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the rotary club of pershore bulletin september 2014

Programme

Wed 10th September - Speaker Ken Corrigan & Cairns Boston 'The Scottish Debate'.
Duty Host: Ken Corrigan

Wed 17th September - Speaker Lydia Stephens our RYLA candidate.
Duty Host: John Angood

Wed 24th September - Joint lunch meeting with Bredon and Evesham Rotary Clubs @ The Railway.
Duty Host: Peter Gardner

Wed 1st October – Speaker Emma Bangham “No8 in the community”
Duty Host: Ron Davis

Wed 8th October - Speaker Ken Corrigan 'It's a funny business'.
Duty Host: To be advised

Wed 15th October - No Meeting

Wed 22nd October - Club SGM and Fellowship meeting. Duty Host: Cairns Boston

Dates for your diary

Tue 7th October - 5.30pm Club Council

Mon 13th October - Club 'weekend Away' 13th to 15th October

Wed 29th October 2014 Social & charity evening at Pepleton Village Hall. 'Antiques with a competitive element'. Partners and friends welcome

Wed 17th December - Christmas Party evening - partners welcome

Fri 13th February – Kids Out trip to No8

FIZZING IN THE RAIN



Earlier in the deluge

Despite the appalling weather the new style bottle stall was a great success making a genuine profit of £321.60 without members contributing.

Later in the deluge

There appeared to be no resistance to the rise of ticket

price to £1 – the new method of funding the stall proposed by Peter worked well. The idea of a champagne stall and dress code undoubtedly raised the interest of the clientele, the profile of our Club and the enthusiasm and joviality of our sales teams whose spirits were not dampened by the weather. An excellent idea Kit – well done! Thanks also to you and your team for organising it and surviving the set up and down in rain forest conditions. It was however noted from the detailed figures provided by Kit that the proportion of Champagne bottles won was high – could there have been some Midsommer skulduggery afoot?

TREE OF LIGHTS

Yes that time of year is approaching again and Martin and team are already busy making preparations. PLEASE note in your diaries the Collection dates for the Co-op are Fridays 28 November and 5, 12 and 19 December and for Chapman Court are Saturdays 29 November and 6, 13 and 20 December. The donations form is due to appear in the Pershore Town Newsletter and local village magazines. Virgin has advertised that it is possible to run 2 charity campaigns on their site. This would enable donations for Tree of Lights and for Eye Camps through our website to be distinguished. Peter is trying to set this up, but if not possible, John (our resident donations persuader) has magnanimously agreed to suspend donations to Eye Camps until TOL campaign is finished.



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KIDS OUT

It has been agreed with the Head Teacher of the Vale of Evesham School that as there is not sufficient time for the Rotarian carers to experience all the activities they look forward to - see the animals, have lunch and go on the rides, the next Kids Out will depart at 09.30 and return to the school at 16.15. Midshire Communications have again agreed to top up the money collected at the Charity Golf day next summer and 2 of their Directors will be coming to the Middle School cinema trip which has been arranged for Friday 13 February 2015.

A BANQUET FIT FOR OUR CLUB



Club members, partners and guests enjoyed what they are really good at last Wednesday at the Thai Legend in Pershore—consuming a banquet, drinking wine and making convivial conversation – usually rather noisily. The restaurant even put “Rotary Club” in lights



on the wall to help members locate their tables, or was it to warn other diners to retreat rapidly. Thank you Martin for organising this very enjoyable social evening for the Club.

ANTIQUES WITH A COMPETITIVE ELEMENT

The International fund raising event this year is to be an antiques evening held at Peopleton Village Hall on the 2nd October.



As for the rat racing last year its success will depend on members inviting friends to put together a table. John is still putting together the finer detail of the format for the evening which will include a competition between tables to identify antiques, possibly valuations and of course being our Club, a meal

LONDON PLANE TREES



In 1982, as part of an RIBI initiative “The year of the tree!!!” our Club planted 24 London Plane trees in an avenue across Pershore Abbey Park. This was organised and funded in liaison with Pershore Civic Society, Wychavon DC and the Town Council. President Richard Hampton and Reps from each of these were joined at the planting day by youngsters from Abbey Park Middle and Worcester

Community Action Group. It was recently brought to the attention of Judith that 2 of these trees have died. She has therefore started a “Year of the replacement tree” initiative. This is not as simple as it sounds – bureaucracy now requires permissions from various bodies and the trees have to have a passport (unless they are returning from Iraq). Club Council is fully in support of this

IN BRIEF

Joint Service - 22nd March agreed with Mark Jennings at the Baptist Church, subject to final confirmation from Inner Wheel

Food Bank – 166 people in Pershore have now been helped of whom 67 are children

Satellite Club - To date 22 invitees from local organisations have expressed an interest in attending the inaugural meeting on Thursday 16th October at the Angel Inn. This is an excellent response with further names to invite still being suggested

Talking Newspaper – Huge thanks to the 12 Rotarians and wives who took part in the Pershore Talking Newspaper Street collection. It could not have taken place without you. The total raised was £334.2p which along with donations is a major source of our funding