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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE (District 1100)



Bob Marchant receives a Paul Harris Fellowship

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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
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of The Bulletin**

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this Bulletin. The copy date for the next issue will be 26th July (Publication date 3rd August)

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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 JUNE/JULY

Wednesday 22nd June

Melon cocktail. Baked ham and parsley sauce with new potatoes.

Wednesday 29th June

Poached cod or haddock, cheese sauce. Fruit pie and custard.

Wednesday 6th July

Tomato soup. Cold meats, salads, Potato salad.

Wednesday 13th July

Roast pork and apple sauce, stuffing and roast potatoes. Fruit salad

Wednesday 20th July

Hors d'oeuvres. Steak and kidney pie with chips and vegetables.

Wednesday 27th July

Poached salmon with hollandaise sauce, new potatoes. Fruit crumble and custard.



President John writes.....

We are rounding off the Presidential year we celebrate with our final fund raiser for Acorns Children's Hospice. Join us with family and friends at our Golden Jubilee Concert to celebrate 50 years of the Rotary Club of Pershore. This will take place at Number 8 at 7:30 pm on Saturday 25th June where all the tickets can be purchased. £15 per ticket for an evening of music including a welcome drink of sparkling wine and canapés. Four soloists from English Symphony Orchestra will include works by Elgar, Debussy, Korngold and Gershwin.

Try to get a few friends together for an enjoyable evening out. Just persuade them to come, collect the money from them and buy a block of tickets from the box office. Chris Meredith has worked hard at this so let us help get all the tickets sold.

Highlights of the year include reaching the Desai School target in super quick time without having to do much as £1950 came from the garden party, Alan and Judith's wedding presents and me baring my knobbly knees in a sponsored 10k run.

Tree of lights takings increased 50% on last year reaching £4500 mainly due to the installation of the rolling screen in Allchurch Bailey displaying names of lost loved ones and sponsors. With another screen and a better targeting of sponsorship we should improve the takings yet again next year.

The Champagne Tombola continues to add money to the coffers. The induction of the Twilight Club was a milestone and very rewarding to find the club recruited three more members.

It was gratifying to give £1500 to Acorns and £1500 to Pershore Riverside Youth Centre. Keswick Rotary received £500 for flood relief and we have accumulated £2000 for PROGS which still needs to be distributed. Council has agreed to give £300 for 2 Water Survival boxes that can be used for disaster relief as a change from Shelter boxes.

Lots of enjoyable social events took place - Battle of the Proms, Battle of

the Border Reivers, Cheltenham theatre trip , District conference at Weymouth together with various other meals and trips enjoyed by all who took part.

I have enjoyed my year as President. Thank you to you all for being so helpful and supportive throughout. Without your help we would not have raised so much money and had such an enjoyable year of visits and social functions. Both Anne and I particularly enjoyed The President's Night at Holland House.

We wish PHF Bob every success as President next year.

John Angood



*President Elect Bob
receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship from
President John at President's Night*

President's Night at Holland House

On Wednesday 1st June we celebrated President's Night in style. Holland House is a wonderful atmospheric and relaxing venue to hold an event and it lived up to expectations.

Welcome drinks and canapés served in the hall and garden followed by a very tasty and well presented three course meal, coffee and petit fours. We were entertained throughout by a talented pianist putting us in the right mood for enjoying our event.

As a surprise item, President John awarded Bob Marchant a well deserved Paul Harris Fellow. This was to acknowledge his "commitment above self" in Pershore Rotary. A second coming as President, creation and follow through with the Twilight Club , continued driving force behind the Tree of Lights and all the social events organised over the years.

As another surprise, John (fortified by the red wine consumed at the table) proceeded to recite his year as President in verse. Autographed copies can be obtained directly from John for £1000 donated to a charity of his choice !

John Angood

Pershore Rotary Club Serving our community for 50 years.

In 1966 a group of 35 local men formed Pershore Rotary Club and thus became members of Rotary International, a worldwide humanitarian organisation. Their aim was to help the people of Pershore by giving them their "Service above Self" (the organisation's motto and purpose).

Today some 50 years later the club archives show the scope of the various projects they have been involved in, not only locally but worldwide. Our look back into past years will pick out some of stories behind the projects which have been memorable.

The most notable current global project started in 1980 when Polio Plus was launched by Rotary International with the enormous aim of eradicating the terrible disease of Polio worldwide.

New anti polio had been found that had allowed a small group of Rotarian doctors to take 500,000 doses to the Philippines, and with the help of the country's Rotary Clubs, set up a series of clinics which led to the country being declared polio free after three years without re-occurrence.

This was the first strike against a disease that, since at least the time of the ancient Egyptians, had crippled and killed children, in Pershore and all over the world. So in 1983 the call came to Pershore Rotary Club to join in the Polio campaign and to this end Rotarian Mike Ellingworth outlined a plan for the club to raise £10,000 in one day. Mike a steam train enthusiast had arranged for the hiring of the Flying Scotsman train to make a special journey from Worcester to Newport and back via Hereford.

A contract was signed to have the legendary train after it had been on a test run following a refit and immediately before it was going to Australia for that countries Bicentennial celebrations. Tickets were sold out overnight for the promise of the journey in original Pullman Coaches, period dress and afternoon tea. Then the first disaster struck. British Railways would not allow the train to pass through the tunnel from Hereford to Worcester. Problem solved...we would leave the Scotsman at Hereford and go through the tunnel by diesel. But problem two was terrible. The Scotsman had run a big end on the re-test and had gone back into the workshops for repair!!!

Well again a solution was found but sadly it was to replace The Scotsman with another team train "The Welsh Dragon" and to everyone's surprise and delight the ticketholders accepted the inevitable, the event took place and £11,700 went to Polio Plus for the fight.

Inspired by Rotary's ongoing commitment since 1980 the World Health Authority passed a resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio by 2000. Rotary is recognised by the United Nations as the originator and key private partner in the eradication effort.

Since the beginning of the project Rotarians have contributed over £750 million pounds and in addition accepted a challenge from the Bill Gates Foundation in 2008/9 to match a donation which they made of £150 million pounds.

Rotary therefore started this enormous project and to date have contributed £900 million and have provided hundreds of thousands of volunteer - hours leading to the vaccination of more than two billion of the world's children.

Champagne Tombola 30th May in the Abbey grounds.

Good weather helped bring out the crowds to Pershore Abbey grounds on 30th May.

Adrian organised our traditional Champagne Tombola and Kit helped set up the Pershore High School stall selling sweets and drinks. Lots of volunteers helped set up and man the stalls. All the Rotarians with "barrow boy" sales experience helped pull in the punters.

We made a clear profit of £358 on the day so well done to all involved.

All things Wild

Joe and Ken have now trained on all the hair raising rides at the Safari Park so fearlessly wanted to move up a gear. They were not daunted in the least by the prospect of the Vale School challenge of All Things Wild. They teamed up with Evesham Rotary under Sue Lomas' leadership.

So they volunteered for Kids Out on 8th June and ventured off to Honeybourne where they got hands-on experience with animals. Rotarian volunteers and the youngsters alike had a really fun time with the animals.

We expect to receive some lively feedback on wildlife encounters as a change from death defying rides from them both if they manage to survive.

June/July Programme

Wednesday 29th June

Duty Host Stephen Malkinson
Club Council

Wednesday 6th July

Duty Host Richard Williams
Speaker: DG 100 Richard Purdon

Wednesday 13th July

Duty Host David Store
Speaker : Bob Gilmore

Wednesday 20th July

Duty Host John Sharp
Speaker finder Ken Bouchard

Wednesday 27th July (Evening)

Duty Host Ken Rowe
Speaker: Anne Dobbins

Wednesday 3rd August

Duty Host John Rosier
Business Meeting

Wednesday 10th August

Duty Host Joe Oxspring
Speaker finder Kit Carson

Wednesday 17th August

Duty Host Chris Meredith
Speaker finder Ken Corrigan

Wednesday 24th August

Scatter Week

Wednesday 31st August (Evening)

Duty Host Stephen Malkinson
Social - wine tasting
Chris Bloomfield

News from our Twilight Club

On behalf of Pershore Rotary Club, President John inducted three new members to our satellite. Mike Gordon, Michael Williams and Kim Dunn joined the Twilight Club on Monday 16th May at the Angel in Pershore. Sue Fitzjohn (our District Area 8 rep) attended along with Mike Lambert and Eric Brownhill (Rotary Club of Stroud). Also several Pershore Rotary members were present.

Mark Jennings, Pershore Baptist Church minister gave an interesting account of charitable work through a local Trust fund.

The Twilight Club welcomes new members meeting every first and third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm at the Angel.

This club particularly attracts young people working and / or living in and around Pershore. If you fancy joining this active group contact the secretary Tom Tarver on tom.tarver@jpc.uk.com

Just a thought!

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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

We'll make it to The Railway even though the bridge is closed !

Joe Oxspring

Does this type of dual drive car really use rivers in the Sat Nav, or have we gone wrong again?

John Rosier

Nicola Sturgeon any more of your negative comments you can get out and walk!

Peter Gardner

By way of compensation, British Airways provide John Rosier with a chauffeur service to the airport for his next flight with them.

This Month's Winner

John Rosier

Joe Oxspring, I said take the road over the bridge

