

THE BULLETIN

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



Members of the Twilight Club invited members of Pershore Rotary to their visit to Pershore Brewery, where they were welcomed by owners Sean and Elizabeth Barnett

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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
March issue
of The Bulletin**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Bulletin. The copy date for the next issue will be 26th April (Publication date 4th May)

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Notices from the Secretary

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 MARCH/ APRIL

Wednesday 16th March

Venison Casserole, parsley potatoes.
Ice cream.

Wednesday 23rd March

No meeting at the Railway.

Wednesday 30th March

Hors d'oeuvres. Lasagne, chips.

Wednesday 6th April

Roast chicken, bread sauce, roast potatoes. Fruit Salad.

Wednesday 13th April

Melon and parma ham. Steak and kidney pie, chips.

Wednesday 20th April

Salmon mayonnaise and salads.
Apple crumble and custard.

Wednesday 27th April (Evening)

Egg mayonnaise. Roast beef, roast potatoes.



President John writes.....

This month a few of us will be attending the District Conference at Weymouth. No doubt we will return brim-filled with enthusiasm and bursting with new ideas after our weekend away !

There is more to life than fundraising and work so we enter a phase of social events which according to your responses promise to be very well supported. First we will enjoy an evening at The Berkeley on 23rd March when Kit has a feast of entertainment lined up.

This evening will be closely followed by an evening of food and entertainment at The Everyman Theatre organised by Bob. From the title of the show it appears we will

all learn how to become spies. Shame this event has come after Scatter Week.

We finish up with the AGM on April 3rd for the serious business of electing Officers and ensuring our continuity.

Finally, The President's Night has been fixed on Wednesday 1st June at Holland House and this promises to be a great occasion. This will be black tie dress code as we like any excuse to dress up.

John Angood



Once upon a time there were 3 little pigs, so I ate them. End of story. Now go to sleep!

Rotary District Conference Weymouth, Dorset March 2016

Nine intrepid conference goers from our Pershore Club joined about 400 Rotarians and partners for our annual District get together which took us to the Dorset town of Weymouth. They were President John with Anne, Bob Marchant with Sandy, Gordon Hartley - Bennett with Sue and Ken Corrigan.

A three hour drive took us to the attractive setting of the Moonfleet Manor Hotel. It was an excellent venue slightly letting itself down due to its lovely contours being extensively covered in scaffolding for refurbishing. The setting right on the lagoon and reed beds formed by the unique geographical Chesil Beach was beautiful. Perfect for an early morning or evening stroll.

Our evening meal on the Friday night was in a spacious private room and the food and service was first class so Bob received a lot of compliments for a great choice of venue (we were to find out later that the general standard of the hotels in Weymouth itself was not good and many Rotarians were grouching about this at conference . Well done Bob!

The evening threw up a humorous situation for one of our group who ordered a gin and tonic before dinner. As it was served with, amongst other things a rose in the glass, he spent a few minutes picking the petals out ! An early morning copy of the Moonfleet Manor News for the next day advertised the product with the price clearly shown. Perhaps Stephen can accept guesses as to its price for this month's competition!!

The conference programme was interesting but the thoughts of our group tended to be that the input of charities was overdone . However probably the best presentation of the weekend was for the Desai School project which we thought was truly inspiring . Our club got a very special mention from the stage for the support we have given.

Another interesting presentation was on the Bloodhound programme which is the attempt to drive a "car" at more than 1000 miles per hour. Great for a Top Gear fan but what it had to do with Rotary we never found out!

Saturday's Gala Dinner and Showtime was very good with the ABBA group getting everyone in a very happy mood, singing along and dancing in the very small space

provided. Shades of the 2006 conference when ABBA featured in the conference Pershore Club ran at Bournemouth, but not nearly as good in our opinion.

Our group voted it an excellent weekend away. Next year's Conference is in Torquay which is one of the best venues that we use. Let's hope we can have a stronger presence there to support President Bob in our special 50th jubilee year

Presentations to Acorns and the Riverside Centre



*From left to Right:
Darren Eden, Gemma Timmis,
President John Angood, Alex Mellor*

On Wednesday 8th March The Railway was bursting at the seams and Guido did an excellent job of feeding us all so well. As a result of our Tree of Lights fund raising

effort we were able to give money to three very deserving causes.

We invited Gemma Timmis from Acorns Children's Hospice to be our guest speaker and receive a cheque for £1500 from Pershore Rotary. Also, Alex Mellor received a cheque for £1500 on behalf of The Pershore Riverside Youth Centre. The rest of the money raised is earmarked for PROGS which will soon be used for helping small local charitable concerns.

All this coincided with a visit from Darren Eden (chair of Pershore Satellite Twilight club) and 8 members of the Droitwich Rotary Club who have just started a satellite club. They came along to compare notes so Richard Williams gave a short progress report.



News from our Twilight Club

The Rotary Club of Pershore Twilight Club continues to gain momentum with ten signed-up members and a further four in the application process.

Paul Johnson has ended his term as chairman and Darren Eden has now taken the chair. Tom Tarver is the club secretary and Jo Taylor treasurer. Darren and Tom are working hard to establish a strong forward speaker programme and an interesting agenda for the business meetings aimed at cementing the existing foundations and building on the achievements of the past year.

Aside from building membership the club is working on organising a small programme of fundraising opportunities for the year ahead to raise funds for the chosen charities which for 2016/17 will be the 'young mums' of the Pershore Riverside Centre and the creation of a fund for the provision of small grants to local charitable causes.

Fundraising events currently being planned are the Pershore Regatta to take place on Saturday 25 June 2016. The club is also in the early stages of planning a Charity Dinner (and mini auction) possibly to take place on Friday 2 September 2016.

The twilight club now meets on 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5.30pm at The Angel Hotel, Pershore. The first meeting of the month is a guest speaker session and the second meeting is the club's business meeting. The speaker session in March saw the club make its first off-site visit when the group went to the new Pershore Brewery to hear from Sean and Lizzie Barnett who have set up the new business – an enjoyable time was had by all!

Darren Eden

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time, and this should help get you started:

During a visit to a mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we will fill up a bath, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bath"

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

March/April Programme

Wednesday 16th March

Duty Host Stephen Malkinson
Friendship meeting

Wednesday 23th March

Youth Opportunities Social evening

Tuesday 29th March

Theatre trip to Cheltenham
Alan Bennett - Single Spies

Wednesday 30th March

Duty Host Kit Carson
Speaker TBA

Wednesday 6th April

Duty Host John Rosier
Club AGM

Wednesday 13th April

Duty Host TBA
Speaker Finder Joe Oxspring

Wednesday 20th April

Duty Host Malcolm Haden
Speaker TBA

Wednesday 27th April Evening Meeting (+friends)

Duty Host Chris Meredith
Speaker finder Bob Marchant

Friday 29th April

Bredon Hill Celebrate 30 years

From the March Council Minutes

It was confirmed that President's Evening will be on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at Holland House. The Cost to be around £40 to include a welcome drink, canapés and some entertainment as well as dinner. Black Tie to be worn. Some rooms are available at £35 pp (B&B).

It was hoped that the organisation of the Kids Out could be discussed with the Rotary Club of Evesham and the School to lead to a better experience for the children.

The participants in the Interact Photography Competition unfortunately did not get through to the Regional stage.

The President of the Twilight Club Darren Eden said their meetings had been changed to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Their target for the Bell-Boat event on the river on 25th June was 10 boats. They have agreed a time slot with the organisers of 3.00pm to 6.00pm. He asked whether perhaps the main club could provide assistance on the day.

The Golf Day is going ahead and arrangements with Evesham Golf Club have been confirmed for Thursday 2nd June. The priority is to recruit 8 plus teams.

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!



David Store

What is the man in the red coat shouting about?

This Month's Winner

Peter Gardner

Woof!

LAST MONTH'S CAPTIONS

John Angood

"When the chicken appeared he lost his composure !"

Joe Oxspring

It looks like the pack is on the scent of my brother "Brer Fox". Why haven't they noticed me?

Clive Crouch

Pershore Rotary Club take all potential new members ?!!

A chicken and an egg are lying in bed. The chicken takes out a cigarette and begins to smoke. The egg, really fed up, takes one look at the chicken, rolls over and pulls the blanket over him and says, "I guess we answered that question!"

