

# THE BULLETIN

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



*Presenting new President Paul with his pin and badge at the Inauguration of our Satellite Club on 22nd October.*

**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  
BRINGING A VISITOR**  
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**Welcome to the  
November issue  
of The Bulletin**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Bulletin. The copy date for the next issue will be 25th November (Publication date 2nd December)

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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 NOVEMBER

### **Wednesday 4th November**

Hors d'oeuvre. Cottage pie & vegetables

### **Wednesday 11th November**

No meeting. Funeral of Chris Smith

### **Wednesday 18th November Social Evening**

### **Wednesday 25th November**

Mushroom soup. Hot cheese & ham quiche with baked potato and salad.

### **Wednesday 2nd December**

Poached cod or haddock with cheese sauce & parsley potatoes. Apple pie and custard

Please contact Guido if you would prefer an alternative.



### **President John writes.....**

After a successful launch of Pershore Rotary Twilight Club our energy is switching to our big annual fund raiser - the Tree of Lights. We hope that the new venture combining switch-on day with The Pershore Georgian Fayre will attract more people to our event.

We have already purchased the tree. Now we are looking for plenty of support collecting at Asda and Coop on Fridays and Saturdays leading up to Christmas. Maybe you could call on a friend to help collect with you.

This year sees a new advance in publishing the names of remembered loved ones. Names will be displayed on a rolling screen in the window of Allchurch Bailey in Broad Street.

This month we will be approaching companies for sponsorship. If the donations are sufficiently large they will be recognised on the rolling screen with their company logos. Can you help us in this drive ? Funds raised from the Tree of Lights will be divided between Acorns Children's Hospice, Pershore Riverside Youth Centre and PROGS.

"What is PROGS ?" - I hear you thinking. Pershore Rotary Grant Scheme is a way of encouraging local organisations to apply for funding towards equipment or projects associated with their activities. Hopefully this will help us be more proactive in meeting worthwhile needs in the Pershore area.

Do not miss our annual lunch at Pershore High School where we mix with and encourage all the members of the Interact Club. I feel it is very important to talk to the school club members, take a genuine interest in their activities and show we value their commitment to Rotary ideals. After the meal we have the opportunity to tour the new Arts Block. I think you will be amazed at the artistic talent in the school.

*John Angood*

## Pershore Rotary Satellite Club is Inaugurated



At the Angel Hotel on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, history was made for Pershore Rotary Club with the induction of ten members into its new satellite organisation, the Pershore Rotary Twilight Club; fifteen members of our club were present to witness it.

The idea of forming a satellite was sparked by the facilitated brainstorming session held one evening in Alan Fulton's year as president. In order to attract a younger generation of working people of both genders, a new start seemed essential. The concept of satellite clubs had been adopted by Rotary but there is very little experience of it in RIBI.

Three of us, Bob, Ron and Richard Williams (at that time a member of Bredon Hill Rotary) met to tackle the thorny problems of who might join a new venture, its location, timing and frequency. A "twilight" club meeting at 5.30pm in the centre of Pershore

was the logical conclusion; as were a light finger buffet, a 7.00pm cut off and fortnightly meetings. Darren Eden was approached and agreed to the use of the Angel Hotel; all we needed was the people!

We brainstormed a reasonable list of businesses, some existing contacts but not all; split them between us and knocked on doors. The result was enough expressions of interest for a trial meeting. Steve Davies (Evesham Rotary) produced two slide presentations and off the starting blocks we ventured.

It has taken twelve months of nurturing but is now operating under its own steam with a management team of chairman secretary and treasurer. Darren Eden will take over the chair from Paul Johnson at some point, Paul having volunteered to take the lead very early on in the process. The format has been altered to one speaker meeting and one business/fellowship meeting a month.

Satellite members are, of course, full members of our club and as such need to be included in all of our social events; it is also important that we help each other in fund raising efforts.

The Satellite is planning a corporate bell-boating regatta – an "over 70s" team would no doubt be welcome!!

## Chris Smith 1944 - 2015



When Chris moved to Avon Bank Farm, Wyre Piddle, from Brentwood, Essex in 2002, he quickly became involved in a number of community organizations. He joined The Rotary Club of Pershore in 2003 and was inducted by President Robert Clark. He was the club President in 2007/2008. There were a number of enjoyable occasions during his presidential year. Amongst the many things he contributed to the club he produced a very good revamped club monthly bulletin from August 2008 to August of last year.

After having been a volunteer "News Selector" for Pershore Talking Newspaper for a number of years, he was elected as its Chairman in 2007. Hardworking, enthusiastic and innovative, Chris spearheaded the transition of the paper from being distributed on tape - to one which was digitally recorded and circulated on memory sticks. Always generous with his talents and time he offered his and Christine's home as a venue for several

Garden Parties where listeners and volunteers could meet in a relaxed atmosphere. He has left Pershore Talking Newspaper in a strong position with the ability to move forward, just as he would have wished.

Chris joined the Pershore Riverside Youth Centre as a Pershore Town Councillor and continued as an independent trustee, when no longer a town councillor, until his death. In his earlier years with the Centre, the youthwork and running costs were wholly financed by the County Council; Chris oversaw the management of the budget and acted as minuting secretary. However, with the dramatic cuts in funding and the Centre becoming responsible for employing all staff and for all running costs, life changed. Chris was the architect of all staff employment manuals and contracts including child protection procedures. With others he was also responsible for staff counselling. He was also responsible for leaning on two other Rotarians to join as trustees to provide related business and financial skills! It is also no coincidence that Rotary funded the Music Room and provided funds towards the 2007 flood reparations. He provided experience, challenge and a caring attitude. He is very much missed.

Chris used to play drums in his youth, and took them up again seriously in 2010, when he joined with Peter Gardner and Malcolm Haden and later Ken Greensall in what became known as Four Old Geezers

(FOG for short). Chris' solid beat held FOG together many a time, and they graduated to playing at Charity functions, Wyre Fetes and the local hostelrys. In the last couple of years, Chris picked up on playing the harmonica, again put aside from his early years, but this time with encouragement from the band and especially Ken, Chris became a good blues harpist. He and Ken regularly played at open mike nights at "The Pickled Plum" and "Piesse" in Wyre Piddle. We are lucky that through his contacts from the Talking Newspaper, we have Chris on harp and drums on the first 8 tracks of a CD that FOG recorded in March at Peter May's recording studio. A project that was planned for completion this autumn, but sadly will now not be able complete.

His sudden death has come as a shock to us all. Our condolences go to his wife Chrissy and his daughter Gemma. His funeral thanksgiving service is to be in Pershore Abbey on 11th November at 1.30 pm

## **Sri Lankan Eye Camp Project completed**

Pershore Rotary's involvement in The Sri Lankan Eye Camp Project draws to a close with the final camp being held in Mullaittivu.

Looking back over two years our club has sent £8000 to The Kandy Rotary Club specifically for eyesight. "A huge thankyou to everybody who donated

money to this cause ". Each £3 has provided either a pair of prescription spectacles or a cataract operation. So we have helped around 2666 people! Three opticians gave their time and services free at all the eye camps. The Kandy Rotarians organising the camps willingly gave time and transport. Village chiefs organised volunteer workforces to create a disciplined routine for testing and delivering spectacles plus providing refreshments for those waiting to be seen.

Half way through the project, John and Anne Angood were involved with several camps when they revisited their Rotarian friends in Kandy. The Pershore Rotary banner was on display at all the camps. John and Anne were welcomed with great enthusiasm wherever they went. They were bestowed with garlands and offered tasty Sri Lankan spicy curries at every turn. Even chillies for breakfast!

Anne said " to see so many smiles from those receiving the spectacles was indeed a humbling experience" "Rotary at its best – I am so proud of the two clubs where I have been a member – Kandy and Pershore working together on a good humanitarian cause " declared John.



## November/December Programme

### Wednesday 4th November

Duty Host TBA  
Speaker Ken Corrigan  
Cranes arrive in the UK

### Wednesday 11th November

No meeting. Funeral of Chris Smith  
Pershore Abbey 1.30 pm

### Wednesday 18th November

International Social evening  
Speaker Revd Claire Lording  
Vicar of Pershore

### Saturday 21st November

4.45 pm Tree of Lights switch on

### Saturday 28th November

Tree of Lights collection

### Wednesday 2nd December

Duty Host Ken Corrigan  
Fellowship meeting

### 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

## From the Council Minutes

It was reported that the apology system is working well. All those who were not able to apologise to Clive Hughes by Monday evening will be expected to pay £12 in fairness to Guido and his catering. Members were subsequently made aware of this at the following meeting and was unanimously agreed.

Arrangements were discussed for the Induction of the satellite club on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The arrangements for the Tree of lights were discussed and an ad hoc committee will meet on 14<sup>th</sup> November to finalise arrangements.

An outline of a promotional/information leaflet for distribution at Tree of Lights and other activities was given. Possible Items for inclusion were suggested, and it was agreed that the format merits further discussion.

The Desai Fundraising project was discussed and it is likely to exceed the £1400 committed to this project.

The Rugby event was discussed and confirmed the date as 26<sup>th</sup> March for the match against London Irish. More details to follow.

It was reported that Ethan Harris has been elected the Interact President for this year.

## THIS MONTH'S CAPTION COMPETITION



Can you put a caption to this picture? If so please send captions to [malkinson@msn.com](mailto: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**

*We jolly sailor boys were up up aloft and the.....*

**Ken Bouchard**

*I have been on board 24 hours and not once felt seasick!*

*I knew there would be a very low tide but this is ridiculous"*

**Peter Gardner**

*Damn It! They've nicked my wheels again, and what on earth have they left me chocked up on this time?*

**Joe Oxspring**

*I wondered why the depth gauge warning went off last night, I thought it was a false alarm!*

**Gordon Hartley-Bennett**

*Would somebody PLEASE put the plug back in !*

**Ken Rowe** (Best of 10 enties submitted)

*OK Noah let the doves go.*

*Darling, why don't they all have stands for their boats?*

*If it topples over we can truly say it keeled over!*

*Are we having fun yet?*

### This Month's Winner

**Malcolm Haden**

*Pershore Rotarians suspected of pulling plug at Brixham Harbour*