



New Member—Geoff Ransted

My parents were Londoners living in Catford SE6. It was wartime and my mother was evacuated to High Wycombe where I was born in 1943. We moved to Hall Green in Birmingham and my parents found work in the growing motor industry. On passing the 11+ I went to King Edwards Camp Hill Grammar School.

I became a civil servant, which was actually with Post Office Telephones as a trainee technician/technical officer. I then moved onwards to start a course to be an executive officer. This was to be on a ten-year salary scale and so I decided to move on to Rank Xerox as one of their first engineers in the Midlands and triple my salary.

In 1967, I married my wife Lee and moved to Monmouth Town with a managerial promotion to sales to cover the South West and South Wales. Lee had been a teacher and a qualified hairdresser and so I had fun converting a bookies shop into a hair salon for her.

We came to Eckington in 1978 and I had started a sales and then management career in life and pensions, first based in Worcester and Cheltenham and then Birmingham.

In the early 80's I joined Natwest to start up a regional insurance life and pensions sales network in the Midlands. This started with training 17 young bank employees and finished up with 200 insurance sales advisers.

On promotion to 'Head of Home Loans', I was involved in the setting up the Natwest Mortgage Service as it still is today. Moving on to a senior role as a Regional Manager in the main bank covering not only all insurance sales but also a compliance and audit function, which included the bank branches as well.

Whilst in Birmingham I joined Rotary as a founder member of Birmingham Breakfast Club in circa 1991 and later I joined Bredon Hill Club and I was President in 2012/2013.

I have always been interested in all things on four wheels and did many years ago race and beat Nigel Mansell around places like the short track at Silverstone a few times. Ok this was on Karts but very fast ones!

I later, when marriage intervened, became for many years Competition Secretary and a scrutineer and got to know both Jenson Button and David Coulthard very well.

Well the Pot is overflowing and it is good to be with you so I will end my missive by looking forward to many happy years with you all at Pershore Rotary Club.

Pershore Brewery

At our lunch meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017 Business Twilight Club Members, Lizzie & Sean Barnett, gave us a relaxed and entertaining talk on the origins of the Brewery and the problems that they had to overcome to make it the successful business it now is .



Pershore Brewery, based in the heart of the local business community, is a thriving microbrewery, specialising in real and craft ales. With up to six ales currently being brewed, they will be expanding their range over time and producing speciality craft ales for all seasons.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



Bob Marchant Presents Clive Corbett with Rotary Service Recognition Award (Report Page 3)



New Member - Richard Lees (See Profile on Page 3)

Club President
Ron Davis

LUNCHTIME
MEETING
Wednesdays
12.15pm for 12.40pm

VENUE
Railway Inn
Defford WR8 9BA
Tel: 01386 750309
Cost £13

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AUGUST
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PROGRAMME & MENUS

Membership Committee

Wednesday 9 August

Speaker: Naomie Tarver (+ Tom)

Duty Host: Kit Carson

Menu: Mushroom Soup/Poached Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce, New Potatoes.

Wednesday 16 August at 12 noon
Arthritis Lunch at Thai Restaurant,
Persore with Partners - £15ph

Wednesday 23 August

Speaker: DG Alan Hudson

Duty Host: Richard Williams

Menu: Beef Bourguignonne,
Duchesse Potatoes/Blackberry &
Apple Pie and Custard

Wednesday 30 Aug: NO MEETING

Community Committee

Wednesday 6 September: Joint Meeting with Evesham

Speaker: Sara Hiscock (PROGS)

Duty Host: Geoff Ransted

Menu: Steak & Kidney Pie, Chips/
Crème Caramel

Wednesday 13 September

Speaker: BUSINESS MEETING

Duty Host: David Store

Menu: Tomato Soup/Cold Meats,
Baked Potatoes

Wednesday 20 September

Speaker: Melissa Lacey (RYLA)

Duty Host: Stephen Malkinson

Menu: Roast Lamb & Mint Sauce,
Roast Potatoes/Lemon Meringue Pie

Tue 26 - Thur 28 September
ROTARY MIDWEEK AWAY
(Cliff Hotel, Cardigan)

Wed 27 September: NO MEETING

Club Service

Wednesday 4 October

Speaker: NYK

Duty Host: NYK

Menu: Egg Mayonnaise/Roast
Chicken, Bread Sauce, Bacon Roll,
Roast Potatoes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 19 Aug (10am-12 noon): Coffee
Morning at Persore Town Hall in
aid of Talking Newspapers

Mon 28 Aug: Plum Fayre—Tombola

Fri 1 Sep: BTC Summer Ball

Tue 17 Oct: Area 6 Meeting (7pm)

Wed 29 Nov: Ladies Guest Night

Fri 15 Dec: (1) Christmas Party
(2) BTW Club Panto &
Dinner at The Angel

23-24 Mar 2018: District Conference
Venue: Bournemouth

Sat 28 Apr 2018: Fundraising Event

**NO EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING IN AUGUST**
Next Meeting 11 am 6 September at
The Railway Inn

BUSINESS TWILIGHT CLUB

The Summer Ball (Fri 1 Sep) – we have approx. 10 auction prizes, some the same as last year. We currently have 125 tickets sold, but are pushing to sell another 20 over the next week. Harriet Baldwin MP has confirmed she will be attending. We are also in the process of gaining further sponsorship for the event – The main sponsor being The Angel Hotel, with Persore Brewery also a sponsor. We are looking for another 3 sponsors @ £250 each for the evening (We will display their logos on pull ups either side of the stage, a mention in the program and also the Chairman's speech). The photographer is now booked for the evening and will be offering portrait photos again for those wishing to have them taken and we are hoping that a member of the Senior club would like to say grace! A final meeting is being held on the 15th August to go over any final preparations.

Lizzie Barnett - Secretary

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Persore High School Lunch

Memories of wonderful school dinners inspired us to try a modern version with the Persore High School Interact Club. As the smells of Spanish Chicken wafted abroad together with the promise of profiteroles, more Rotarians seemed to join us until the room was filled. We dined and chatted with the Interactors and were delighted by their charitable tales. Hermione and Zoe from year 9 told me with enthusiasm that the Interact Club raised £500 through making and selling cakes and shared it between two worthwhile projects. Half went to purchase sensor toys for patients in the Riverbank Ward and the rest to help youth with special needs at the Evesham Youth Club.

Sadly this was our last school lunch with Headmaster Clive Corbett. Bob Marchant paid tribute and presented him with a Rotary Service Recognition Award. We will miss his waiting at table skills but he assures us the new Head Mr Hanson will continue with our long standing partnership.

Mr Ventura (the Rotary link) is also leaving this term. President Ron Davies thanked him (in his absence) for his outstanding performance and encouragement. We wish him well in his new job.

Simon Kemp (Head of Foreign Languages) presented the Rotary Awards for the essay competition sponsored by our Club. The students wrote essays in French or German and the best three in each subject were chosen for awards. Amy Townsend won the French essay and Zoe Miller the German. The well crafted essays were on display for Rotarians to read and show off their language skills! Finally we met Melissa, our RYLA candidate who is looking forward to her adventure. Clive Crouch took the opportunity to sell RYLA to the Interactors.

John Angood

New Member – Richard Lees

Richard was born in Abadan, Iran where his father worked for BP. The nationalization of Iran's oil facilities in 1951 resulted in the family being evacuated by ship to the UK where he was educated. He qualified as a chartered accountant in London in 1972 and worked in the profession for a few years.

In 1976 he joined the British National Oil Corporation, set up to secure the UK's North Sea oil interests, and worked as a financial controller on the construction of the Thistle oil platform. Richard was transferred to Aberdeen in 1980 when the platform started producing oil and continued in financial management roles with Britoil on several other oil exploration and development projects until 1987 when he was transferred to the Glasgow HQ. A few weeks later, BP stepped in with a take-over bid. Redundancy followed in 1991 and, wanting to stay in Glasgow, Richard bought a small accountancy practice in the city. It was here that one of his clients introduced him to the Rotary Club of Glasgow – Scotland's No 1 Rotary Club, and the start of 25 years involvement with Rotary.

Richard was President of Glasgow Rotary in 2000-2001 and will never forget the friendships made and support given to him and Jocelyn by the Rotarians and their partners. A job move to work with Inverclyde Council in Greenock made it impossible to attend lunch time meetings so he transferred to Gryffe Valley Rotary Club in 2003 and remained a member there until 2008 when he joined Hunterston Rotary Club, to be nearer home in Fairlie, N Ayrshire. Richard was President of Hunterston Rotary in 2010-2011. Richard will never forget a phone call received early one Monday morning from the District 1230 Secretary asking if he would be District Governor in 2013-2014. Having picked himself up off the floor - he said yes, and there started one of the greatest experiences Rotary can offer.

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