

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015



“PAINT BRUSHES AT DAWN”

ART CONTEST ENDS

Following the counting of votes at the Club meeting on 14th September, Anna Poynter was declared the winner by 133 votes to 56. As the picture shows, her husband, former Rotarian Richard, lost with good grace.

For those unfortunate enough to have missed it, Anna and Richard were exhibiting their own works at the Rotary Art Show which has been running all summer at the Kenilworth Centre. I have to say that they are both talented artists and together they put on a very attractive display of work.



Anna now turns her attention to the upcoming Rotary Art Exhibition at the Holiday Inn from 13th to 15th November, and Richard will start

looking around for the “valuable raffle prizes” which the loser promised to provide for future Rotary fund raising events.

WORLD CHILD CANCER

On Thursday 17 September I went to the River Room at the House of Lords at the invitation of World Child Cancer. This room is the one with the very expensive wall paper of which you can see a bit in the picture.

We have made a substantial donation (over £4,500) to their work in Cameroon, which is being used to fund the palliative and other drugs required for a whole year. To say that they are greatly appreciative is no overstatement.

It was an interesting meeting where there were several short speeches of thanks and updating. I met many of the very small number of staff, several paediatric oncologists and other supporters including one IT expert who had been seconded for 6 months by his employers, GSK, to the charity totally free of charge whilst he continued to receive his salary. A win-win situation for both the Charity and the secondee, who clearly felt that it had been a hugely rewarding experience - he continues to be involved with the charity.



The picture shows me handing to the Chairman, Anu VEDI, a plaque donated by John Stanton and to be displayed in Cameroon. We are to have a representative of the charity visit us in February.

President John Kelley

MUSICAL SOIREE

We hope you all have in your diaries Friday 30th October, which was announced last month as the date when Phil Highley and Graham Smith are offering us their “Musical Soiree”.

This will take place at St. Francis church hall, Warwick Road, commencing at 7.30pm. A high class finger buffet will be provided by the ladies of Inner Wheel, and the programme of music has now been put together.

Six voices will perform solos, duets and quartets accompanied by Rosemary Gowers

of the Talisman Theatre. The programme includes traditional English songs and ballads, plus music from Offenbach and Gilbert & Sullivan. Music from the theatre will include works by Ivor Novello, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lerner & Loewe and others.



Definitely an evening not to be missed by anyone who likes music.

A licensed bar will be operated for beers, wines and soft drinks. And if tickets at £10 sound expensive, just remember that we are raising funds so that the Club can build up reserves in anticipation of future exchanges with the Rotary Club of Luneberg. Also, the mouth-watering buffet from Inner Wheel will make it money well spent.

Phil Highley

THE KENILWORTH CENTRE

John Boothroyd, Paul Seward and I attended the AGM of the Kenilworth Centre.

There was the usual AGM business including a review of the Centre's own activities and the financial limitations. This was followed by brief presentations by 3 of the Centre users: a gaming club (games rather than betting!), a

club for pregnant ladies and young mums, and a karate club.



The Rotary Club of Kenilworth was warmly thanked for raising over £300 from the street collection, but no mention was made of our recent donation of £2,500. So after the formality, John Boothroyd asked the Chairman who asked the Treasurer who said no such donation had been received. So John persisted and a search was made of pigeon holes and lo and behold an unopened letter was found together with the cheque.

Much joy and excitement followed and first thoughts were that they would use the money for a much needed extension of the operating times of the outreach workers who patrol in the evenings offering help, support and care to young people who may be abusing substances or themselves. Andy Norman, the Centre manager, had already told of their vital work which had for financial reasons to be limited to term time only. It seems that the funds should be sufficient to make this a year round service. A good piece of Community Service I hope you will agree.

President John Kelley

DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Council Meetings are held quarterly, usually at Arden Academy, Station Road, Knowle at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Any Full Rotary

member may attend the meetings which cover a wide range of topics.

On this occasion, 16th September, our president was accompanied by Maurice Holden, Secretary, and Paul Seward, our Youth Officer. The meeting was attended by 92 Rotarians from 37 Clubs.

The District Governor, Paul Jaspal, opened the evening: he reported that he had visited 42 clubs since taking office, leaving 21 still to be visited; and he reminded Clubs of the Giant Acorn Project to raise money for Acorn Children's Hospice.



The Last Night of the Rotary Proms 2016

It is worth noting that a great evening of Classical favourites has been arranged – it features The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Morrision Orpheus Male Voice Choir. It will be held in the Birmingham Symphony Hall at 7.30pm on 9th April, 2016. Discount prices are available to Rotary members: booking arrangements are at the end of this article.

Speaker

Mr Spencer Harland, Senior Consultant/ Surgeon at the QE Hospital, Birmingham, gave a very interesting and informative talk entitled "Back Pain - The facts behind". This was well received.

District Conference Cardiff 23rd /25th October, 2015

Delegates were advised that places are still available, although accommodation at the Conference Hotel, Mercure Holland, was now fully booked.

Club Visioning

A paper prepared by a member of our club, Peter Roberts, as District Governor Elect, was presented by Gary Dancer (from the Rotary Club of Nuneaton) on behalf of Peter, who was recovering from recent knee surgery.

District Council will next meet on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at Arden Academy, Knowle.

Maurice Holden, Secretary

Bookings for The Last Night of the Rotary Proms

2016 must be made by telephone before 1st December at which time any remaining tickets go on sale to the public (0121 345 0603 for individual tickets, and 0800 358 7070 for group bookings – in both cases, quote Code rotary16). However, before phoning, go to www.thsh.co.uk, select 9th April from the date box, and select your seats from the Plan.

FIRST AID

We have organised a short “First Aid” session on ‘CPR and How to use a defibrillator’. It will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7th October at the Kenilworth Centre.



The session will be run by Nick Shacklock of Community First Responders, who gave a talk at our Rotary Club a short while ago.

It is a good opportunity for us to show Rotary in action for the benefit of Kenilworth – so, the more members that attend the session, the better. Please let Geoff Exton know if you intend to join us.

The invitation is open to all members of the Chamber of Trade, particularly those who work in the town, as well as our friends in Inner Wheel.

Roy Shearing

INTERACT - KENILWORTH SCHOOL

John Kelley, Richard Garrett and I attended the inaugural meeting of an Interact Club at Kenilworth School on 23rd September. We were joined by Sally Kelley of the Rotary Club of Southam 2000.

We were not sure how many pupils would attend the meeting, so we were delighted when the room filled to capacity with 28 students.



Richard, who is a teacher at the school, introduced the Interact meeting. I then gave a short power point presentation on Rotary, its history, our club’s aims and achievements, and Interact and what the students should get out of it. The presentation finished with a short video.

Internationally, I talked about ‘End Polio Now’, Sand Dams, the Guatemala Literacy Project, and HIV in Swaziland as possible projects for them to look at, as well as our support for Yuogo and Shelter Box.

Locally, I mentioned our involvement in the Two Castles Run, the Art Show and support for The Kenilworth Centre, and what we have done for young people with Youth Speaks etc., RYLA and particularly Kenilworth

School. We offered various potential projects that the students may like to get involved: such as the Waverley Day Centre, Helen Ley, The Kenilworth Centre, and identified a project within the school.



John elaborated on the Rotary youth programme and Sally gave a brief explanation of the Southam Interact club, which she set up, and how the members of that club have benefited.

The meeting was very well received by the students who were positive about continuing with Interact. After the meeting a few students stayed to ask particular questions and chat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Garrett, for taking the time to set up the program and venue with me; David Tall for hours of work on preparing the power point and video; and John and Sally for attending and supporting me at the meeting

We all considered that the meeting was a great success and that Interact in Kenilworth School has potentially a great future

Paul Seward, Youth Coordinator

ART SHOW

Preparation for the "Art in Kenilworth" show from 13th to 15th November is under way. The application forms have been sent out to all previous exhibitors.

We are hoping to have a better, larger catalogue this year and applicants can have

one of their pictures included in the catalogue with a small write up for a small fee. We will also try and get some sponsors to advertise on the back page of the catalogue.



We will be looking for Rotarians to help with distribution of posters around the town to advertise the show.

We are planning a better process for the acceptance of the paintings on the 12th November, which will require a number of people to help for a few hours in the afternoon. We hope to have tombola again this year, so we will be starting to try and collect prizes from local companies, shops and restaurants. We would also be grateful for any prizes from Rotarians.

*Peter Robson
Chairman Fundraising Projects Committee*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016

Peter Roberts, District Governor Elect, has chosen Buxton for the Rotary District 1060 Conference in October 2016.

Plans for Peter's Conference are beginning to take shape and no prizes for guessing the theme, but Wendy & Captain Hook may be a clue.



President John Kelley

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More dates for your diary

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| Date | Event |
| 5 October, Monday | DG Paul Jaspal |
| Visitors' Host | Steward |
| David Butler | John Dixon |

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| Date | Event |
| 7 October, Wednesday | CPR & Defibrillator training |

Venue
Kenilworth Centre

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| Date | Event |
| 12 October, Monday | Hopes and Home for Children – Maggie Mitchell |

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| Visitors' Host | Steward |
| John Dixon | Jerry Duckett |

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| Date | Event |
| 19 October, Wednesday | No club meeting |

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| Date | Event |
| 23-25 October, Friday-Sunday | District 1060 Conference |

Venue
Cardiff

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| Date | Event |
| 26 October, Monday | Making an IMPACT - Brenda Luck |

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| Visitors' Host | Steward |
| Jerry Duckett | Geoffrey Exton |

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| Date | Event |
| 30 October, Friday | Musical Soiree |

Venue
St. Francis church hall, Warwick Road
