch
Speaker arranged by David Finch

Wednesday 24th February

Duty Host Ken Rowe
Speaker arranged by Clive Hughes

Wednesday 2nd March

Duty Host TBA

Wednesday 9th March

Duty Host John Barrett
Speaker arranged by Ken Rowe

Wednesday 16th March

Duty Host Chris Meredith
Speaker Clive Corbett (PHS update)

Wednesday 23th March

Youth Opportunities Social evening

Wednesday 30th March

Duty Host Kit Carson
Speaker TBA

From the January & February Council Minutes

It was reported to Council that conversations has taken place with the Rotary Club of Keswick advising on both the practical and financial assistance they were helping to provide following the floods. It was agreed to send a cheque for £500 to them.

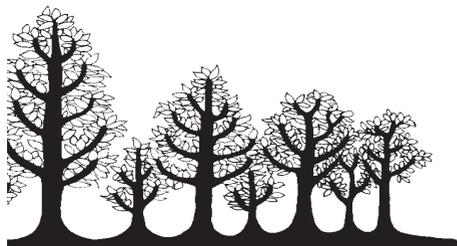
There will be a theatre trip to Malvern in March to see the Alan Ayckbourn play "Round and Round the Garden".

There will be another annual "Away-Stay" this year. The Mount Royal Hotel in York was approved. Provisional numbers are needed by the end of January.

Interact. In school activities continue. They are also planning for a Carnival float on 30th May.

The new President of the Twilight Club Darren Eden said that his primary role was to develop membership with a sense of purpose and to improve attendance. A speaker programme was developing and hope to mark their presence in the town with their participation in the bell-boating event.

Sportswise, preparations will begin shortly for the annual golf day.



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

*Rudolf - a good move to avoid
Tim Peake's rocket!*

Malcolm Haden

*Santa downgraded even further than
John Rosier!*

Ken Corrigan

*I wish wee Hamish had asked for the
Airfix version.*

An anonymous former Rotarian
*You did not warn us that Joe Oxspring
has returned to work!*

David Store

I knew I should have got the radar fixed.

This Month's Winner

David Store

*When they said 'economy' I wasn't
expecting this.*

A note from Joe Oxspring!

*Aerodynamically Santa should have
hit the rudder, or gone in the engines!*

*Two aerials meet on a roof,
fall in love get married.
The ceremony wasn't much but
the reception was brilliant!*