



Darts



The Sir John Bailey Club was the venue for our Quarter Final against Shrewsbury Darwin on March 19th, the contest being much anticipated as to the best of our recollection this was the first meeting with that Club in a sporting context.

Our opponents sprang the first surprise of the night with an all ladies team. Unusually for us ours was all male and so the battle of the sexes commenced.

Shrewsbury Darwin knocked last year's winners out in the previous round so we made a nervous start and both teams had trouble hitting a double but eventually we prevailed winning the match 5-1 with only the Club President losing out in the final rubber much to the amusement of the rest of the team. Alan West, David Price, David Sear, Mike Smith and Dave Edwards were our winners on the night.

Shrewsbury Darwin were great company and the match was played in excellent

spirit. Afterwards Dave spoke for all of us when he thanked the ladies for a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

The result means we are through to a semi-final with Wolstanton so the quest for silverware continues.

Speaker Evening

For the last meeting in March we were joined by a number of guests to hear from Kevin Wynne, President of the Rotary Club of The Wrekin about his recent Trek Patagonia adventure to raise money for Sense International.



Kevin has been raising money for his chosen charity for a number of years with all funds going to help those who are both blind and deaf with particular focus on the young and we were delighted to donate £100 to this worthy cause.

Programme for March & April 2009

7th April	Business - Finalise Triathlon	5th - Car Boot Sale
14th April	No Meeting	Easter
21st April	AGM	Audited Accounts
28th April	Charity Film Night	Slumdog Millionaire
5th May	No Meeting – May Bank Holiday	9 th – Stroke Awareness
12th May	Pump Aid Presentation Evening	10 th – Sprint Triathlon HLC
19th May	Business Meeting	
26th May	No Meeting	Spring Bank Holiday

Apologies for non-attendance at Club meetings should be made to Alison Braid (Secretary) no later than 11am on the previous Monday .



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President's Message...

The election of our Club Officers for the next Rotary year in March brought with it an awareness that my time as Club President is rapidly coming to an end. I'm not sure if I greet that realisation with sadness, relief or a mixture of both but on reflection I think mainly the former.

In some ways this has been a difficult year for the Club with the sad loss of Rob Hughes and the prospect of other long serving members moving on at the end of the year. This however has been offset by the sense of fellowship at Club and the amount we've achieved so far.

The thanks recently received from both Macmillan Cancer Support and the sponsor of the District 'Pump Aid' challenge highlight the difference the funds provided will make. This will drive us on to ensure our next major fundraiser in aid of the Severn Hospice is equally successful.

At Club this month we debated the future beyond the end of this year and recognised that, as a small group, we need to focus our efforts on achievable goals and look to work together with other like-minded groups when we want to contribute to large scale ventures.

We also reflected on what has been achieved over the last 16 years and agreed to give next year's incoming President, Gill Eatough, our full backing to ensure that our Club can carry on contributing to the local community and to good causes both national and international.

I look forward to handing over the reins at the end of June knowing members have pledged their active support for Gill.

Cameron

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District Quiz Tree of Light



The semi-final round of the District Quiz took place at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury on Wednesday 11th March



with our usual stalwarts turning out. Irfana, Linda, Gill and Alison found the competition more challenging than in earlier rounds coming a very creditable 3rd on the night.

Our Club meeting had been moved from the previous night and a number of supporters turned out to cheer the team on, with all agreeing that the questions were much more difficult than previously encountered and with rounds such as 'On this Day' proving particularly challenging.



In what proved a very tight contest Wolverhampton 'A' eventually emerged as worthy winners, pulling away in the last few rounds to score 150 points. Ludlow finishes 2nd on 137 with Telford Centre 3rd on 136. Wellington, who had been 2nd going into the final found finished 4th with 135.

After the quiz a very nice buffet meal was served before everyone headed for home.

The following night the Tree of Light Presentation evening postponed from 5th February was held at the Buckatree Hall Hotel near Wellington.



Organised by four local Rotary clubs Ironbridge, Telford Centre, Wellington and The Wrekin the Tree of Light provides the opportunity for people to sponsor a light on a Christmas tree set up in Telford Shopping Centre in memory of a loved one and this year set a new record total of **£35,816**.



The money raised was distributed to five local charities with half going to the Severn Hospice who received a cheque for **£17,908** from Tree of Light Committee Chair Paul Booth. Lucy Proctor from the Hospice commented on what an astonishing amount this was to receive particularly given the current economic climate and thanked everyone involved for their efforts in making this possible.

The remaining half of the money was split equally between four other local charities

nominated by each of the participating Rotary Clubs.

These charities are Age Concern (Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin); Macmillan Cancer Support - Shropshire; Home-Start Telford and Wrekin and Telford Community First Responders.

Macmillan Cancer Support - Shropshire was our chosen charity and President Cameron Braid had the pleasure of handing over a cheque for **£4,477** to Sara Thomas, the local Fundraising Manager for Macmillan.



Sara commented that this was a superb donation for Macmillan to receive and would help provide support to the 1500+ people diagnosed with cancer in Shropshire every year.

Macmillan help by providing 28 Health Specialists including Macmillan nurses, doctors and therapists, who are specialists in cancer care. They help manage people's symptoms and aim to make living with cancer easier.

Macmillan also offers financial help. Having

cancer can bring extra costs from hospital parking and travelling expenses through the need for extra heating and even different clothes and Macmillan gave nearly £72,000 in grants to people in Shropshire last year.

The other charities involved also received cheques for £4,477 on the night and all commented on the difference it would make in enabling them to continue to provide much needed services to the local community.

All those at the Rotary Club of Telford Centre table agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile evening. We enjoyed good food and even better company whilst hearing from many people the positive impact Rotary will have of the lives of local people through the ongoing success of the Tree of Light.



Special thanks to Club members Chris Mackrell, Linda Peach and Gordon Howdle for the work they do to help make the Tree of Light the success it is and a reminder that next year our Club will host the Presentation Evening. Let's hope we can make it just as successful as this year's.