



NEWSLETTER

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KENILWORTH-UYOGO FRIENDSHIP LINK Thank You

President John Kelley recently received the following letter from Kit Lawry, Hon Secretary, Kenilworth-Uyogo Friendship Link.

“Thank you and the members of the Rotary Club of Kenilworth very much indeed for your generous donation of £3,000 to Kenilworth-Uyogo Friendship Link yesterday. This donation will go towards the provision of a maternity unit in Uyogo. Kenilworth has supported Uyogo in various spheres – water, education, health – since 1979, and recent visits from students at the secondary school in Uyogo, as well as regional government officials who oversee the joint work between KUFL and Uyogo villagers, have cemented that link.

KUFL’s philosophy is to work on a ‘Hand Up’ rather than ‘Hand Out’ basis on projects suggested by the Uyogo villagers. Where possible, we like to see a partnership in the projects we undertake jointly, with contributions in time and labour and/or money from the villagers and local government authorities to complement funding channelled through KUFL.

Over the past 5 years we have sponsored the village nurse, Joyce Ongati, on a university course in Dar es Salaam University to become a doctor. Joyce qualified last year

and is now based in Uyogo, as the photo on your website illustrates. Dr Joyce commented:

“At the moment Uyogo just has a basic dispensary but there are plans to improve it to a health centre with equipment so many procedures can be done there to save patients and I can use my full knowledge perfectly.”

KUFL consider this Health Centre as an important development in helping to address the health issues of the villagers, reduce the need for difficult journeys, usually on bicycles, to the nearest hospital for pregnant women, and give children a safer birth.

Thank you again for the Rotary Club of Kenilworth’s generous interest and support.”

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016 “A View from the Chair”

Way back in 2015, DG Elect Peter Roberts started to plan for his Conference. He decided to look for something a bit different and to bring some new faces, mainly from our own Club, onto the Organising Committee, and in a moment of sheer mental aberration, he asked me to chair this Committee.

Hoping that the Club might be interested in what we are doing and how we are doing it

(subject of course to the Official Secrets Act), I offered a monthly “view from the chair” to give an insight into our work and to attract as many members as possible to attend.



A couple of months ago, this Newsletter contained an initial write up on the Conference dates and venue – Carden Park, near Chester, 4th to 6th November.

How did we get there, and why those dates? Initially, Peter was very keen to take the Conference to Buxton, and plans were made for a date in October at the Palace Hotel and the Pavilion Gardens. However, both these venues are now involved in building repairs and alterations, and rather than risk having a conference venue that was partially a building site, a quick decision was made to move elsewhere.

Carden Park (in the picture) is a wonderful venue – more details and information in the next view from the chair – and in order to obtain the wonderful deal that we have (£119 per double room per night, dinner bed and breakfast), we had to change our date away

from half term week. This meant the weekend we have chosen or the following weekend.



The Conference dates - now fixed - are obviously bonfire weekend, and possibly disruptive for some, but the following weekend will be Remembrance Sunday, and we decided this was probably more disruptive.

In next month’s Newsletter, there will be more about the facilities and activities available. Meanwhile, I urge you to visit the District website for booking forms and activity update.

Phil Highley

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Dates for your diary...

Date	Talk/ Speaker or Event / Venue	Speaker's Host	Steward	Visitors' Host
31 March – 3 April	RIBI Conference – Bournemouth			
4 April, Monday	A Brain Surgeon Goes to war - Mr Peter Stanworth	Philip Southwell	John Stanton	Jerry Duckett
11 April, Monday	Kenilworth Footpath Preservation – Brian Nicol	John Stanton	David Tall	Geoff Exton
18 April, Monday	NO MEETING - Scatter to other Rotary Clubs			
21 April, Thursday	Club Council Meeting			
23 April, Saturday	District Assembly - Warwick University			
25 April, Monday	Business Meeting	David Tall	Graham Tall	Wendy Exton