



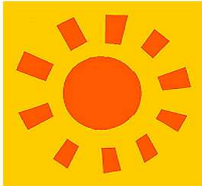
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HAVE FUN President's Digest:



DO GOOD

Spring is here! With just over two months to go this will be my last shot at the President's Digest before I hand over to Peter Branson. The end is nigh! We-hey!

One of my key objectives for the year was to improve our public relations. This is not an easy area to get right. The PR committee is working away at different ideas including: improving the web site by designing it to be more outward facing; using social media for the first time; having better presentation material; liaising more effectively with the local media and participating in more public events. The committee is also conscious of the looming club centenary and this offers a particular PR opportunity. The committee is therefore examining our club's history so that we can highlight key events and activities in the celebrations of that year.

Whilst mentioning our centenary, members will be aware that we will be holding a charter sometime around April 2018. We have declined to have a joint charter with Nottingham, a club that was founded about six weeks before ours. However we have agreed with them that we will seek to arrange a joint, public celebration to highlight 100 years of Rotary in the East Midlands.

Our challenge to become more involved with the community in central Derby has progressed and there is now a constituted Friends of Derby Arboretum group. Rotary is proactively engaged within this fledgling group and helping to guide it towards real outcomes in this magnificent park. For example we have met with the City Council to explore the potential of the Joseph Strutt building that requires major refurbishment work to be made usable for the community. It is important for sustainability that any initiatives in the park are undertaken by the Friends group. But I'd like to think that Rotary will have put its mark on such results.

It's great to see our newly formed Satellite Club is now close to being formally adopted. There is a core enthusiasm in its members and through it I see the survival of the main club. We should all encourage the satellite group's efforts and include them in everything we do.

The Major Events Committee is now focusing on the Rotary Ride event on June 19th in support of prostate cancer. More news on this will emerge as we firm up arrangements with the Velodrome. My best wishes to all our members, partners, supporters and friends.

Bowling Club Building

This building built by Joseph Strutt was used by a Bowling club until recently and is now derelict. Whilst still essentially sound structurally the internal spaces are in a terrible state. Part of the roof has collapsed and it is in dire need of refurbishment. In front of the building what was once the Bowling Green is now being cultivated as a community garden.



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President Ben

District Quiz - Wednesday 2nd March:

Our club once again entered its premier team in the annual District Quiz which was held at the Hilton House Hotel on Wednesday 2nd March. Your team - David Crowson, Keith Hammond, Brian Seager and Peter Branson - with a collective knowledge of the Encyclopaedia Britannica - braved the questioning. This was a preliminary round and we met with some trepidation given that Mike Storr, the quizmaster, had in the past asked many fiendishly difficult questions. We started off in good form, answers flowed, cascading from the memory banks. Some tricky questions caused debate with two possible answers - decisions had to be made. With just one or two sticky passages we cantered through the first half ending with a commendable score of 48/60 - by all accounts a good score at the half-way mark.



Into the second half with sixty more questions and again there were some difficult questions, some scratching of heads, some deep searching of grey matter and a few more of those nasty 'either/or' decisions. The second half brought us 45/60 - giving us a total of 95/120. Mike announced the results in reverse order - the tension was unbearable - but we were third! We consoled ourselves with a few 'ifs', 'buts' and 'maybes'. The winners were Etwall and Hilton team A. Second place went to Etwall and Hilton team B. Some people suspected collusion! But we are Rotarians and accept the result. Will we get to the final as one of the highest losing teams? - wait and see. (*We did. Editor*)

Peter Branson

Youth Services report:



There have been two significant events on the club's youth services scene in the past couple of months. John Worthy and I went to Lawn Primary School on Thursday 11th February and met teacher Hannah Yates and a dozen pupil members of the school council. John had previously spoken to Hannah about the school becoming associated with our club and forming a Rotakids group. We put together a presentation about Rotakids and invited the children to be a part of our Rotary family. We were delighted when Miss Yates and the children agreed to work co-operatively with our club. John and I will be working with the school over the next few months identifying activities and opportunities for fund-raising. We are also delighted that fellow club member Keith Bullock has agreed to work with us on our new Rotakids project.

The other event was on Monday March 14th when teacher Rob Beattie and four students from Allestree Woodlands Interact club attended lunch and spoke to us of the work that they are doing at their school. We were all thrilled by the range of activities they have undertaken and to hear of their plans to raise money for a wide range of local charities - Rainbows, MND, and Umbrella to name a few. It was good to hear that there is a large cohort of Interactors at Woodlands, that they have strong leadership and their succession is assured.



Peter Branson

Bereavements

Rotarian Bob Martin, Past President and PHF of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne died in mid December.

Rtn. W. Derek Botham of the Rotary Club of Chesterfield passed to greater service on the 18th January 2016

Rotarian Keith Ottewell of the Rotary Club of Amber Valley died on 15th February 2016

Rotarian Geoff Button, MVO of the Rotary Club of Bakewell died in February. He was a Paul Harris Fellow

Rotarian Gordon Brooks of the Rotary Club Newark in March

Changes of Meeting Time: The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield has decided that with effect from the meeting on the 11th January 2016, they meet at 7.00pm *not* 7.30pm. Meetings continue to be held at the Lion Hotel.

Rotaract



Rotaract still flourishes, although the anticipated growth in numbers, following the amount of interest shown at the volunteering fair, failed to materialise. The Bollywood Ball was a resounding success, due largely to the enthusiasm and hard work put in by president Preethi, but she was well supported by the rest of the Rotaractors. Our club managed to support them with a table of 10, for which they and I are very grateful. The event was a sell-out and, as a result, raised £2,000 for the charities Padley and Me & Dee, but in addition,



received good publicity for Rotaract.

To celebrate this success, the last meeting of the club was a relaxing meal at *The Slice of India*, which Graham Jacobs (Derby South), Cham and Jazz Kang (Etwall & Hilton) and I attended. At that meeting, president elect, Annabel Nicklin was challenged to organize another themed fund raiser for next year, so look out for the promotional material and be ready to give it your support **David Crowson**

Rotary Club visit to the Derby Arena - 23rd March

Club members had a taste of Derby's newest sporting venue on Wednesday 23rd March when thirteen of us went to the recently opened Derby Arena (Velodrome). Our guide for the morning was Ros Tricklebank, a member of staff at the Derby Tourist Information Office.



We started with a few facts and figures and it was Andrew Battie who, in answer to Ros' question, correctly informed us that the cladding on the Arena represented the colours of bronze, silver and gold medals. We directed all further questions to Andrew! Our tour then moved upstairs to the first floor where we looked over the edge of the track to appreciate the huge interior space.

In the centre of the arena is a very extensive sports area - there was ample space for 14 badminton courts with a martial arts/gymnastics area at one end and a cycle preparation area at the other. The track length is 250m at the bottom and 350m at the top. The track is made of wood and is nailed to wooden slats with over 300000 nails - and repairs are made with gaffer tape. At each end, the track veers up precipitously at an angle of 42 degrees. (Trivia link - The Costa Coffee Café on the ground floor is called Café 42!)

We walked the whole distance around the track looking in on various gyms, multi-function rooms, exercise bike and conference rooms, then walked up to the top floor to get an even more impressive view of the interior space. The central arena is also being used for concerts and pantomimes and whilst this causes conflict with some small badminton clubs in terms of planning weekly programmes, the Derby Arena is trying to balance all the demands on its space and putting itself on the map as a world-class, sports stadium.



Ros then took us underneath the Cyclists' D (shown here) where there is a cycle store, repair and maintenance area and where aluminium and carbon fibre framed bikes, costing £700 to £3000 respectively, are kept for use by velodrome members, keen cyclists and members of the public. Yes, anyone can use these bikes and venture onto the track to have a go - at about £15/hr - and the only condition is that you are able to ride a bike. Beware - the velodrome bikes have no gears and no brakes!!!

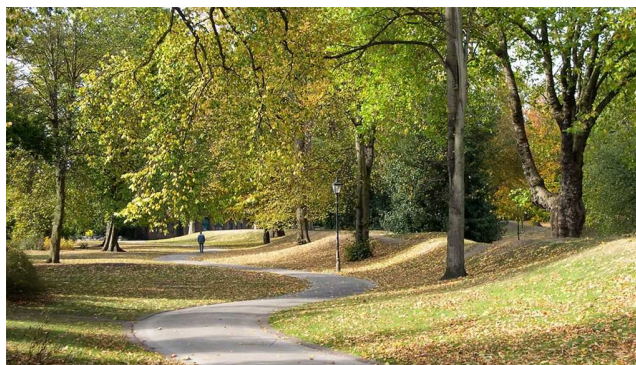
Such was the interest from club members that we overran the time allocated to the tour. Ros finished the tour at one of the club rooms where we stayed awhile, drinking coffee and chatting about our excellent tour.

Peter Branson (Fellowship and Entertainment)

DERBY ARBORETUM SPRING FEST

On Sunday 20th March the first Derby Arboretum Spring Fest took place. The event was a great success with about 500 people attending and a sunny afternoon (for once!). Spiral Arts had been commissioned to encourage community events in the Arboretum and the Rotary Club of Derby had offered to support the event.

Attached is the winning photo (submitted by Mr. A. Elkin) in the Photographic Competition organised by Peter Branson and judged by Russell Pollard and Clive Wheeler.



The brief was to take a photo of the Arboretum in the Spring and was only open to amateurs. The Rotary Club also organised a pancake making and decorating competition. The team of President Ben, Menna, Bron & Val supervised the children who obviously loved taking part in the competition. As well as having a Rotary stall, we also ran a series of pancake races. Keeness to participate in these was slow at first, but then more and more wanted to take part and the final race (the relay race) was a great success.

As well as Rotary's events, there were drummers, stalls, an ice cream van, a pyclet stall and a display of owls. Thanks to all the Rotarians, their wives and friends who supported the event. Personally, I was very grateful that the St. John's Ambulance volunteers were unused! Let's hope Spring Fest becomes an annual activity.

John Beswarick

CYCLING EVENT



Please keep Sunday 19th June free in your diary if you can.

We are registering a Cycling Event under the banner of RIBI's national Rotary Ride (in aid of prostate cancer) to be held on Father's Day. Therefore, it's appropriate that we are aiming to raise funds for equipment at the Derby Royal to fight prostate cancer.



The plan is to have a family ride starting at the Velodrome, going to Elvaston Castle & return. There will be refreshments and other stalls at Elvaston Castle. Additionally we plan to have sponsored rides on static cycles at up to 3 locations.

So watch out for more details.

John Beswarick

Membership:

Introduction: We have an active membership of 42 Rotarians approaching the 2016/17 Rotary year. We have only two Lady members and, as with many other Clubs in our District, we remain unbalanced in this respect. Our age profile is also very much at the retired end of the spectrum.

Traditionally, our main source of recruitment has been from existing members' nominations, retiring or recently retired persons, and leads from District. We should also explore other avenues for recruitment, with a view particularly to attracting younger members of both sexes. As a Committee we must therefore consider further ways of promoting the membership campaign, as noted below. *However, we expect all our Rotarians to continue actively to try to recruit new members, either to the main club or to the Satellite group.*



Business Partnerships: Corporate Membership: Associate Membership: e-clubs

The Membership committee has in the past debated the pros and cons of Associate Membership and e-clubs, and concluded that these do not offer a suitable way forward at this time. However, they should not be dismissed out of hand but should remain available for reconsideration in the future as appropriate. Following the publication by the Derby Telegraph of the booklet "250 People who changed Derbyshire" President Ben and I have considered the list of companies involved and Ben has written to a selection of these companies centred in or near the City, inviting them to consider the benefits of Business Partnerships, Corporate Membership and the Satellite Club (the last of these is dealt with below). This has met with a very limited response and we need to consider how to proceed from here. We are aware that the Burton on Trent Rotary Club in particular has experience of recruiting Corporate Members and we are following this up.

Publicity

Our committee has in the past debated various ways of improving the public's awareness of what Rotary is about, including the use of social media, targeted leaflets, advertisements in local community free publications and newsletters, and announcements in the Club Notices column in the Derby Telegraph. This is now dealt with primarily by the Public Relations Group, but we need to maintain close liaison with the PR group to follow up such initiatives that can benefit our membership situation. We should also be proactive in developing new initiatives of our own.

Satellite Group

Our Satellite Group, which is additionally classed 'Innovative and Flexible' is gradually growing, and it is hoped and expected that as this develops, it will attract younger members who cannot currently commit the time and/or resource to join the Club as full active members.



The steering panel of Bill Tomlinson, Tim Wherly and David Edge has provided invaluable leadership in the development of the Group, to the extent that we now anticipate that it ought to be able to stand on its own within the next few months. The Group members are invited to join in all social and club committee events, and it is expected that in due course the Group will take ownership of projects. Additionally, it is expected that a number of Satellite members, depending on individual circumstances, will eventually become active Club members.

District Assembly

This year's District Assembly is being held on April 23rd, and is a further opportunity via the breakout groups to obtain feedback on how other clubs in the District are addressing the challenges of maintaining and increasing membership of Rotary.

Angus Currie

Workaid: I have recently collected tools from various people including John Lound, the late Peter Tidsall and Peter Branson. Some of John's tools were ex Rolls-Royce and sold for a good price. I was also able to sell some of Peter's. As a result, I was able to send £50 to Breadsall church in accordance with Pat's wishes, and £250 to Workaid. Finally a car load of the remainder was collected for Workaid. David Crowson has given me the name of someone who has inherited '3 sheds full of his late father's tools'. Phone calls have promised action when he 'gets the time'....I can arrange a further collection, either to sell or pass on for Workaid

Frank Gilbert

International Committee:

International Centenary Project – Empowering 100 girls in remote Ghanaian communities

The Centenary Project is still progressing well on the ground in Ghana. The photo shows a girl football team in Abenta that has been set up as part of the girl empowerment programme. Village by Village is currently producing a proposal for the next stage of the programme, to introduce the concept into another village.



We are hopeful that if enough funds can be raised the target of getting 100 girls to stay in education between the ages of 10 and 15 can be met by the time of our club's centenary in 22018.

EMPOWERING WOMEN
Empowering women is one of the most effective tools for improving the lives of families, communities and nations all over the world.

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Events

The Fun Wine Quiz took place on Friday 12th February 2016 at the St. Nicks Church Hall in Allestree where a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all those who attended and those who helped in the organisation

The **Murder Mystery** event is taking place Saturday evening 23rd April 2016, again at St. Nics. Tickets are now on sale from John Beswarick.



For the next Rotary year it has been agreed to have the following three events:

- **Quiz and Chips:** Friday 25th November 2016
- **Murder Mystery:** Date in 2017 to be agreed
- **Fun Wine Quiz:** Date in 2017 to be agreed

Eric Shaw Phillips



POLIO CASES UPDATE 2016

As at 23rd March 2016 a total of 7 cases of wild polio had been recorded compared to 20 at the same time last year.

Pakistan 6 (cf 19 at this date in 2015),
and Afghanistan 1 (1).

Non Endemic Countries: No cases in 2016:

3 cases of Vaccine derived polio cases have been recorded this year in Lao PDR Continued hard work and intensive immunisation programmes are paying dividends.



The only way to finally eradicate this dreadful disease is to continue these intensive efforts. If we do so polio will be eradicated - the first disease since smallpox was eradicated in the late nineteen seventies.

EVENTS DIARY

Committee	Date	Event	Detail	Beneficiary	Venue
Intern'l	23 April	Murder Mystery	The Big Adventure Murder Mystery Play plus supper	International Centenary Project in Ghana	St Nicholas' Church Hall
Major Events	18 June	Concert in the Cathedral	Dalesmen and A-quired Taste choirs	TBD	
Major Events	19 June	Rotary Ride	Enthusiast Race, Family Fun Ride, Static Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer	Derby Royal Prostate Cancer Unit	Velodrome – Virgin Active, Pure Fitness Gyms + various routes
C&V	19 June (tbc)	Mickleover Summer Fayre		Fundraising	Mickleover Parade shops roadway
C&V	2 Aug	Toc H Sports evening	Outdoor games for 120 disadvantaged children	Disadvantaged children from Derby	Osmaston Polo Ground
C&V	24 Oct to 5Nov (tbc)	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Annual collection	Ex-Service Personnel and their families	B&Q store
C&V	Autumn	Charles Hanson Antiques Valuation Day	Event with Woodlands School	Publicity and support for Interact Club	Woodlands School
C&V	Nov & Dec	Tree of Light Appeal	Sponsoring a Light for a loved one on Derby Cathedral Christmas Tree	Charities to be decided plus Mayor's Charity Fund	Mayor to switch on lights a week before Christmas
C&V	24 Nov	Sleigh at Marriott Hotel Christmas Market	Fundraising and publicity	Charities to be decided	Breadsall Priory
C&V	27 Nov	Mickleover Christmas Festival	Fundraising	Mickleover	
C&V	7 Dec	Afternoon Tea for elderly	Event to serve community	Target 100 elderly	Polish Club Derby
C&V	5-21 Dec	Santa's Sleigh	Fundraising	Charities to be decided	Chellaston and Mickleover
C&V	Decr 4 weekend	Santa's Grotto Findern Garden Centre	Fundraising	Charities to be decided	Findern

TO ALL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES RECORDING CLUB EVENTS

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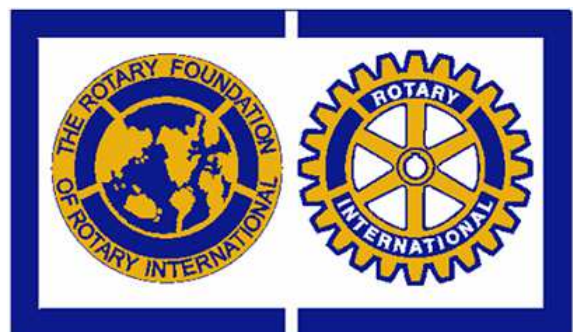
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Rota of Club Duties

If you are unable to fulfill the duty allocated please arrange your own replacement.

Date	Host	Grace	Speaker	Topic	Speaker Finder/Thanker
4 th April	John Lound	Barrie Wood	Tony Southgate	50 years in Rotary	President
11 th April	Edward Marshall	John Worthy	Nick Britten	My Life as a Crime Reporter	Bill Tomlinson
18 th April	Tony Muldoon	Bill Tomlinson	Tony Wassell	How the West was Won	President
25 th April	Andrew Plant	Cliff Aldwinkle			Tim Wherly
2 nd May	NO MEETING	Bank Holiday			
9 th May	Steve Scott	Carl Smart	AGM		N/A
16 th May	Brian Seager	Philip Beetham	Anthony Colclough	The Salvation Army - then and now	Cliff Aldwinkle
23 rd May	Eric Shaw Phillips	John Worthy	Mike Sherwood	Reminiscences of a Policeman	John Beswarick
30 th May	NO MEETING	Bank Holiday			
6 th June	Carl Smart	Peter Branson	Maria Hanson	“Mee and Dee” Charity	Andrew Battie
13 th June	Tony Southgate	Keith Bullock	AG Andris Mierkains	Club Assembly	N/A
20 th June	Bill Tomlinson	Ian Butler			Philip Beetham
27 th June	Tony Wassell	John Cartmell			John Worthy
4 th July	Tim Wherly	Angus Currie			Ian Butler
11 th July	Barrie Wood	John Cundy			John Cartmell
18 th July	John Worthy	John Cheadle			John Cheadle

Community & Vocational Service:

In calendar 2016, the first of our programme of 12 events will be presentations at Club lunches of funding from our 2015 Christmastime activities to our selected charities. During April, our major beneficiary Children First will receive £3,000 from the Sleigh & Santa touring event plus, hopefully, up to £1,000 from Persimmon Homes Charity Fund if the application for a grant is successful.



A group presentation of £1,500 funding from the 8th annual ‘Trees of Light Appeal’ will be equally distributed on a separate occasion to Padley, the Eye Clinic of Derby Teaching Hospitals, and to the Mayor of Derby’s Charity Fund (this year supporting sport for the City’s disabled and the earthquake-hit Nepalese community).

For the second year we have been unable to obtain medical support for the Stroke Association’s annual ‘Know Your Blood Pressure Day’. Last year the Hospital had to withdraw due to late shift changes and this year a large GP practice could not commit.

However, we have received a request to help RNIB (the Royal National Institute of Blind People) with a collection at Derby’s Tesco Metro. The organisation has bookings with Tesco, but has had no response to an advert at this store from the public. We have agreed to undertake the collection on 29 April.



On Monday of Spring Bank Holiday, 30 May, Mickleover is holding its village Summer Fayre and we are evaluating possible fundraising events. This will take us to the end of the current Rotary year.

Carl Smart