

## FINAL NIGHT AT RYLA CAMP

*David Roberts chairman of Youth Services reports on the recent Rotary Young Leaders' Awards meeting*

This year's RYLA Talent Night was held at the end of a strenuous week's leadership exercises on 29th of August at Kibblestone Camp near Stone, Staffordshire. The attendees were President **Peter Martin, Peter Williams** (Vice Chairman of Youth Services) and myself .

This year our club sponsored two candidates.

They were Nimesh Patel and Nayanthara Panayamthatta Sasidharin (Tara for short) both interested in careers in medicine.

Both our candidates benefited from the experience of the RYLA camp, Tara was on the winning team and both were involved in the last night presentations. They will be both attending our lunch on September 20th to give their personal views on what they gained from the RYLA experience.



*David, Peter Martin and Peter Williams with Nimesh and Tara*

## VISIT TO TAYLORS BELL FOUNDRY

*Organiser Chris Yates provides this report on the recent visit to Loughborough*

On 5th September **Alan Armitage, Jon Towler, Peter Martin, Peter Williams, Peter Buchanan, Dave Roberts, Venn Davies , Peter Seaward, Peter Murray, Dick Bailey** , and your correspondent accompanied by four wives left Wellington Swimming pool on time for Loughborough.

The first stop was at Queens Park to visit the Carillon which was built in 1923 as a memorial to the Great War. The Tower was opened specially for us at 11am and we were given a tour of the first 3 floors which contained memorabilia of both wars, then onwards and upwards to the Carillon which has 47 bells cast by Taylors and each imprinted with the names of the donors.

They are played from from a key board laid out like an organ with 2 keyboards for the hands and and 1 for pedals. Then up to the balcony which gave a great view of Loughborough on a beautiful day with **Sue Davies** reminiscing on her time in her university tower block lodgings here.

Having descended the tower we strolled through Loughborough Market to the The Three Nuns for lunch and Everards beer tasting. The coach then took us on to Taylors Bell Foundry.

We were given an excellent and amusing history of Taylors and their bell making followed by a tour of the foundry and all the stages in casting, bell tuning and wheel making.

We saw the actual ring of bells from Christchurch NZ which were all stacked on the floor only one bell having been cracked when the cathedral collapsed in the earthquake of February 2011. Finally 4 bell ringers in the party rang on Taylors own light ring of 10 bells.