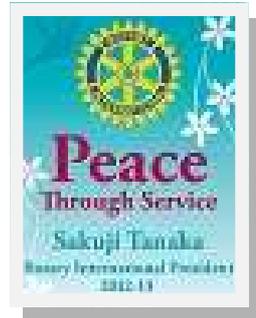


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A Message from our President



Well Gentlemen It's that time of year again, Christmas cards and presents and what do you buy for the one that has everything! your choice had better be good and not a duplicate of last year, it must be good to have a good memory!

The generosity of the Barrow townsfolk with donations

of both food and monies for the homeless was outstanding and I am sure I speak for you all when I say we were truly humbled by the response. Well done to Tesco and all concerned for talking part and also for allaying Peter G's fears.

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas party as much as I did, what a great fellowship evening, many thanks to John and Chalkie for putting together a great event, together with some dubious raffle prizes, also to Bill for organising the South Newbarns School choir, they were very talented youngsters who got us into the right spirit. But most of all thanks to you and your guests for making it a brilliant evening. It only remains for me to welcome on your behalf our new member, Rtn James Marshall and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Peter and Pauline G.

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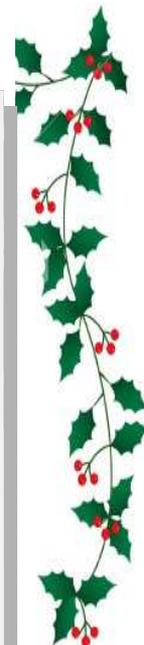


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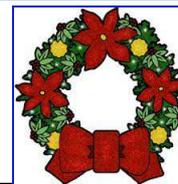
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Young Chef Cook Off—Dowdales School



A visit from Marie Curie Nurses



Last night (Wednesday 5th December 2012) at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Furness at the Abbey House Hotel, Club President Peter Gardner welcomed Sarah Fletcher as our guest speaker for the evening. Sarah is the Lancashire, Cumbria and The Isle of Man Community Fund Raiser for Marie Curie Nurses and is based in Preston.



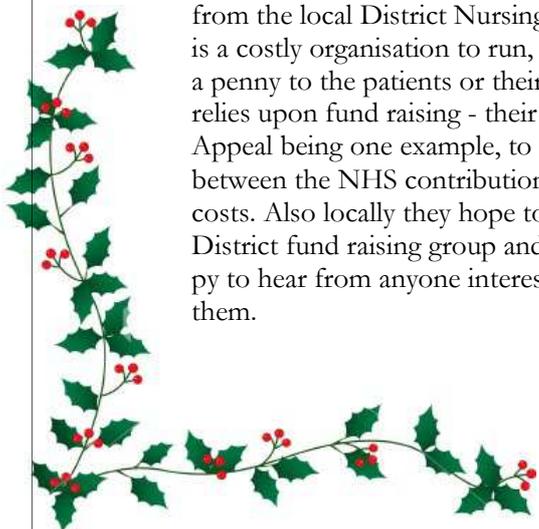
Sarah told us that Marie Curie has 6 nurses in the Barrow and South Lakeland area and collectively they spend annually 495 hours nursing terminally ill people here. Sarah was accompanied by a cardboard cutout of "Hillary" one of their nurses, she explained that "Hillary" would have accompanied her but in common with all her colleagues at that time of night (7:30 pm) she would be tapping on the door of the home of one of their clients. Hillary would stay with her client until dawn, attending to his or her needs and giving a no doubt exhausted loving family some well earned rest.

In addition to care they also sponsor research into cancer care and spend some £4m nationally on this aspect. Nationally they also have 9 hospices, Bradford and Newcastle being our nearest.

After a question and answer session, Rotarian Graham McArthur proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Concluding the evening President Peter told Sarah that they had been very impressed with the work Marie Curie undertakes and gave her a cheque for £500.00 to help their fundraising efforts.

Marie Curie Nurses care for terminally ill people, in the main they are suffering from cancer but not exclusively. The organisation is part funded by the NHS and get their referrals from the local District Nursing staff, whilst it is a costly organisation to run, it does not cost a penny to the patients or their families but relies upon fund raising - their annual daffodil Appeal being one example, to bridge the gap between the NHS contribution and their actual costs. Also locally they hope to form a Furness District fund raising group and would be happy to hear from anyone interested in helping them.



Know your blood pressure



Stroke Association – Know Your Blood Pressure
20th April 2013

2013 will see Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland celebrate 10 years of providing service to the community through the holding of a Know Your Blood Pressure (previously known as Stroke Awareness Day) event.

Many clubs have old-brand materials from running these days in the past and for 2013 it is essential that new-brand materials produced by the Stroke Association are used to ensure that the correct information is given out along with the latest statistics and advice.

We are therefore offering an amnesty of materials for 2013 and clubs who have these are encouraged to recycle them and we will replace these free of postage charges.

If your club has not held a KYBP event before it is a great way to:

- Give service to your community helping to prevent stroke and save lives;
- Raise awareness of Rotary and the benefits of membership;
- Raise awareness of the Stroke Association as a registered charity reliant upon voluntary donations and, we hope;
- Appeal for funds.

If you would like to know more or to get involved then please call Rachel, Tara or Terry on 01527 908918 or send them an email.

April 20th 2013
is Stroke Awareness day



Peter Garwood, Prospective Member James and Chalkie on duty at TESCO



2012 Tin Collection at TESCO



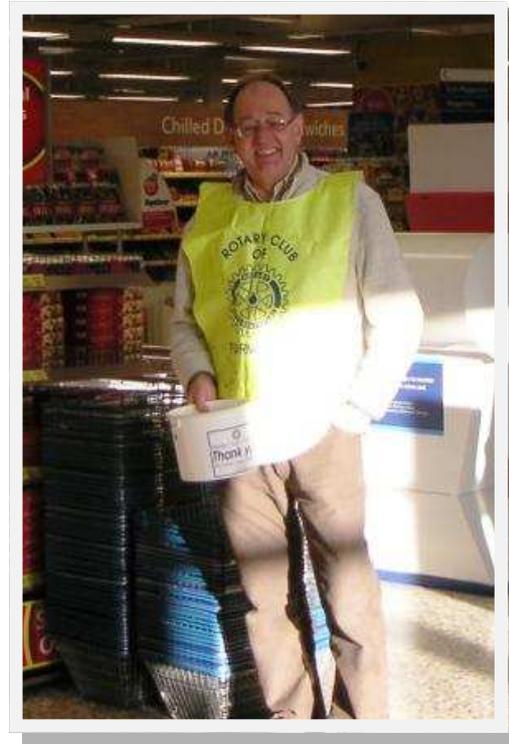
What a treat, this year on signing in all wrapped up in several layers of clothing, we were told to set our trolleys up INSIDE the main entrance, in the warmth of the store !!!



Our trolleys, this year well logo-ed thanks to a lot of work by Geoff James who had designed the set up on his laptop whilst enduring some unseasonal WET weather whilst on holiday in his caravan in Biarritz ! He had then e.mailed the

designs to his son who arranged for them to be printed in full colour on some plastic stuff. Meanwhile Geoff had got Peter Garwood to measure up the large and small trolleys at Tesco prior to him cutting out the boards which to day we fixed onto the trolleys before sallying forth ! PG had got a few strange looks when he completed his site measurements and it took him quite a while to convince security that he was legit !

On setting up, the lady in charge of security heaved two big boxes of tins etc, the remains of the national collection they had been making a few days prior to our visit. She said they were for us to use, so that



gave us a very good start. When IPP Dave Salt arrived on site he was despatched with them to Bath Street Homeless Centre.

Soon the generous public of the area started to contribute not only goods but cash as well. Some it was loose change, others £1.00 and £2.00 coins and some £5.00 and £10.00 notes !

Towards the end of our first shift, a new team arrived, eager to get cracking and all wearing their tabbards - a joy to behold like a well oiled "clock", very slick and another box filled with goods was whisked away to Bath Street.



Our LAST contribution to SHELTERBOX was 18.3.2011 when we obtained 2 boxes, both have been deployed one on 15th October 2011 to Pakistan and the other 29th November 2011 to Thailand. We were ahead of the curve, supplying boxes for future problem areas, time we DID it again don't you THINK !

Martin's Christmas Quiz



A bit of a change tonight, speaker host Martin McLeavy elected to subject us to a Christmas Quiz, he divided us into teams of 3 and then proceeded to quiz us with his two part "test". With maximum possible scores of 41, all teams were languishing in the lower regions of the "test" - remarkably the Presidents team of President Peter, President Nominee (and Treasurer) Russell with scribe GP tagging along came first with a score of 27 to take the one and only prize of 3 bottles of Martin's best plonk !



STOP PRESS :

Latest from the TIN COLLECTION, Over 30 boxes of food collected for the Barrow Homeless—the shelter calculate that they have enough food to last them until March ! No mean feat when you consider the number homeless...50 to 100 every night—some living outdoors in tunnels !

In addition we collected £942.00 in cash (after some expences) which almost doubles previous efforts.

Peter Garwood expressed his thanks, not only to the Rotarians who had given very generously of their time but also the VERY GENEROUS PUBLIC and ofcourse TESCO EXTRA staff who were more than helpful in making this years appeal so successful.



Christmas Party 2012



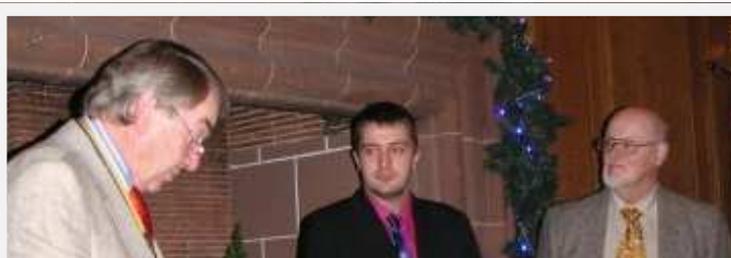
Thanks to John H and John C (Chalkie) for a fab Christmas Party - if you missed it you really did miss out.

South Newbarns School (thanks to Bill Nickson) sang a hugh medley of Christmas Carols which from time to time we were also able to join in. There were 12 or so singing their hearts out (not sure what we would have done if they had brought their full choir (there are 45 of them !). But it was an excellent start to a very enjoyable evening.



President Peter winning a baby blue potty !

After we had the Christmas Tie competition, all Christmas Tie wearers lined up to be judged by mark Nickson, who as a guest had been asked to take on the task. His first judgement was that the competi-tion should be in two parts...the first on



quality and the second on quantity. Tom Robson in a matching tie and waistcoat outfit took the quality prize with Roy Worthington with his stereo equipped floor to neck - tie with flash-ing lights and christ-mas bells took the latter.

President Peter began the proceedings by inducting James Marshall into our club and asked all members to make James wel-come and help guide him in his rotary experience.



Abbey House ex-celled themselves with the layout of the room, the ser-vice and the meal after which we had a free raffel with the usual off the wall Chalkie Prizes,

Frank Randal volunteered a monolgue about christ-mas puds being used as cannon balls and the rest is just a foggy memory not aided by the countless bottles of red that seemed to be eve-rywhere.

Really really good start to a Happy Christmas.



President Peter Gardner 2012-2013

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... of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

An Alternative Grace

Dear Lord, may the roof above
never fall in,

And the friends below never fall out

John Burgess—Romney Test

DON'T FORGET WE'RE ON THE
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Club Program— December-January-February

December 2012— Family of Rotary Month

2nd December —Dalton Christmas Lights

5th December—Host Graham McArthur

7-8th December—Tin Collection

11th December—D. Council

12th December—Host Martin McLeavy

19th December—Christmas Party

26th December—NO MEETING

January 2013— Rotary Awareness Month

2nd January — NO MEETING

9th January—Host Russell Longton

16th January— Host Norman Jessiman

23rd January —Business Meeting

30th January —Out Meeting

February 2013— Rotary Awareness Month

6th February — Host Geoff James

13th February —Host John Holgate

20th February—Host Peter Garwood

23rd February—Rotary Day

27th February—Business Meeting followed by Club Council

Stewards :

December : Alan Todd & Bill Nickson

January : John Chalker & Keith Shereston

February: Tom Hewitt & Mike Peet

Apologies to Marion at 01229 434000 or e.mail before 12:30 on the day of the meeting, if not, you'll be sorry!