



ROTABILIA @12.30 Edition 64 21st May 2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Welcome to Edition 64 of Rotabilia @12.30. You will find lots of reminders for events that take place before the end of this Rotary year in this edition. I hope to see you all at some of them but especially at Tom's Garden Party where we are hoping to raise a good sum in support of the work of Hope House and for other Rotary charities.

Stay safe and well.

PRESIDENT'S WORDS



Congratulations to the Quiz team of Richard Studd, David Lovatt, Peter Williams and John Bradley, for coming a very close third in the District Quiz final. An impressive performance. There is a photo of the plate being awarded by DG Robyn on the website.

Our other big success this month is in inducting a new member. I'm sure that Donald Fear will play a big part in Wellington Rotary in the future. I'm hoping that we will be able to induct at least one more new member before the end of my year.



Last week, Andrew Ramsay gave us an insight into how to run a charitable enterprise, - and how not to! His talk about the two trusts which he had looked at in Kenya, apparently with similar aims, but with very different outcomes due to their management style, was instructive. This week we heard from Phil Jones about restoring canal boats, and it will be good to see them in the water, and particularly at Wappenshall. Hopefully some of us will be able to visit them soon, being arranged by Vic.

At Council last week, we agreed to donate again to the Respiratory Dept. at the Princess Royal Hospital just over £1000 for ear plethysmographs. These measure the blood oxygen levels, and work much better than the finger version in people with a poor circulation. There is also included in this a small sum for radios to be used on the wards.



We also agreed to donate £1000 to the Rotary Polio fund, as we have been unable to raise money this year through our bucket collections in supermarkets.

I was also able to hand over a cheque today for £500 for the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust. Over several years we have had talks about the trust, as well as doing a visit to Wappenshall Wharf last year.

I am hoping that we can raise a substantial sum at the Open Garden event on Saturday 11th June, for Hope House as well as our own Rotary Charities. If you can't come in person, please buy some raffle tickets anyway – there are very good prizes to be won! I am still looking for helpers and cake-makers – let me know!

We have some excellent sporting as well as social activities coming up soon, which I hope you can support. The first is next Thursday (changed from Wednesday) at the Allscott Bowls club. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Best wishes

Tom

FOUNDATION NEWS [Geoff Ward]

Council agreed to release this month the ring fenced £1200 for the Foundation Annual Fund which will ensure we meet our commitment of \$100 per member for 2021/22.

WELLINGTON ROTARY GARDEN PARTY AT WITHINGTON OLD HALL:

You are invited to join President Tom Taylor of Wellington Rotary at a Garden Party at The Old Hall Withington on 11th June 2022 between 2pm and 5pm to raise money for Hope House and Rotary Charities. President Tom is hoping that many of you will be able to come to this event and will bring your friends.

A special raffle has been organised for the event with prizes that include a voucher for £100 for Dinner at Drapers Hall, Shrewsbury, and 6 bottles of Tanners Champagne.

Charity Garden Party

at The Old Hall, Withington

(Church Lane, SY4 4PY)

Saturday 11th June, 2 – 5pm

(If Weather Forecast poor, delay until Saturday 18th June)



Admission £5

Teas, Raffle, Garden Quiz, Plant stall

(Please bring cash!)

In Aid of Hope House and Rotary
Charities



Contact 01743 709676

SPORTS REPORT [Rob Evans]

A WIN AT BRIDGNORTH

Wellington A narrowly beat Bridgnorth 3-3 and on points 30-29. Luckily Venn and I won our first match 7-1!! A very challenging course but played in a good spirit. After we had an excellent time being wined and dined. A beautiful setting at Oldbury, Bridgnorth. Now we at Wellington B in June.



On Tuesday 21st June we are all at Shrewsbury Croquet Club at Monkmoor 5.00 to 8.30 and after for a meal in the area. Wellington A play Wellington B but everyone will be welcome. Barbara will do some coaching as usual. Beginners, ladies, friends, please come along. If you can't get there for five, get there as soon as possible. Better to start early and have others joining us. 16 can be playing at once on the two lawns. We will work around our match. It's not the winning, more the improving. Please confirm your attendance as soon as able. In the meantime we have two nights of bowls. May 26 and June 8. We also have to fit in the District tenpin final at Stafford, plus we are definitely in the next round of the croquet.

Yours in Sport Rob



BOWLS NIGHT @ ALLSCOTT SPORTS & SOCIAL 6PM NOW ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY [Venn Davies]



The date of the Bowls Social event organised for Wednesday 25th May has had to be changed as the bowling club have been forced to play a cup game there that evening. I do apologise, but it was beyond my control. So I have moved it forward by one day to Thursday 26th May. Haven't played before? No worries - help is at hand. Just have a go while chatting to friends. Please come along if you can and bring family, friends and neighbours. The more the merrier.

We will be serving light refreshments so we do need numbers to make sure you get at least a crust (and a cake) or two so please tell me on

07414 526213 no later than Sunday evening if you are coming. The bar will be open as well.

For those who haven't been before the entrance to the club is well hidden. Driving from Admaston (for example) you pass the new houses where the Sugar Beet Factory used to be at Allscot then turn LEFT immediately before The Duck Public House. Hidden by a pine hedge, the entrance to the club is in the corner on the left. Don't scrape your car on the narrow gateway! I look forward to hearing from you. Venn

TREE OF LIGHT [Peter Seaward]

I am pleased to report that the President's Elect have agreed the following organisation that will be supported during the 2022 Campaign: Severn Hospice 50%; Hope House 18.75%; 6.25% Telford Prostate Cancer Support Group [Wellington]; 6.25% 2nd Wellington Scouts [The Wrekin]; 6.25% Telford After Care Team [Telford Centre]; 6.25% shared between Young Carers and the Jayne Sargeant Foundation [Ironbridge].

ROTARY DISTRICT 1210 FELLOWSHIP QUIZ [Richard Studd]

This year fourteen teams qualified for the final held as usual at Linden House in Tettenhall, of which Wellington was one. Our team consisting David Lovatt, John Bradley, Peter Williams and me surprised ourselves somewhat by being there or thereabouts throughout the ten rounds despite there being some unusual questions eg the Thunderbirds cartoon series from the seventies came up twice and Rob Evans sporting knowledge would have been helpful in round 9. At the end of the ten rounds Walsall were first with 139 points, Leek second with 136 and Shrewsbury and Wellington tied in third with 134. In the tie breaker we were challenged to answer the question, "How many written words to the nearest 1000 are there in the complete works of Shakespeare?" Our guesstimate answer of 750,000 was close enough to the actual total of 864,600 to claim the third place memorial plate.



As ever, thanks deservedly go to the organising clubs Audlem and Shrewsbury Darwin and in particular Sheila Allum and Jim McCabe.

Now Wellington need to look forward to the Quiz next year and hopefully, get back to entering three teams and aiming for top spot!

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT [PDG Trevor]

'The least stressful spot in England' is now Shropshire's newest Local Nature Reserve, Rectory Wood and Field, a picturesque site nestled between the pretty town of Church Stretton and the wild expanse of the Long Mynd has been formally declared a Local Nature Reserve by Church Stretton Town Council. More from this link.

<https://www.churchstretton-tc.gov.uk/uncategorized/rectory-wood-and-field-now-a-local-nature-reserve/>

TREASURER'S REMINDER [Dan Scollard-Kerr]

Annual Subscription – is payable on 1st July each year by Standing Order. For 2022-23 the subscription will be £120. Can I ask that members amend their Standing Order that pays their Annual Subscription to the new rate of £120 in good time before 1st July.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON



Charity Golf Day

Wrekin Golf Club
Tuesday 26th July 2022



Come and be part of this Wonderful Day of Golf for
The Harry Johnson Trust and Rotary Charities.

TWO TEE START [1ST AND 10TH] BETWEEN 13.00 & 14.00.
Men's, Ladies' or Mixed Teams of 4
£160 per team (includes 2 course meal)

Contact: Geoff Foulkes
27 Reynards Coppice, Sutton Heights, Telford TF7 4NJ
Email: geoffrey.foulkes@aol.com Phone: 01952 684582

WREKIN ROWERS [Maurice Lamb]



The photograph shows me [Maurice] with the Wrekin Rowers at the Belfry on 7th May during the Wellington Festival. The Rowers epic crossing of the Atlantic raised over £122,000 which included a small donation from Wellington Rotary. All the money raised will be shared between Severn Hospice and the RNIB. A fantastic effort by the rowing team all of whom live locally



FELLOWSHIP NEWS [Rob Evans]

We are always looking for new ideas for Fellowship. Visit to local Gin maker perhaps? One new member working in the dairy industry may want to go on a farm producing milk!!! We always need to hear from you all. It's your club. It's only as strong as you make it!!

For now I have a different telephone number which is [01952 770940](tel:01952770940). I'm still trying to get my old number back - will confirm when I know myself.

DISTRICT GRANT NEWS [Brian Richards]

On behalf of the Club I submitted a District Grant Application for £750 for St Peter's School, Bratton to purchase Forest School equipment to go with their outdoor classroom which we helped to fund 12 months ago. Geoff Ward reports that our application for the District Grant for St Peter's School Bratton was approved at the recent Grant committee meeting. Monies will come through from District in early September. Note: monies cannot be spent until received.

FAIRBOURNE [Peter Seaward]

Following the arrangements put in place last year where the Club supported community activities a budget of £14,000 has been confirmed for the coming campaign by Club Council. This is expected to support organisations such as Holly Project, Age Concern, East Shropshire Talking Newspapers, Belmont Handrails, Scouts' Fun Day, Young Carers BMX, Intermediate Young Carers, PODS, Homestart, CVS and others. **[Please contact Peter if you come across a project or organisation deserving of our support.]**

COMMUNITY NEWS [Peter Williams]

GATEWAY EVENT

The Gateway Summer event will now be held on Monday 18th July at Belmont Hall, Wellington. Geoff Foulkes and Andrew Ramsay will be the chefs using the kitchen facilities at Belmont Hall to provide hot dogs and beef burgers for up to 40 attendees.

HEULWEN CANAL TRIP

The Canal trip takes place on 20 July with 2 boats provisionally booked. Brian Richards and Tom Taylor will organise this event ongoing.

LINGEN DAVIES CHARITY GOLF DAY [Lizzie Coleman - Events and Fund Raising Officer]

I wanted to let you know about our forthcoming charity event. The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund Golf Day is being held on Thursday 16th June at Wrekin Golf Club. The 18 hole course is a challenging but fair test to golfers of all levels and the picturesque fairways are surrounded by natural woodland with spectacular and inspiring views across, and beyond, the North Shropshire plain. The day will take the form of a team competition with some extra games on the course; nearest to the pin and longest drive etc; golfers will tee off in a two-tee start from 12pm and enjoy refreshments before they start, as well as drinks/snacks on the course and a two course meal when they return. Teams of 4 are £200 and include all of the above.

For more details and how to enter please contact Lizzy Coleman,, on 01743 492396

FOUNDATION WINE RAFFLE [Richard Studd]

My new best friend Donald Fear followed up his induction as our latest new member by pulling my raffle peg from the bucket last Friday. And not only that, the winning bottle was one of my current favourites, an Appassimento Sangiovese from Italy. It's a lovely velvety red, full of cherry like flavours and goes beautifully with most meaty pasta dishes. Thank you Donald, that's the way to get on with the President Elect!



Our winner today was Mandy Fencott and she'll receive a classic style Claret from the Bordeaux area. Next week, we're back in South America for a Merlot from the Central Valley, the main wine producing area in Chile. We've had this particular wine two or three times previously and the winners have reported favourably on it.

A reminder that Chris and Judy Yates invite you to join them for a Cheese and Wine party at The Mill House in aid of High Ercall Church Funds. It will take place this Sunday 22nd May at 6.30pm. Tickets £7.50 available from Chris on 01952 770394.

WELLINGTON MID-SUMMER FAYRE [Rob Francis - Wellington H2A (Heritage & Arts Alive)]

A reminder that **Saturday 4th June** sees the return of the [Wellington Midsummer Fayre](#) in the centre of the town, brought forward a week so that it can double-up as Wellington's celebration for the Queen's Jubilee. And that evening we'll be rounding off the festivities with our usual ceilidh courtesy of Odd Socks Band. This is your invitation to book tickets and get the date in your diary.

WELLINGTON ROTARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2022

To help support all our members meetings will also be accessible on the Zoom platform.

Sunday 22nd May - High Ercall Church Wine & Cheese - Mill House @18.30

Friday 27th May Buckatree @13.00 - Speaker Meeting

Jane Reeves - Telford Easy Reading Group

Friday 3rd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday - No Meeting

Saturday 4th June - Wellington Midsummer Fayre

Friday 10th June Buckatree @13.00 - Speaker Meeting & Rotabilia

Peter Clinton - Tradesman's Story Working on a TV SOS Programme

Saturday 11th June - Presidential Garden Party at The Old Hall, Withington

Tuesday 14th June - Club Council - Cock Hotel @ 16.00

Friday 17th June - Buckatree @13.00 Speaker Meeting

Chief Constable Pippa Mills - A Copper's Journey

Friday 24th June - Buckatree @13.00 - President's Swansong & Rotabilia

Friday 1st July - Buckatree @13.00 - Handover Meeting

Tuesday 12th July - Club Council - Cock Hotel @ 16.00

Monday 18th July - Gateway Club Event - Belmont Hall, Wellington

Wednesday 20th July - Heulwen Canal Trip

Tuesday 26th July - Charity Golf Day - Wrekin Golf Course