

Wittering On

...in Eccles



August 2019

Membership & Extension Month



Our 2019-20 year started with the installation of Brian Redfern as our new President and he has already got off to a great beginning by setting out his themes for the year which include helping the homeless and supporting the lonely in our locality. Linked to this, we hope to develop contacts which will extend the work which we do.

9 facts you may not know about Brian

- He loves to read books about WW1 & WW2
- He is a Star Trek fanatic with an outfit to prove it
- Hi favourite holiday place is Jersey
- He'll eat Pringles till "they come out of his ears"
- He used to be a dance teacher
- In his garage there is a full sized railway layout
- He is chairman of Old Trafford British Legion
- He has 1 brother & 1 sister & they are very close
- He is very romantic, holding hands with Margaret whilst watching TV

Thanks Margaret for "spilling the beans"

The handover evening on July 1st was also an opportunity for President Enid to present the Rotarian of the Year shield. This year it went jointly to Brian & Margaret for all their work in supporting her with meetings, the bookshop and other events. Sadly, Margaret was in hospital following a bout of pneumonia so missed the presentation. However, friends from Stretford & Urmston RC (which has now closed) were there to support Brian on his special night.



Brian was then able to introduce his team for the year which included Joan Edwards who has agreed to continue as secretary (which she does expertly) and Colin Morse as Treasurer ably assisted by Roger Glew (who is President Elect for 2020-21). Roger at this point was baking in the high temperatures of the South of France!!

Prostate Cancer Presentation



During the evening we were able to welcome Phil Ormishley from Prostate Cancer UK and present him with a cheque for the society raised at Julie's afternoon tea event. It was lovely to see Hughie's family – Simon & Sally and they were able to make the presentation after Phil spoke about the work of Prostate Cancer.

"Thank you so much for your donation of £820.00. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to every one of your members and rest assured that today you have helped many of your fellow Rotarians and their families who are affected by prostate cancer.

"I'll never forget that moment when my GP told me I had Prostate Cancer. It was a total shock but I was extremely thankful for the help and advice I received from the Prostate Cancer UK helpline who answered all my questions and helped me through my treatment."
Barry Cogdell, Rotarian

Rotarians across the UK have offered fantastic support in our quest to tame prostate cancer. Be it jumping on bicycles and taking part in the Rotary Ride, organising charity walks or holding pub quizzes. 11,000 men die of prostate cancer each year in the UK and your generosity will help to ensure that this is something the next generation of men need not fear."

This message came from Jack Michalitsianos - **Community Fundraising Executive**

Forthcoming events

August 3rd - Bookshop 10am to 2pm

August 5th – Projects' meeting

August 12th – Fellowship meeting

August 17th - Bookshop 10am to 2pm

August 19th – Speaker – Phil Austin – "The Monton Lighthouse"

August 26th – NO MEETING – BANK HOLIDAY

August 30th – Sept. 1st – EcclesFestival – we will have a stall as well as the bookshop on Sat.

September 2nd – Projects' meeting

And lastly – we are collecting small notepads, pens and combs for the Salford Royal comfort bags – any you can provide we will pass on to them.

More information next month.