



DARWEN ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN



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Club News

Rotarians along with Stella Dawson, her husband Alec and friend Wendy Jacques met to sort and pack well over 2,000 books to be sent to schools in The Gambia. Stella had earlier spoken to Rotary on her efforts to help one of the schools in that country, which resulted in the book collection from schools in Darwen helped by Rotakids.



Diary events

April 11: District meeting, Junction 36, Crooklands, Cumbria

April 12: Blackburn Rotary Charter Night, Newdrop Inn, Ribchester 6-30 for 7. £27 a head.

April 25: Quiz to fundraise for Life Education, Pendle Club, Lowergate, Clitheroe, full details from Alan Slack

April 27: District Assembly, Lancaster University

May 10 and 11: RIBI conference at Nottingham

May 11: Darwen Rotary Club's Charity Day

June 15 and 16: Rotary Ride national event

August 2: Penrith Rotary charity golf tournament, further information: penrithrotarygolf.org.uk

August 31: Club's charity bowls competition for Darwen Tower repair fund

Speakers and Meeting Dates

April 1: AGM and committees followed by council

April 8: No meeting

April 15: General business meeting

April 22: No meeting, Easter

April 29: No meeting

May 6: No meeting, bank holiday

Minutes of Community and Vocational Committee at Dolly's, March 4

Present: Whole club meeting

Rotary Day: A plan had been received of the Market Square.

Marquee: Two sizes available. 12x24 metres at a cost of £1,710 and 12x21 metres at a cost of £1,530. Possibility of a small discount. After consideration it was thought the larger tent, if it fitted, would be best in case the weather was inclement and more people could be accommodated inside. Electricity: It was felt that some power would be needed and this was to be pursued.

Event registration/Insurance/Event plan: Rotary insurance was in place. JJ to ask others taking part for their details.

Other Rotary Clubs: GR has contacted them and awaiting a reply.

Other participants: JJ has contacted various charities.

Maddies Butterflies had accepted.

NHS has asked to have four gazebos and will be promoting blood pressure testing, cervical smear test and AF.

EHLT and the Trust supporting Blackburn Hospital wish to be present.

Blood Bikes have accepted invitation. TO to ask the local bikers club if they would like to be involved.

AS to liaise with Life Education.

Shelter Box booked.

Tables: JJ has asked for the loan of tables from Tockholes village hall and they have agreed. To be collected and delivered back to the hall.

Food and drink: Do not wish to be in competition with other outlets. Possibility to ask some of them to offer a 10% discount to be offered on a programme sheet. ST was considering this possibility.

Tower exhibition: Harold Heys had taken this on and has produced 25 displays. This would hopefully be displayed in the marquee and afterwards at the Library for a month. JJ trying to source display boards.

Entertainment: Inside: Mike Falcon, Punch and Judy to be sited in marquee. He would also act as MC.

Three other people had offered their services. Harry Bowden, Leah Haworth, Alex Buckley. Darwen Ladies Choir have offered to sing. JJ to liaise with them. Face painting and balloon modelling. JO is looking into this. Erin from Bridge Street has offered to do a couple of sessions.

Entertainment outside: Roundabout and other rides to be ascertained.

St George's Day: The decorated eggs by the primary school children would again take place. JO to organise and contact schools. Would need some drivers to distribute and collect eggs from schools. Need to send out letter.

School Art Competition: Letters had been sent to all primary and secondary schools inviting them to participate. A copy of the rules was passed round the meeting. Brief consideration of extending to adults later in the year. JJ to explore.

Just joking

Three mates are down the pub. Bill and Joe are arguing about the amount of control they have over their wives, while the third bloke, Fred, says nothing.

After a while, Bill turns to Fred and says, "Well, what about you? What sort of control have you got?" "I'll tell you," Fred replies. "Just the other night my missus came crawling to me on her hands and knees."

The other two were absolutely amazed. "What happened then?" Joe asked.

"She said: 'Get out from under the bed and fight like a man'."

A vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.

Pretty soon all the other bats smelt the blood and began hassling him about where he got it.

He told them to go way and to let him get some sleep, but they persisted until he finally gave in.

"OK, follow me," he said, and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him.

Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest of trees.

Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him.

"Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, yes" the bats all screamed in a frenzy.

"Good!" said the first bat, "Because I didn't!"

The Rotary Club of Darwen meets at Dolly's Tearoom, Bolton Road, Darwen, on Mondays at 6pm for 6.30pm. The attendance officer is Alan Slack, tel: 01254 704107. *The club was founded in May 1933 and is club number 383 of District 1190 RIBI. RI Club number 19873*