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Rotary Club of Wellington

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November 2019

President's Notes



Checking Tree of Light Application Forms

As we head towards our Carols at both Farcroft & Oakwood, our seasonal Club lunch and Christmas Day at Farcroft, I can reflect on the last couple of months.

We have enjoyed The Church Service at All Saints & the lunch at Hadley Park Hotel, our Film Night and some excellent speakers. In addition, we completed, with other Clubs, the purchase & livery for the Greenfields Africa pick-up truck which is now in service.

We stepped in, with Sophie's project management, to rescue the British Legion Poppy Appeal in Wellington and we were well represented at the Wellington Remembrance Day Parade and the moving Service.

I attended the Fairbourne Fund meeting to review the summer's activities where it was apparent how well the committee have done not only in getting deserving families away on trips in the face of some difficult challenges but

also in the financial management of The Fund.

Well done everyone. Many thanks for all your hard work which makes me very proud to be a member and leader of this Club.

Of course, as Norma Ross reminded us, we can also be very proud of our commitment to Telford Tree of Light and I've enjoyed my work at Blue Peter Club, the Town Centre desk and of course data inputting.

So, thank you for all you've done in the first half of my year. I hope you're looking forward to 2020 as much as I am.

I hope you & your families all enjoy your Christmas and have a great New Year.

THANK YOU

Everyone wanted to be in the picture, they are so proud of the truck! It is a wonderful gift. Thank you all so much.

Best wishes
Brian Hatton - *Greenfields Africa*





Wellington Rotary Remembers

President Vic together with members of the Club, partners and friends and members of Inner Wheel met at Naylor's Row in Wellington on 10th November to take their part in the Remembrance Parade. Joining with members of the services, civic dignitaries and youth groups the parade followed Wellington Town Band down New Street across the Square into Church Street and into All Saints Churchyard. A short Service led by Wellington's faith leaders preceded the Act of Remembrance at 11.00. President Vic joined with other local organisations to lay the Rotary Club of Wellington's wreath at the Lytch Gate, Wellington's War Memorial.

Rotary Wellington's 'Silent Soldier' overlooked the proceedings adjacent to the boards showing photographs of the fallen in the First World War which were funded by the Club in a project with the Town Council.

This year the Club was also involved in the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. Members of the Club met at Foden's solicitors to collect boxes of Remembrance Day Poppies for distribution around Telford. This group of Rotarians and friends led by Sophie Yates took boxes of Poppies to schools, pubs and supermarkets in preparation for this year's Remembrance events. This same group subsequently collected any remaining Poppies together the donations that had been and returned them to the British Legion.



Father Christmas Needs You! 🙌

Father Christmas [aka John Wardle] needs help on Christmas morning to deliver presents to the residents of Farcroft. He will be at Farcroft from 10.00 until 11.00 and looks forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Reminder

Rotarians and friends are all invited to our 2019 Festive Lunch. Our guest speaker is Rev Tim from All Saints Church who will give the Christmas Message.

The menu is shown below. Your choices need to be sent to Dan Scollard -Kerr together with payment of £18 per person by 6th December at the latest

Starter

Winter Vegetable Soup

finished with garden herbs (v)

Ham Hock Terrine

with Beetroot relish and crusty bread

Seasonal Melon

with mulled wine winter berries (v)

Main

Roast festive turkey

with bacon roll, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce

Poached Haddock

with white wine, prawn and spinach veloute

Butternut Squash, Gruyere and Quinoa Roulade

with thyme gravy (v)

Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding

coated in a rich brandy sauce

Baked Vanilla Cheesecake

with orange and kumquat caramel sauce

Profiteroles

filled with cream and topped with chocolate sauce

To finish

Coffee and mince pies

Festive Lunch Friday 20th December

Film Night

The Rotary Club of Wellington's Annual Charity Film Night took place on Tuesday 29th October at the Charlton School in Wellington.

Organised by Rotarians Sophie Yates and Jim Tranter the film chosen was 'Fisherman's Friends'. The audience were also shown a short film about the work of Home-Start.

Sophie and Jim were successful in bringing together well over 150 Rotarians and their guests and raising more than £1,500 of which £1,000 will be presented to Home-Start Telford & Wrekin.

President Vic Young of the Rotary Club of Wellington said, "Everyone had a very enjoyable evening sharing an entertaining film while raising money for our principle charity, HomeStart Telford & Wrekin who provide a valued service for the community by supporting young families and improving their life chances."



President Vic at HomeStart

The 24th Rotary Telford Tree of Light

On Thursday 14th November at around 16.30 a crowded Mall at Telford Centre filled by the sounds of the Salvation Army Band waited patiently for the Rotary Telford Tree of Light to be switched on. But this year was different. The Tree was at a new site - in New Row in the recently completed Fashion Quarter. It was a New Tree, generously provided by Telford Shopping Centre. There was also a New Display Pod funded by local business sponsors.

Chairman of the Tree of Light organising committee, Max Clowes, said, "Our work would not be possible without the corporate and private sponsors who's financial support ensures that every penny donated to remember a name around the tree goes to our local charities."

Telford Rotarians have been busy for the past weeks opening and processing dedications sent in by the Telford



Peter Seaward with Principal Benefactor David Wauchope of McPhillips

Community to remember their loved ones at Christmastime. As usual half the money raised will go to Severn Hospice. The remaining half will go to Telford Samaritans, Hope House, The Cavalier Centre, Maninplace and Climbing Out.

Around the tree in time for the switch-on were over 2400 names from the first 1000 application forms received. Names will be added each week right up to Christmas.

Norma Ross, Director of Income Generation for the Severn Hospice said, " On behalf of Severn Hospice and all the Charities supported by the Rotary Telford Tree of Light I would like to say thank you." Norma then cut the opening ribbon for this the New Tree of Light and in doing so switched on the Rotary Telford Tree of Light 2019.

Rotarians will be on hand around the Tree from now until Christmas to give out and receive application forms, to give information about the Tree and to answer queries.



Have You Remembered Your Tree of Light Key Chain Trolley Token

This useful reminder about the Rotary Telford Tree of Light can be used all year round on your visits to the supermarket. It has been tested at Sainsburys, Lidl and many others including Inter Marche! Only £2.00 with all profits helping to fund the Tree of Light campaign.



The Dancer

by Jacob Chandler

The Club once again welcomed Jacob Chandler a young sculptor intent on following his dream. Everyone was enthralled by Jacob's talk which focussed on the installation of his 3meter high sculpture at Telford Town Centre's new fashion area.

Jacob's website [jacobchandler.co.uk] reveals that his 'work focuses on the most dramatic point of an action, be it physical or mental.' The website continues, 'The techniques employed are unusual, with fabrications from wooden panels and the use of sand-able resin to form the crisp edged, smooth faced, multi faceted sculptures. Jacob's unique style has led to recognition in the art world and with just a few years working professionally he has exhibited in capital cities across the globe, been highly commended by Royal societies and is currently undertaking two major public commission and a three meter tall private commission. The inspiration for his works come from the greats of figurative sculpture, from Subirachs and Naum Gabo with their geometric portrayals to Giacometti and the Futurists with their desire to capture movement.'



Xmas Card Charity

hope house
we're here for children

Each year the Club decides on a charity for members to contribute to instead of sending each other Christmas Cards. President Vic hopes you will be happy to support this years charity - Hope House.

Projects Page

[Brian Richards]

Wrekin Riders Loo Grant

Following the receipt of the matching District Grant in September, the Toilet Unit was delivered and sited at the Wrekin Riders BMX Track Club at Dawley in October and was connected to services for immediate use. The £3120 cost was 50% funded by the RI Monetary Fund via a District 1210 grant. Our annual giving of US\$100 per member enables us to be one of the first clubs allocated funding and therefore to receive a grant of this value. The refurbished toilet unit has a rather fetching paint finish in Rotary Azure, which complements the 32ft Club House which we donated earlier this year. Wrekin Riders Club volunteer Kirsty Smallman says their members send their thanks again to Rotary Wellington for their support in providing them with these first class site facilities.

Medic Malawi Eye Surgery

The Global Grant 12 month report for St Andrews Hospital in Malawi, sponsored by Wellington Rotary and Lilongwe Rotary Clubs is that the 12 months eye surgery and training has been very successful - the solar energy installation is still underway.

Data for the eye surgery:

- 100 additional health workers trained in eye disease for the outreach programme.
- 2 additional districts are now being served by the outreach team (total of 3) which includes 60 additional communities .
- 1,000 additional patients receiving eye care.
- Additional 200 eye operations.
- 6,000 recipients of disease prevention including distribution of Vitamin A.
- Currently under budget by MK10.6 million (= US\$15,000.00) - which is a saving on the US\$64,000 grant.



Christmas Carol Singing 2019

President Vic invites you to join him in our Carol singing programme at Oakwood on Monday 16 December at 15.00 and at Farcroft on 17th December at 17.00.

The Jaipur Limb

The Rotary Club of Wellington has recently helped to fund a Limb Camp at Quilon in India run by the Rotary Jaipur Limb Trust..

Newer members might ask, "What is the Jaipur Limb? It is an artificial leg, developed at the Mahaveer hospital in Jaipur, India. The unique component is the Jaipur foot, a combination of wood and various densities of rubber vulcanised into a realistic looking foot. The Jaipur limb is hard-wearing and will last for three or four years, longer if worn with a shoe. A western limb would cost between £1,000.00 and £2,000.00, a Jaipur limb can be made and fitted for as little as £25.00.

The Rotary Jaipur Limb Project dates back to 1984, when the work done by the limb-making workshop in Jaipur was visited by Rotarians. No disabled person was turned away and everybody was treated free of charge.

Past District Governor Gerry Powell of this club became involved in the very early days. Gerry, who died in 2003, used to spend several weeks in India each year, working in the limb camps so that more and more people were able to receive treatment. At the time Club members had no idea of the extent of his work, or the high regard in which he was held in India.

After his death Rotarians in Dhanbad decided that they would open a new wing in their local hospital to be named in honour of Gerry. The wing was opened in 2008.

Jim Tranter writes, "We spent three days in Dhanbad, during which we saw not only the fitting of 'Jaipur Limbs' but also the donation to local people of hand-powered tricycles and the amazing polio corrective surgery. Young polio sufferers are given operations to enable their foot to sit flat on the floor. They can then be fitted with calipers, and in a short time progress from total immobility to being able to take a meaningful place in society. Two volunteer surgeons and their assistants performed over 50 operations over the course of one day - I am sure that those of us who witnessed the surgery will never forget this."

The Rotary Jaipur Limb Trust continues to thrive.





FAIRBOURNE 2019 REVIEW

In many ways the Fairbourne Fund has had another successful year both financially and in providing days out.

In March 2018 the sum of £85,000 was invested with Margetts at risk level 3. In November 2019 after taking account of the withdrawal of £7200 the value is £84,980.09. I am pleased that the investments are still showing growth.

The Fund has provided days out for 36 families and 8 groups for an outlay of £8496. Nominated families took part in Rotary Only trips to Chester Zoo and Drayton Manor Park together with others chosen from the Elcocks' general programme. The groups took part in a range of activities, such as a visit to Rhyl, that the Fairbourne Fund were able to help subsidise.

However the two main trips each suffered from "no shows." The Fairbourne Fund lost ticket and coach fares and the cash subsidy provided to the missing families. Even so the Fairbourne Fund show a 95% success rate.

Next year the budget is set at £10,000 but price rising could affect the number of trips that we are able to support. It has been suggested that next year Rotarians travel on these trips to give out the subsistence money and to try to obtain feedback from the clients.

Christmas Reminder

Foodbank Collection



Can I remind everyone that our pre-Christmas collection for the Foodbank is on Friday 6th December. Staff at the Foodbank have asked that we include Christmas biscuits, tinned vegetables and toiletries amongst all the usual items we donate.

Our latest Foodbank collection on 1st November equalled our best ever, weighing in at 250kgs. In addition £30 in cash was donated. This means that we're closing in on 2000kgs since we started the monthly collections less than two years ago. We've also donated nearly £500. Thanks and congratulations to everyone.



Christmas Crossword 2019

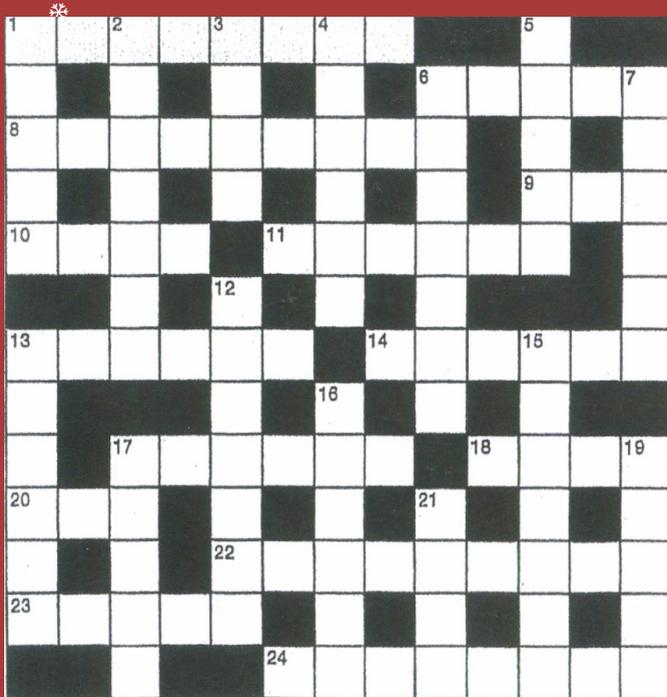
Your entries can be e-mailed, telephoned, posted or communicated in any other way to Graham Reedman, whose details you will find in the Club handbook, by Wednesday 18th December.

ACROSS

1. Largest city in Turkey [port on Bosphorus, once Constantinople. (8)
6. Pieces of land for building - things to see, we hear (5)
8. This is where we meet (9) [R]
9. Makes up our chromosomes: transfers heredity, parent to child (1, 1, 1)
10. Falls as a drop. What a useless person! (4)
11. Guard
13. They are made regularly by carers/nurses (6)
14. A dance. You are able to do this twice! (6)
17. Our first lady member (6) [R]
18. Falls from the sky (maybe something to do with 19 Down) (4)
20. Not well at all (3)
22. Like fir or laurel, always verdant (9)
23. Ancient Greek poet : (think Iliad or kind of pigeon) (5)
24. Learners : we all were at some time (8)

DOWN

1. You might grow flowers here or fall asleep (2,3)
2. Manoeuvres often used by army commanders (7)
3. He took them on board two by two (4)
4. Are you an angler? Unwind your line (6)
5. Foodbank and wine are his speciality (5) (R)
6. Country of W. Africa (capital Dakar) (7)
7. She followed 17 Across and is now our Assistant Secretary (6) (R)
12. Want to clip together your papers? You'll probably find this in the office (7)
13. Disappear (when vehicle is hard to find?) (6)
15. Is an adolescent allowed to eat here? Yes!
16. Tell someone the right way : it's straight ahead (6)
17. Not the best places to live (5)
19. They blow in from all quarters (5)
21. With silver on the top the editor grew old (4)



THE EDITOR AND ALL THE ROTABILIA TEAM WISH ALL OUR READERS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

