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## President's remarks:

By the time you read this addition of the Rotarian I will have completed over 50% of my Presidential Year. The strength of the Derby Rotarian (recognised by District as being the best Club Bulletin in 2011-2012) is in the contributions made by many in the Club to give an overall update of activities and successes within the Club. This will I am sure be evident in the current edition.

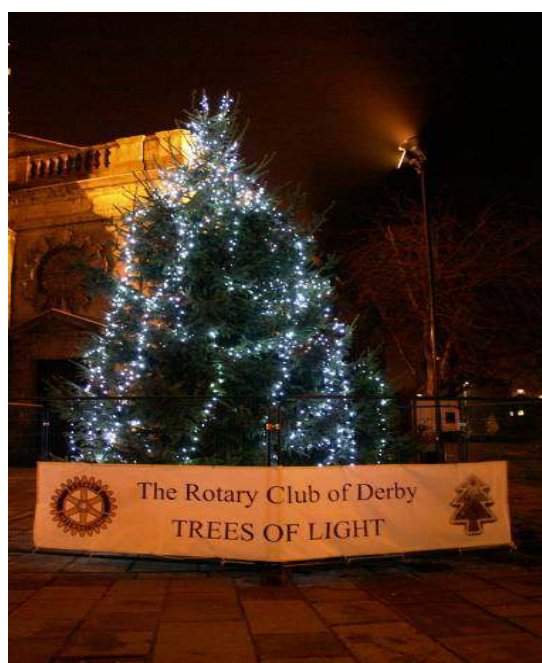
I would also like to thank all members for their continued support in activities within the club. Also for their support & advice I have received (always welcome)! We continue to have good attendances at our lunchtime meetings – other clubs are amazed when I tell them we do not need to indicate if we are going to attend; the Cricket Club just cope! I decided for our Christmas Lunch this year that we would deliver personal invitations to the widows of Past Rotarians with the offer of providing transport if they decided to attend. It was pleasing that four decided to attend. They were Muriel Davies, Jo Sartin, Jean Wathall & Hazel Tomlinson.



I was extremely pleased to induct my first member, **Steve Scott**, into the Rotary Club of Derby on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Steve has decided to join the Community & Vocational committee. I am sure with his local links to Derby he will make an invaluable contribution to the work of the committee. I am sure I speak for all members of the club in extending him a very warm welcome.

The international committee held its annual *Quiz & Chips* on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in Duffield Parish Hall. A very enjoyable evening ensued and there was a tie break to decide the winner.

**The Trees of Light** was held in the weeks leading up to Christmas with the lights being switched on by the Mayor of Derby on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. John Davies kindly provided a choir and the lights were duly switched on. It is hoped the amount raised will be in the region of £2000.



We were able to collect at the Salvation Army “*Carols for All*” held this year at the Citadel. We collected approximately £400 & 90% of this will be presented to the Padley charity in the New Year.

*Operation Christmas Child* also took place during November/December with just under 9000 shoe boxes being packed into the lorry on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to John Worthy & Anthony Attwood in organising this year’s event under the guidance of John Lound who is stepping down because of other duties – I can’t think what?? Thank you also to Anthony for providing the premises in Darley Abbey Mills.



Our major fund raiser for the year fell foul to the elements. Initially a dry sunny day was forecast with days either side having rain; unfortunately one part of the forecast was incorrect – **THE TIMING!!** On the day of the collection we decided to cancel the sledge; Father Christmas arrived but then journeyed home. The hurdy gurdy man came & played under cover and an umbrella. Shoppers were not giving; in the main they were holding an umbrella and, with head down, rushing to shelter. The counters came & went; thanks to Cliff Aldwinkle & Mike Matthews who braved the warm of Simon Scargill’s office for over an hour!! We continued with the bus station where takings were fairly normal. Known takings & contributions to date are £475 which is about 30% of expectation. We need to try & redress the balance to ensure our chosen Charity – DCHC – receives the amount anticipated. Thanks to all who braved the elements to collect.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December a number of us helped at **St. Peter’s Church** to pack/deliver Christmas boxes to those in Derby who otherwise would not enjoy Christmas lunch. As a club we donated £240 to provide these lunches half going to Derby & half to Calcutta this year.



Then on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December a number of Rotarians & members of our Interact Club from Allestree Woodlands School helped with bag packing for DCHC. Certainly the time I was there was non-stop.

The Derby Clubs are already considering how to celebrate Rotary Day (23<sup>rd</sup> February). We are continuing with the same format that has been running for the past few years. Please keep Monday evening 25<sup>th</sup> February free for this celebration. We are also considering a lunch time slot later in the year if there is sufficient interest.



The ‘**Major Event**’ John Beswarick, John Cheadle & I are organising is now fixed for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – please make a note in your diaries for this and tell your friends. The charities will be announced soon but the split will be three ways between Community, International and Polio Eradication. We must not lose sight of our aim to continue to raise money for “End Polio Now”.

Membership continues to be our biggest challenge. Many of you will have heard our lunchtime speaker on Networking. In a few weeks we will hear about Satellite Clubs. It goes without saying any changes will be made with the agreement of members. Please continue to forward any prospective new members to David.

You will aware from our Special General Meeting that we have confirmed our officers for next year with the exception of Junior Vice President. However we hope to be able to make an announcement early in the New Year. Andrew Carr is relinquishing his duties as Treasurer and is replaced by John Rice. Thank you to both of you for what you have contributed and for what you will do.



My proposed walk up Snowdon gets ever nearer! Congratulations must go to Roy Wooldridge on being awarded an Honorary Degree from Derby University for services to Education. I am sure everyone will join with me in this. Any money saved through not sending cards has been donated to Rotary Charities.



### To All Rotarians

Roz & I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and New Year.  
May the true spirit of Christmas bring you and your families happiness now and throughout 2013.



Best wishes, Tim & Roz



#### Past President — Roy Miles

Roy became our president at the 52nd Annual General Meeting held at the Derbyshire Yeoman on the 18th May 1970.

The Club has a huge reason to be grateful to Roy for his selfless help in the smooth running of the Club over the period following the death of his father, Fred Miles, on the 16th July 1967. Fred, for the 29th time had been elected Secretary. a quite remarkable feat of service and devotion, yet he jealously guarded every last scrap of paper relating to the administration of the Club right up to the moment of his death!

I happened to be the luckless president who took office on the 1st July 1967. I went to see Fred several times during his last days only to find each time his bed completely covered by piles of working papers which he avowed would all get his full attention the moment he felt a little better!

Only on Fred's death, when Roy was immediately appointed Club Secretary, could his tireless task begin of getting the affairs of the Club into order to the extent that it could function and the way be paved for a new Club Secretary to take office on the 27th May 1969. Truly a sustained tour de force! Below is my pen picture of Roy a splendid man to have by ones side in a crisis and a fine Rotarian.

'**Frederick Roy Miles** was born in 1916 and educated at the Derby Municipal Secondary School in Abbey St., later to become Bemrose School.

Roy had an early interest in the motor trade, but finally entered and took over the family business of E. Buxton Ltd., Coal Merchants, of Borrowwash and Derby.

Although lame from childhood Roy defied the odds by becoming a scratch left handed golfer. He served in the Special Constabulary during the Second World War, and later gave long service on both the Board of Governors of the Royal School for the Deaf, and as Chairman of Roe House in Friar Gate for the Adult Deaf.

Joining the Club in 1939 Roy was always involved, becoming Club Secretary for two years from 1967 on the death of his father, Fred, who was our Club Secretary for no less than 29 years from 1939! The all too early and sudden death of Roy was sadly recorded in the annual report for 1972/73, aged only 56!

Trevor Clarke

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to arrange a concert in aid of the club's charitable activities, including the fight against polio campaign, to take place on **10th May at Landau Forte School in Derby**. The concert will be given by "Cantata", who have a wide ranging repertoire of popular music. Some of us heard them perform at District Conference & they are good! Tickets will cost only £10 so please put the date in your diary.

**Tim Wherly, John Beswarick & John Cheadle**

## International Committee



### Shelter Box

Our collection event at the Westfield Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September went ahead with some degree of success. Thanks go to those who committed a part of their Saturday to help in the collection; it is well appreciated. We managed to raise £285 which, given the very high footfall, was less than our target of the cost of a box (£590).



Still, there were some spin-offs; a couple of school teachers were inspired to organise fund raisers at their respective schools; many people went away with a better understanding of this worthwhile disaster aid charity and a number of young people went away inspired by the idea of

helping people overseas. The committee is grateful to the club for topping up the sum collected to the value of a box and we now have a tracking number (68138) so that we can see where our box is deployed to. (As we go to press it has not yet been deployed)

### Quiz and Chips

Held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December almost seventy people attended the quiz held at Duffield Parish Hall. As usual, the Quiz Master was John Fleming and the feedback was that the questions weren't quite as tough as last year! (Although that's still a matter of personal opinion!!). There was a dead heat between two teams who agreed to share the prize of bottles of wine rather than attempt a tie-breaker question. So Frank and Joan Gilbert, Tony and Larri Annis, John and Jackie Beswarick, and Peter and Valerie Branson went away victorious. Over £740 was raised which will be divided between two charities: Jaipur Limb (Uganda) and Friends of Amasango. Many thanks go to those that helped on the night: John Fleming and Barrie Wood (quiz), John Cartmell and Tony Wassell (bar), David Crowson (fish and chips) and Eric Shaw-Phillips (Raffle).

### Kenyan Orphan Project

We continue to consider the potential for including this charity on our list of worthy international causes to support. One particular project of theirs that we are looking at is the Oasis of Hope Secondary School. An inspirational school that offers low cost secondary education to the brightest children for the neighbouring slums that would not otherwise have access to secondary education. Located on the outskirts of Nyalenda slum (one of the largest slums in Kenya), the school was founded in 2006 and is already in the top ten highest-achieving schools in the district. The charity is exploring whether we might identify a qualifying scope of work that could be supported with a District Grant.



### Operation Christmas Child

John Worthy and Anthony Attwood have this year taken over responsibility for this Rotary supported scheme from John Lound. Over 8,000 shoeboxes were collected and delivered to deserving orphanages in Romania by Samaritan's Purse

### Fun Wine Quiz

The next event is the **Fun Wine Quiz on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at the Lund Pavilion. Tickets are now available at £15.00 and we hope all of you will come, bring friends and family and enjoy this fabulous night out. Funds raised will be shared between Kids Aid Tanzania and Aquabox.

**Ben Benfield**

### Bits and Pieces 1

#### Change of President:

**Rotary Club of Kirkby in Ashfield:** Following the resignation of President Frances Stein the Kirkby in Ashfield's President for the remainder of this Rotary year is Mike Lee. Peter Whelpton becomes President Elect (SVP), Roger Pursey is Vice President (JVP) and continues as Secretary

### Secretary's notes from Brian Seager

The following items of note have been reported to Council:

1. Although the collecting of shoe boxes for *Operation Christmas Child* has been well reported in the *Derby Telegraph*, no mention was made of all the hard work put in by Rotarians. Hopefully steps can be taken to ensure a more balanced report in future.

2. RI has instigated a re-structuring of districts throughout the world but RIBI has undertaken to produce a plan for the British Isles. This has been through three versions, the last being adopted for recommendation to RI. The outcome is: Districts 1290 and 1170 to be combined. Districts 1140 and 1250 to be combined. District 1050 clubs to be dispersed to districts 1180 and 1280

**District 1220 to stay as it is.**

3. Voting has taken place for members of the new RIBI Board. Council chose nine candidates to support.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It is the time to take stock now we are at the end of another calendar year and halfway through this Rotary year since when our Club has slowly declined from 55 to some 50 active members.

In percentage terms over the last 5 years our Club has slowly declined but at a lower rate than District losses, nevertheless, we are all slipping and thought has to be given to arresting, or reversing, this trend.

Our Club being old established, city centre and with lunchtime meetings traditionally grew from the prosperity of Derby with strong recruitment from the professions, local authorities, commercial, industrial and public services at a time when long lunches, business expenses and membership of local organisations and clubs was recognised as part of the accepted scenario. Today the opposite is a truer picture with almost every employer and employee striving to meet targets, budgets, profitability and even survival. Individuals time and money are fully employed leaving little time for leisure, or sometimes, family.

The result and effect is that OUR club is now a club for many retirees but very few employers. We can survive on this basis if we are to accept the facts but we cannot expect to attract new energetic younger members; our growth will come only from early retirees and/or those who are interested and able to pursue charitable and service ambitions.

Rotary awareness to this trend is now trying to reverse membership decline with newer and bolder initiatives, for example, social and business networking, satellite clubs and e-clubs. The Membership committee will invite speakers on some of these initiatives to try to give us some thoughts and ideas if we want to change direction wholly or partially.

You as members will be asked for your views regarding our future. **Should you have any views, or better still, introducing new members then please let me know.** It is YOUR CLUB and the future lies with each and every one of us to address this matter. Best Wishes to you all and your families for 2013.

**David W, Edge Chairman**



### Bits and Pieces 2!

**Change of Address:** **Jim and Jill Cownie** have moved and their new address is: 17 St Wulfstan Avenue, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS10 6TN. Their new phone number is 0117 239 1544. The email still applies. **Tony and Larri Annis** have moved to Apartment 6 Station Rise, Station Approach, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 4JD Tel : 01332 841676. email: [annisfairways@btinternet.com](mailto:annisfairways@btinternet.com)

**New Phone Number:** **Carl Smart's** new phone number is 01332 840813. His address is as in the Directory.

**New E-mail address:** **John Lucas** has changed his e-mail address to: johnlucas7@yahoo.co.uk

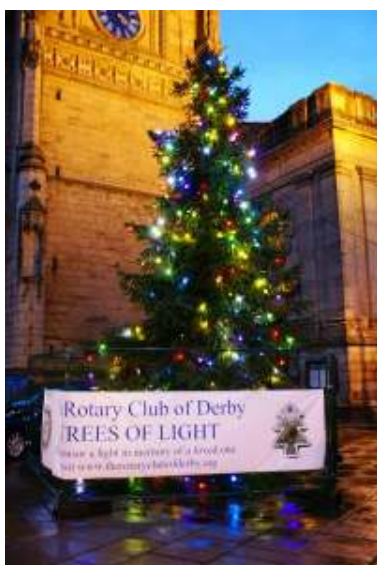
## Community & Vocational Service

This was a busy second quarter of Rotary year 2012. It opened on October 4, 5 & 6 with a **collection at Park Farm** for our use in support of local charities. It used updated banners to emphasise the local aspect. We faced competition from Derby Lions selling second hand books from a vacant shop unit and stall at one of our customary pitches. A lady selling cakes in the same area compounded the problem. The total realised was £365, some 70% of a year ago.

**Mock Interviews** for senior students at Woodlands School were held on November 21st at the Lund Pavilion. This was a first time for Woodlands, and followed the establishment by our Club of an Interact Club there. An interesting observation was that career aspirations here were for a more practical range, e.g. engineering, compared with the medical/legal range favoured by Ecclesbourne School students.



The annual Salvation Army '**Carols for All**' Concerts took place in their Citadel this year on 15th & 16th December. Attendances were low for the first two, but there were some generous individual donations. Sunday evening's concert produced over half the final total of £396. (We understand that the S.A. can only contribute £1,400 to their chosen charity this year from the concerts; last year it was £4,000.)



The **Christmas Street collection** on 20th December was seriously considered for cancellation due to the incessant rain. It went ahead, but without Santa, his sleigh and associated photos of children, and only a very limited collection time at HSBC. Osnabrück Square, with its usual attraction of the 'hurdy-gurdy' man, was abandoned from the start, leaving the bus station as the only viable point – a large footfall but few donations. £370 was the total raised - 20% of last year's total.

The Christmas time '**Trees of Lights**' Appeal appears to be our salvation this quarter. Contributions to date push towards the £2,000 region established in previous years; fingers are crossed. On 21st December the Lights on the Cathedral tree were switched on. The Mayor and around a dozen Cathedral choristers made it a significant celebration event. Our Chairman John's new banners, to replace the ones shredded in last year's gales, were updated to include the Club's website.

Local charities supported by the Christmas events are:  
Carols Concerts for Padley, Street for Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre,

'Trees' for Derby Children's Hospital (a cardiac echo machine with paediatric specialties).

All three are total donations minus 10%, which goes to Enthusiasm.

**Carl Smart**

### Mock Interviews:

Letter received by Philip Beetham from Rachel Tordoff from Allestree Woodlands School.

Dear Philip,

Just a quick email to thank you and your fellow Rotarians for taking the time to interview our students on Wednesday. Having spoken to the students, they all found it to be a really useful experience, if only making them find the venue and pluck up the confidence to 'sell' themselves to individuals who they had not previously met. It has certainly given some of them food for thought and, all being well, if and when they attend interviews, they will be able to use the feedback received to perform even better!

Please pass on my thanks to all the gentlemen for giving up their time and for being so positive and supportive. I do hope that we will be able to repeat the activity next year.

Kind regards  
Rachel Tordoff

**Bereavements:**

**Rotarian Malcolm Whitt**, of the Rotary Club of Wollaton Park died on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Malcolm recently was District Treasurer and was a former Club President and Paul Harris Fellow.

**Mary Bradley**, a member of Derby Daybreak has died. Her funeral is at Derby Cathedral, Monday, January 14th at 10am.

**FELLOWSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT**

We entered a team in the District tenpin bowling competition, the bowlers being Ben Benfield, Keith Bullock, John Cheadle, John Lucas and Angus Currie. We drew a team from the Wirksworth Club in the first round, and played the match on 4<sup>th</sup> December at Ilkeston. We thought they might be good when the team captain turned up with his own ball, and despite John Lucas bringing his lucky shoes, we unfortunately lost, although the match was quite close. They told us afterwards that they had won the competition twice previously!



The trip to Lumsdale valley and Cromford Mill took place on 14<sup>th</sup> November, and is reported by Peter Branson elsewhere in this edition.

A further ‘Rotary Ramble’ took place on 3rd October, starting and finishing at the Malt Shovel Inn in Shardlow. Ten Rotarians and partners came along, to walk along the Trent and Mersey canal to the confluence of the canal with the rivers Trent and Derwent, across fields to see the levées and flood defences in the area, and walking back on a different part of the canal past the boat works in Shardlow to the Malt Shovel for an excellent lunch. *The Shardlow group*



A board has been going round recently for the 2013 District Quiz. It looks like, as last year, we will be able to field two teams, although at present we have no reserves. Anyone not already signed up who wishes to take part will have an opportunity at the next two meetings on 7th and 14th January.

We are in the process of organising a Club fellowship weekend away in York. Our plans at the moment include a two or three night stay in York visiting some of the local attractions together with a trip out on the Saturday or Sunday. This will probably be next spring, between late March and early May. We will be giving further information regarding times and approximate costs in due course when we shall be looking at getting commitments from Club members. We will need to book early so please give this your every consideration.

**Angus Currie and Peter Branson**



**Girls from Derby High School who gave a presentation on their trip to Ethiopia**

**Pat Zadora receiving a cheque from President Tim for Padley.**





## News extracts from the District Governor December 2012

### Introduction

As I make a start on this Newsletter and look back over the last six months I realise just what a contribution Rotary makes to our communities, locally, nationally and internationally. I have attended so many activities that I have lost count – and been invited to many more that I have not been able to attend. Gail and I have had a thoroughly fantastic time. Yes, there are downs as well as ups, but overall what I have seen from the 58 Clubs in District 1220 has been very positive.

### Club Visioning

Following the item about Club Visioning in my November Newsletter, Noel Harrison (Membership) and I were extremely pleased and impressed by the number of Rotarians who came forward to volunteer their time, expertise and vocational abilities to act as members of the Visioning Team. As a direct result we now have sufficient volunteers to get their training off the ground and plans are being made for this to take place very early in the New Year. Many thanks to all those who stepped forward. Let's hope that their time and effort is not wasted.

If you believe that your club could benefit from the impetus of change that Club Visioning will bring about, then now is the time to make your case to Noel. I believe that so many Clubs are now looking critically at themselves with a view to improving, updating and recruiting that there is likely to be competition among the first few clubs to benefit from this scheme. So, please get in early if you are interested.

### Rotary Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

The District has not made any grand plans to celebrate Rotary Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We have left it for each Club to take whatever steps it feels are appropriate for the event. I do still have left quite a number of spare boxes of pin-on crocuses that can be used in street or supermarket collections etc. The suggested minimum donation being £1 this would give seventy-five pence per crocus profit. It is hoped that this symbol of polio eradication will become as common as the daffodil is for Marie Curie etc. If you would like a box please let me know and I will make the appropriate arrangements.



### Diary Dates

Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	District Officer Preparation Session at the Novotel. 7pm for 7.15pm
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	Presidents Elect Planning Seminar at the Derbyshire Hotel. 8.45am till 1pm (Bacon sandwiches on arrival)
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	District Foundation Link Evening at the Civic Centre, Mansfield 7pm for 7.30pm
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	Paul Harris Fellows Lunch
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	District Council Meeting at the Novotel at 7.30pm
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Rotary and Inner Wheel Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Parish Church, Church Street, Ripley at 3pm. Refreshments afterwards.

### Christmas and New Year Greetings



Having kept my Newsletter deliberately short this month, may I please close it by taking the opportunity on behalf of Gail, myself and the rest of the clan who came to Southport (Sarah, Craig, Xanthe, Sebastian, Nicola, Chris, Maddie and Francesca) to wish all Rotarians in District 1220 and their wider families a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

In the midst of all the celebrations, let us not forget what Christmas is really about – give a thought to the real meaning of Christmas.

**Dave Ashley**



## Heritage Day-Out

What a day! Totally unexpected sights, sounds and stories filled both the morning and afternoon of this splendid day out, as we looked at some of the history on our doorstep. A very fine drizzle greeted us as we gathered together in a lay-by in Lumsdale, just outside Matlock - it soon disappeared. Fourteen of us - Club members and partners - gathered to look at some of our early industrial heritage.

### *Romantic picturesque decay*

The **Lumsdale Valley** is a hidden jewel of industrial archaeology. The valley is owned and managed by the Arkwright Society and contains a number of important early water-powered mills used over the years to crush bone for fertilizer, grind corn, and minerals (barytes - a form of barium sulphate) for paint. There have also been saw mills, lead smelting and a host of associated activities.



### *Some Ruins at Upper Pond*

Our guided walk started at 'the upper pond', an area now completely silted over with birch trees but still visible is the large dam wall. Nearby are the remains of one of the bone crushing mills and the pit where one of the huge water wheels once turned. Passing the 'middle pond' which was also virtually silted up, we walked alongside a number of 'pond cottages' built in 1749 for smelting lead.



### *Amongst the Ruins*



The 'lower pond' is a delight - especially in its November setting. In 1983 the Society restored this pond where the water was stored prior to its use in the main valley, powering saw mills, grinding mills, cotton spinning and bleach working. We were told the amusing story of how, during the clearing process, three increasingly heavier diggers became stuck in the mud and silt. The water now stored in this pond cascades naturally down the steep valley, past these old ruined, decaying workings but you still get a strong sense of the sheer scale and grandeur of the original workings - evoking the sounds and smells of a bye-gone era.

### *Restored lower pond in autumn glory*

We learned from our expert guide that chert grinding wheels were imported from France two hundred years ago because the natural gritstone was too coarse for the fine powder that needed to be produced for the paint industry of the day. We saw the scale of the bearings in the massive walls where water wheels would have towered over

us and plunged deep into the earth below. We could now only glimpse the magnitude of the workings, as nature slowly reclaimed the landscape and covered the hard, gritty stone with a soft mossy blanket. Much of the valley is open to the public and the Arkwright Society is committed to ensuring that, whilst the area is accessible and safe, the valley will be maintained in its state of romantic, picturesque decay.



*Cromford Mill site of original building (wall on right) and water feed*

We made our way to Cromford Mill, the site of the world's first water-powered cotton spinning factory using. We had a generous lunch in the Gothic Warehouse overlooking the end of the Cromford Canal. Afterwards we made our way to the exhibition site and were treated to a history of cotton spinning, the rise of Richard Arkwright and the building and development of the Mill itself. We toured the Mill site, imagining the hurly-burly of life in the later part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the social conditions and unrest that pervaded the country at that time. Although Arkwright himself was out to make as much money as possible, he did introduce a health care system for his workers, provided decent housing and free education on Sundays.

We walked from the Mill into Cromford village and here our enthusiastic expert guide recreated the Cromford of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in the way he related some of the stories behind the streets and buildings just off the market square in the village. We were shown how water from two separate sources was stored and channeled into the soughs that fed the water mills that powered Arkwright's factory.

We came across the only 'listed' pig sties in Britain. We explored some of the back streets, experienced the local 'lock-up', gathered in North Street to see the houses built by Arkwright and see the school buildings that gave brought basic education to his workers. It was here we learned about the 'cock' horses that were used to drag supplies and materials up Cromford Hill. After a brief walk to the village pond - used to store water to feed the extensive underground network of water supplies we stood outside The Greyhound Hotel to hear of Arkwright's banking empire and to see the very first clock that was erected in Cromford - trains had arrived.



*Listed Pigsty*

We made our way back to our cars through the park, beside the Derwent, looking up at Willersley Castle, built by the next generation of the Arkwright family and heard of the enormous wealth that had been built up in the space of that one generation.

This was a fabulous day out, our two well-versed guides were good company, our fellowship was first-rate and we certainly learned a lot more of our local industrial heritage in this most entertaining and informative day.

**Peter Branson**

*(Further information about the Arkwright Society and their conservation work at Cromford Mill and the Lumsdale Valley can be found at their website : [www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk](http://www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk) )*



**Presentation by President Tim to Bill Tomlinson for Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre**



### **Past President — Hal Lawson**

Hal became our President at the 54th Annual General Meeting held at the Derbyshire Yeoman on the 22nd May 1972.

By any standards Hal was a remarkable Rotarian who was at the very heart of decision making in our club during the 1970's and 1980's through his influence as Chairman of the Classification Committee which in turn also gave him a seat each year on the Council. Hal used his influence almost exclusively to the great good of the club and to the benefit of successive presidents. As the late Raymond Chapman once observed '*Hal knew well his Rotary texts!*'

If he had any fault it was in the zeal, with which he tackled infringements of our attendance rules, and which did not always have

the desired effect. As a result we needlessly lost some good Rotarians who ought not to have gone. To a section of the membership this was a matter of some concern. Hal's long involvement with the affairs of the club was, nevertheless, widely admired, and he set many standards which have enhanced the club and stood the test of time.

Below is my pen picture from the archives of this very impressive and hard-working Rotarian.

**'Harry Walker Lawson** was born in Liverpool in 1911 and educated at the Collegiate School. He joined Martins Bank in 1928 becoming Manager at Aigburth, Liverpool, in 1947, Manager at Rugby in 1953 and Manager at Derby in 1960.

Hal was a Fellow of the Institute of Banking, and became President of both the Coventry and Derby Centres. He also served on the Institute of Banking Council in London. Serving in the Navy from 1940, Hal saw commissioned service for four years in command of Motor Gun Boats operating for the most part in the English Channel.

Joining first the Rotary Club of Rugby, Hal joined our club in 1965 — to no little effect — becoming Treasurer for three years from 1967 and chairman of the Classification Committee for 25 years from 1969! He had knowledge of the small print of Rotary that was second to none, and was always ready to offer a view when asked. He received the Cyril Weston Award in 1986.

Hal's main hobby was tennis both as a player and an administrator, and he gave a lot to the sport right up to the later years of his life. He died in 1994 and a tribute to this very worthy Rotarian appears in the 'Derby Rotarian' for April of that year'.

**Trevor Clarke**



## **PAUL HARRIS SAPPHIRE PIN PRESENTATION**

At the recent Past District Governor's lunch, Immediate Past District Governor Gordon McGlone presented PDG Keith Hammond with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin. The pin is a Rotary award to acknowledge continuing and committed service when a Fellowship has already been presented.

Gordon and the Foundation Committee arranged this in recognition of the tremendous work Keith has put in over the three years Bill Gates Polio Challenge. District 1220 members will recall that over two hundred and fifty thousand pounds was raised and this was in no small way due to Keith's enthusiasm and commitment.

**Gordon McGlone - IPDG**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

The Rotary Club of Derby, working with the Rotary Club of Belper & Duffield, played a leading role in South Derbyshire again in 2012, bringing shoeboxes from schools, churches, places of work and private individuals to the central warehouse for checking and preparation for transport to Romania. Thirty Rotarians made repeated journeys, carrying shoeboxes of gifts in their cars to Darley Abbey Mills, where Rotarian Anthony Attwood kindly made warehouse space available.



A team of volunteers, including several Rotarians, worked tirelessly in the Mills for a month, checking the contents of the boxes and packing them into cases that could be stacked in the lorry.

This arrived on 9<sup>th</sup> December and a team of about forty volunteers wheeled and carried the cases and stacked the lorry with a grand total of 8,951 shoeboxes, an increase on last

year. These gifts were distributed before Christmas to needy and vulnerable children in Romania.



Many thanks to all the Rotarians who took part.

Photographs show the shoeboxes being collected and brought to the warehouse. Also shown are pictures of the loading of the lorry and the later unloading in Romania.

This operation provides good publicity for the Club, as it is seen playing an active, worthwhile and fairly high profile role in the community. A Derby Telegraph reporter visited the Mills and several photographs were supplied.

Rtn John Worthy



21<sup>st</sup> December 2012

Statement from Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott concerning the attacks on health workers in Pakistan:

***"Rotary International joins the Government of Pakistan and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in condemning the recent attacks that have killed and wounded health workers in Pakistan."***



*The shooting victims are among the thousands of health workers and volunteers -- including members of Pakistan's 151 Rotary clubs -- who are committed to saving children by stopping the transmission of polio in Pakistan, one of three countries where the crippling virus remains endemic.*

*The attacks prompted the Government of Pakistan to temporarily suspend the vaccination campaign due to concerns over the safety of health workers. Rotary is deeply concerned that such attacks deprive at-risk children of basic life-saving health care services, including polio vaccinations.*

*I know that Pakistani Rotarians, supported by Rotary members worldwide, will continue to do their utmost to create a safe environment so that these dedicated health workers can reach the nation's most vulnerable children with vaccinations and other vital health interventions.*

*Polio eradication has been Rotary's highest priority since 1985, and we are on the brink of making history by beating polio once and for all.*

*On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members, representing 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and areas, I extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims. Their dedication and sacrifice further inspire us to continue moving forward toward our goal of a polio-free world"*

#### **Polio Update**

Despite the dreadful news regarding the killing of workers in Pakistan there is good news regarding polio Eradication.



#### **POLIO CASES IN 2012**

Good progress in the drive to eradicate Polio continues to be made. As at 4th January 2013 the figures given by the WHO are as follows:

In the three remaining endemic countries, which have never been polio free, there have been 212 cases compared to 315 at the same time last year.

**Pakistan 58 (189), Nigeria, 119 (51) and Afghanistan 35 (74).**

**India** remains free of Polio. (The last case was in January 2011)

There have only been two other countries in 2012 where polio has occurred and they are **Chad** which has had 5 cases (130) and **Niger**, 1 case (4 cases). The case in Niger has been imported from Nigeria.

So the total number of cases is 218 compared to 620 at this time in 2011. This is a 60% reduction. Polio has only occurred in five countries compared to seventeen last year.

Two billion doses of polio vaccine were given to 429 million children around the world during 2012. Continued Immunisation efforts are being made in the three endemic countries with Governmental support.

Despite the dreadful news from Pakistan, it is vital that intensive polio immunisation must continue. Failure to maintain high immunisation levels will mean that the polio virus will be able to spread back to areas free of the disease. Let us hope that the problems in Pakistan will be overcome and that immunisation can continue. As the slogan says, **"We are this close to eradicating Polio"**. Let us hope that the dream of a polio free world will soon be realised.

**Keith Hammond**

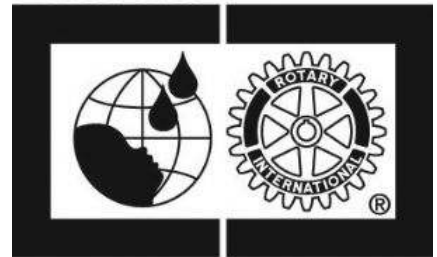
## Rota of Club Duties

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

Date	Host	Grace	Speaker	Topic	Speaker Finder/Thanker
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Anthony Attwood	John Cundy		Derby Soup kitchen	Angus Currie
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Brian Wrigley	Angus Currie			Peter Darby
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Pat Zadora	Peter Darby	Brian Seager	The Peggy Line	TBA
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Cliff Aldwinkle	John Worthy			Olivia Dean
11 <sup>th</sup> February	John Worthy	Olivia Dean			David Edge
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Andrew Battie	David Edge			John England
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Philip Beetham	John England	Mayor of Derby		John Fell
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Ben Benfield	John Fell			John Fleming
11 <sup>th</sup> March	John Beswarick	John Fleming			Frank Gilbert
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Peter Branson	Frank Gilbert			Keith Hammond
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Keith Bullock	Keith Hammond			Roger Hollick
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday				
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Andrew Carr	Richard Hughes		Air Ambulance Service	Tony Jackson
15 <sup>th</sup> April	John Cartmell	Tony Jackson			John Lucas
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	John Cheadle	John Leather			David Parkinson
29 <sup>th</sup> April	David Crowson	John Lucas			John Rice



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