



ROTABILIA @12.30 Edition 76



14th January 2023

Happy New Year and Welcome to Edition 76 of Rotabilia @12.30, even though today it may arrive in your inbox a little bit later than normal. In between now and Easter [I nearly wrote This Term - funny how things stick!] it looks as though the Club is going to be very busy - I'm looking forward to everything and hope you are as well.

PRESIDENT'S WORDS

We start the New Year in good heart following a very successful Christmas lunch during which we hosted five Rotary widows with an overall attendance well over 50.

We've already had three meetings with speakers; Susan Husband spoke bravely and emotionally about her mother on the subject "My Family and MND"; Ish Davies gave a very entertaining talk on "40 Years in the Dairy Industry" and just yesterday we had two young



people who have been working in Malawi. Hanna and Martyn King have now set up a charity, the Imago Foundation and are back in the UK at present fundraising and plan to return in July. What they have achieved already is amazing and all of us present were full of admiration for their get up and go. They were accompanied by the President and Secretary of Cannock Rotary Club, Maurice Cryer and David Marklew which has previously provided some sponsorship and are investigating the possibility of a Global Grant.

We've got a wide range of speakers booked well into March with the highlight being Antiques Roadshow arms and militaria expert Bill Harriman on 24th February (more details in Venn's item elsewhere in Rotabilia).

The next six months will see a return of two of our traditional major fundraisers, first Film Night, this time on a Saturday on 11th February at Charlton School at 6.00 for 7.00pm, preceded by a wine reception. The film is the popular "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" and funds raised will go to the Wellington Orbit and other Rotary charities.

This is followed on 9th March by our Sports Persons Evening, organised by Mike Dorricott and starring ex international footballer Matt Le Tissier and comedian Austin Knight. Our main charity for this event is the Midlands Air Ambulance as well as other Rotary charities.

In addition to these two events, Rob Evans has organised a club fellowship quiz at The Duck at Allscott this coming Thursday 19th January with Geoff Foulkes as both questions compiler and question master. These quizzes have been great fun in the past so do please try to take part.

We also have a fund raiser on 29th April with "A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel" with further details to follow soon. The main charity for this will be The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and Helen Knight, their lead fundraiser will be speaking to us on 3rd February.

It's a really busy and exciting few months which should keep us all very busy.

FOODBANK UPDATE *[Richard Studd]*

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**SPECIAL SPEAKER – BILL HARRIMAN OF THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
AT ROTARY LUNCH AT THE PHEASANT ON FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

Chris Yates has kindly arranged a top class Speaker. Bill Harriman is a writer and broadcaster who specialises in military firearms. As a regular expert on BBC Antiques Roadshow he has sought to communicate his passions for weapons and their place in history to a wider audience.

In addition to enjoying his talk entitled 'Telling Tales out of School' our focus is to use his status as a Speaker to promote membership. We therefore urge members to invite a guest (s) in the hope that they will enjoy the talk and our fellowship sufficiently to be interested in joining.

As places will be on a 'first come first served' basis please inform Chris at chris@ercallmill.co.uk of your attendance together with details of any guests you have invited to join you, plus, of course, meal choices. Standard cost applies ie £13 for a main course or £7 for a sandwich. [Sandwiches can be selected from the Pheasants Website.] Whilst appreciating that this is not the 'norm' we ask that on this occasion you advise Chris of your attendance (and menu choice) or apologies by Tuesday, 7th February as after that date we will open the event to a wider audience.

Please make every effort to take advantage of the presence of a well known Speaker who will be of interest to fans of Antique Roadshow as well as those who will enjoy Bill Harriman's expertise in military firearms.

SNOOKER AGAINST THE ROTARY CLUB OF STONE. *[Rob Evans]*

A very good win with some good scores. The pairs of Don Fear and Chris Yates, John Banks and Keith Mainwaring and Geoff Ward and Dan Scollard-Kerr all won their two matches with the best score of the night being achieved by Geoff and Dan. Well done to the team.

Tim Joyce from the Stone Club wrote, "A most enjoyable evening! Our thanks to Wellington for allowing us to send them on their way to Round 3."

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CHRISTMAS DAY AT FARCROFT

Unfortunately Father Christmas and his Rotarian helpers were unable to deliver presents to the residents of Farcroft Care Home because of an outbreak of COVID at Farcroft.

Fortunately President Richard visited Farcroft with a cheque for £500 which he presented on behalf of the Club to enable staff to buy presents for every resident.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT *[PDG Trevor]*

Look for 'in season' home produced fruit and vegetables. Imports are costly to the environment and rarely taste as good.

Food labels are full of words like 'Natural' and 'Healthy' – We tend to take them at face value without digging any further into what they actually mean. Belladonna is natural, but as a potent poison, I'd still prefer to steer clear of consuming it.

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE DUCK [Andrew Ramsay]

A reminder that Quiz Night at The Duck is back on our Fellowship Agenda. We meet in the Duck at Allscott on Thursday, January 19th ready to start the quiz at 7.00pm with Geoff Foulkes as Question Master.

Teams of two on a table of four. Two people move, clockwise, two stay seated after every round. Ten mixed rounds. Chicken pie and chips at mid-way point with a veggie option.

Please bring a friend, potential new member etc. This is a fellowship evening with the emphasis on fun, friendship and it won't be brain of Britain!!

Please confirm your attendance to Secretary Andrew in advance but as soon as possible. Cost £13 each, payable to the Club General Account in advance, or in cash to Rob Evans on the evening.

An event, not to be missed - see you all there.

FILM NIGHT IS BACK! [Jim Tranter]

After a three year break we're delighted to say that our Charity Film Night is back.

On Saturday 11th February we will be showing MRS.HARRIS GOES TO PARIS in aid of the Wellington Orbit and other Rotary charities.

MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS is the enchanting tale of a seemingly ordinary British housekeeper whose dream to own a couture Christian Dior gown takes her on an extraordinary adventure to Paris.

The performance will be at the Charlton School. There will be a wine reception starting at 6:00 p.m. and the film will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained from Jim Tranter (07584 092405, tranter.jim@gmail.com). Payment can be made by cash, cheque or (preferably) by BACS to The Rotary Club of Wellington Benevolent Account at Barclays Bank (20-85-46, account number 90767468, reference Film Night).

This was always one of our major fund raisers, so please do your best to support the club. If you can't make it on the evening sell tickets to your family and/or friends, or make a donation. The more people who attend the more sociable the evening will be.

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Rotary Film Night

Mrs. Harris Goes to PARIS

SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY
Charlton School Theatre, Wellington
Tickets: 07584 092405

Tickets: £15
Proceeds to The Orbit, Wellington
and other Rotary charities

THE IMAGO FOUNDATION

What an inspirational talk! Cannock Honorary Rotarians Hanna and Martyn King were speakers at the Club yesterday and told us of their determination to carry out charitable work in Malawi and the birth of their Imago Foundation. You can find out more about their work on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HannaMartynMalawi>. I am hoping to be able to send you the slides they used during their talk but in the meantime here is their mission statement and the objectives of The Imago Foundation.



Their Mission: To **educate, nourish** and **empower** marginalised communities in Malawi, through atypical education and outreach and by **challenging the status-quo of inequality**, in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Their Objectives:

- To provide equal opportunity and lessen the equality gap through education at grass root level.
- To improve individual and community livelihoods, health and nutrition through permaculture.
- To protect and regenerate the natural environment

FOUNDATION WINE RAFFLE [Richard Studd]



Our Foundation wine raffle has had a shot in the arm as, once again my son has donated his January wine to our club while he stays dry. He's given us 10 bottles so that means I won't be appealing to members for donations just yet as previously planned.

At our last meeting of 2022, a juicy bottle of Spanish Rioja was won by Assistant Governor Graham Dean and we're grateful to him for his ongoing participation in the raffle. Last week's winner of a very drinkable Beaujolais Villages was Tom Taylor and just yesterday, Geoff Foulkes was pleased to win a bottle

of French Gaillac wine from near Toulouse. It's a wine I like a lot.

ITS BACK! SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

Its Back for the first time since 2019. To book your tickets or get more information contact Mike Dorricott. Please spread the word as this will be one of the most important fund raisers of the year.

Sportsman's Evening

Thursday 9th March

Telford Mercure Hotel

Tickets £40

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MATT LE TISSIER

YOUTH COMPETITIONS – INSPIRING YOUNGSTERS *[Vic Young]*

As we come to the time of year when we try to inspire young people to enter **Rotary's Youth Competitions**, I thought it was important to recount a young lady's story (and her mother's) about her winning one of Young Photographer's prizes in 2021.

I bumped into Grace, her Mum and extended family while strolling the grounds at Attingham Park last weekend and they were bursting to tell me how winning a prize and a certificate for her wildlife photos had inspired young Grace to take many more photos and keep developing her skills. She even showed me the photos she'd taken on her



Attingham Park walk with Mum and her family. They were ALL keen to say how much the prize winning had bolstered both her self-confidence and her photography!

So much so that, having moved to secondary school last September, when a teacher said they were looking for 1st year students to volunteer to do pieces for the school magazine, a usually shy Grace took it upon herself to approach that teacher. Her family were really proud of her in that she summoned up the courage to approach the teacher at the end of lessons and confidently informed said teacher that she was "an award winning photographer" and would like to contribute some photos.

The teacher was impressed enough with both her approach and some photos, that Grace is now an "official photographer" for the school magazine. The family were keen to thank Rotary for giving Grace that boost to her self esteem/confidence, asking when this year's competition will be as she hasn't stopped taking photos since she won and we all agreed that this was all good material for an eventual CV.

So, I'm pleased to be able to say that we hope to get this year's competition(s) under way very soon, putting invites out to participate on our Facebook page as soon as I have details.

Please encourage ANY youngsters you know (in the Wellington area) to have a look and participate. It's all good experience (especially if they win)!

SPEAKERS AT ROTARY *[Brian Richards]*

Thanks to those that have given a presentation or arranged speakers. They have all kept up to the mark, including the 2023 recent ones, with Sue Husband telling us of her very difficult story of MND and Her Family; Ish Davies with an impressive and amusing description of his journey working in the dairy industry and this Friday's talk by the amazing Hannah and Martyn King who have just created the "Imago" charity to establish nursery and eventually primary and secondary educational facilities in Malawi.

The upcoming talks are keeping up the momentum and Chris Yates has persuaded his shooting colleague Bill Harriman to give us a peek behind the scenes of The Antique Road Show. President Richard has invited Selina Graham, High Sheriff of Shropshire to visit us and notably we have several important Rotary presentations in between.

President Richard could do with filling the speakers' slots from March onwards, so he has asked me to arrange circulation of the current speaker's rota, which Hon Sec Andrew will be doing shortly. Please let me know what you can arrange whether or not your names on the list.

UTTOXETER ROTARY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Did you have a go at the Uttoxeter Christmas Quiz? If so can I remind you that the closing date for entries is 17th January 2023. Details are shown at the bottom of the quiz form.

Good luck - you could be the winner of the £50 prize.

WELLINGTON ROTARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2023 - QUIZ @ THE DUCK - 19.00 START

Friday 20th January 2023 - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
RYLA Presentation- Jack Rawsthorne-Dwyer and, Nethaniel Hansford

Friday 27th January 2023 - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
Disaster Aid

Friday 3rd February 2023 - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
Helen Knight - Lingen Davies

Friday 10th February 2023 - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
AG Graham Dean - Global Sight Solutions

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY AT CHARLTON SCHOOL @ 6.00 FOR 7.00PM, FILM NIGHT - MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS

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

Friday 17th February - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
Tree of Light Presentation to both Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support & Hope House

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - THE PHEASANT, ADMASTON @13.00 SPECIAL SPEAKER MEETING - BILL HARRIMAN - 'TELLING TALES OUT OF SCHOOL'

Friday 3rd March - The Pheasant, Admaston @13.00 - Speaker Meeting
The High Sheriff of Shropshire - Selina Graham

THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2023 - SPORTSMANS EVENING TELFORD MERCURE HOTEL - MATT LE TISSIER

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29TH APRIL "A CELEBRATION OF SIMON AND GARFUNKEL"

