

Defibrillator at the Buckatree

In a joint initiative the Rotary Club of Wellington and the Buckatree Hall Hotel have provided and installed a lifesaving defibrillator at the hotel.

"A defibrillator can save lives. There are a number of organisations which meet at the hotel regularly and we are all of an age where someone may need it. We also want hotel guests and walkers in the area to know that there is a defibrillator nearby," said Peter Williams.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at the Buckatree Hall Hotel, at the foot of The Wrekin, is to help both walkers and hotel guests who have a cardiac arrest.

It was obtained from SP Services, a Shropshire emergency medical equipment supplier. The installation was planned to co-incide with the 'Re-Start a Heart Week' campaign that began on 16th October.

Buckatree Hall Hotel general manager Wayne Jenson said, "We are a hotel with a heart, a hotel that serves the local community and believes in paying back to that community."

Paul Watts, of SP Services, of Hortonwood, Telford, explained that it was vital that those on the scene first dial 999 and then start CPR before using the defibrillator. "They are easy to use and give audio and visual instructions on what to do in case of an emergency," said Paul.



Wellington Rotarians Welcome Mandy Fencott

On Friday 12th October Wellington Rotarians welcomed Mandy Fencott into membership of the Rotary Club of Wellington, and to the fellowship of Rotary throughout the world. In presenting Mandy with her Rotary badge President Peter Williams said, "The ideal of Rotary is service, our principal motto is "Service Above Self". The object of this club and of all Rotary clubs is to encourage and foster this ideal. As well as service, friendship is also very important, and we hope that you will gain many friends here, and be a friend to many." Mandy's classification is 'Financial Services' and she will serve on the Youth Services Committee. The photograph shows President Peter Williams with Rotarian Mandy Fencott and her proposer Rotarian Neil Phillips.



Don's Jottings.

In the last edition of Rotabilia I wrote a piece about Bernard Levin in an attempt to write a long sentence of which he was so fond and which I also find quite appealing. But my laborious efforts went on much too long and I have concluded, as a result, that I would write for this edition a sentence that was much shorter. So here it is.



President's Notes

Where have the first 100 days of this Rotary year gone? On my second day in office I chaired my first meeting of Council and I am still finding it difficult to finish before 7pm as we have so much to cover.

So many Rotary activities in such a short space of time; Wrekin Club's Disability Sports Day held on the first Saturday into my role; the Annual Gateway BBQ; The Mayor's Civic Service; Rotary dictionaries to Year 6 at Wrekin View Primary School and the Canal trip in Welshpool. And all before the end of July!

More recently I attended the AGM of Telford Samaritans and visited YMCA with Peter Murray. Becoming more visible locally will hopefully lead to more membership applications. I feel so proud to represent Wellington Rotary at any such event, seeing the difference that our club and its members can make to people's lives.

The District Governor's visit gave him the opportunity to hear about the range and number of events we involve ourselves with. He was seriously impressed and emphasised that Wellington met the RI message of "Be the Inspiration".

August was RYLA and the Higher Education Award. I spent a fantastic evening at Kibblestone Scout camp with 32 RYLarians enjoying their talent evening. I accompanied Brooke Richardson to purchase a laptop funded by our HEA. I am sure that all of you who met her must realise what an inspirational young person she is. We wish her all the best for her studies in Nursing at Worcester University.

I was very fortunate to be part of the croquet team this summer – I suppose being President helps! We managed to win 3 of our 4 games but succumbed in the final against Cannock.

The run up to Christmas is busy with the Church Service and lunch, Film Night, Remembrance Service, Carol Singing and Christmas itself. Details of these events are always in the table folders on Fridays and on the club website - please use it.

Finally, I again thank everyone for their support in my first 100 days especially the Committee Chairs and event organisers who are working extremely hard to involve Wellington members in many projects. Go forth and raise money; have fellowship and above all, enjoy Rotary.



John Morris-Roberts of the Telford Centre Club writes; "We were privileged to have President Peter [or should that be Rene] and Gill at our 'Allo Allo' party on the 23 September."

A View From the Outside.

[Dorothy Morris-Roberts]

When walking into The Buckatree Hall Hotel on Friday 10th August, I was greeted by Wellington President Peter with "Oh I didn't realise you were coming today". I was there along with my husband John & Chris Mackrell, all of us members of Telford Centre Rotary Club. However, when welcomed to the meeting I received a huge cheer. I was not the only lady present as Robyn Davies of the Rotary Club of The Wrekin was also a guest together her husband, Past District Governor Trevor.



It was very interesting to listen to another Rotary Club's Business meeting and how it differs from our own meetings. As a past member of both Ladies Circle, Tangent & Wrekin Inner Wheel Clubs I joined Rotary 3 years ago after attending many meetings as a guest of my husband. Such friendship & support from all my friends at Telford Centre and from Rotarians from other Clubs was especially valuable during the difficult times over the last year with John's illness.

Thank you all for welcoming us and I hope you all as Members of Wellington Rotary feel that you could come along to Telford Centre Rotary & feel such Friendship. Dorothy x

Church Service & Lunch

[President Peter]

Traditionally, the first Sunday in October is Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, Wrockwardine. This year Wellington Rotary Club and Wellington Inner Wheel joined the congregation at Morning Service to sing "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" and "All Things Bright and Beautiful". Rtn John Wardle designed a super service with lessons read by Inner Wheel member Margaret Williams and Rotary President Peter Williams.



After tea, coffee and cake in the Cludde Chapel 51 people, including Rev Andy Ackroyd, drove up to Wrekin Golf Club for a wonderful 3 course Sunday lunch with fellowship. Produce donated by members was taken to the Telford Crisis Support food bank in Sutton Hill where it was gratefully received.

The First Foodbank Donation

The first donation to the Telford Foodbank took place in September following a collection of items at a Club meeting. More than two large supermarket trolleys were filled with a range of items suggest by foodbank worker Erin Aston. The donations followed an inspiring and compassionate talk to the Club about her role at the food bank together with a description of the ever developing need. Richard Studd reports, "When I took the donations to the foodbank hub at Sutton Hill, Erin recorded that we had donated more than 250Kg of necessities."

The next collection takes place on 26th October. Further collections will be made at our meetings on 30 November, 4 January, 1 February and 1 March.



Rotary Telford Tree of Light 2018 Campaign Gets Underway

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wellington met on Friday 12th October to help prepare for the coming Rotary Telford Tree of Light Campaign. Members packed over 1000 envelopes which are to be posted to the generous people who remembered their loved ones last year.

The Rotary Telford Tree of Light Campaign, which is run by the Rotary Clubs of Ironbridge, Telford Centre, The Wrekin and Wellington celebrated its 22nd birthday in 2017 with a record amount raised for local charities. Chair of the Telford Tree of Light organising committee, Rotarian Max Clowes, said, "We were delighted that the Telford Tree of Light was able to distribute £43,040 to local charities." The full cost of the appeal is covered by the Rotary Clubs, the business community and other organisations so that the entire amount given by the public will be distributed to the chosen good causes.

For newcomers to the area a team of volunteers was in Telford Town on Saturday 13th October to explain how donating to the Tree can help remember loved ones at Christmas while supporting this year's local charities. Apart from Severn Hospice the 2018 campaign will be supporting Lingen Davies, Club 2000, Tickwood, the Belfry Youth Theatre and Telford & Wrekin Young Carers. More details about these charities can be found on the Telford Tree of Light website <http://www.telfordtreeoflight.org.uk/>

The switch on of the 2018 Tree of Light will take place in Dean Street, Telford Shopping Centre at 4.30pm on 15th November 2018. The Salvation Army band will play Christmas Carols from 4pm and the Tree will be switched on by Free Radio presenter Jo Jesmond.



Fairbourne Report 2018

With a budget of £10,000 to work with Peter Seaward, Peter Williams and Richard Studd worked with community groups, social services, schools, charities and Rotarians to organise visits and days out.

In total, 9 groups received funding totalling £3929.00. These groups have provided days out for 113 adults and 80 children under 18 years.

Family days out spending totalled £5697.30 which included an allocation of £515 to Young Carers for them to distribute to families. To date, the family spending has provided days out for 61 adults and 85 children.

"Spirit of Rotary" Leads the Way

Blood Bikes often get asked to help with other charities. Their riders were asked to lead the truck convoy in aid of Zachariah's fight against Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. This is a really rare form of blood cancer.

"Spirit of Rotary" led 120 trucks to raise funds for Zac who rode in the lead truck,

The convoy culminated in a mass gathering at Telford International Centre, in glorious sunshine.

