

THE ROTARY CLUB of Warsop, Shirebrook and District



Rotary Club news update by: *Steve Garner*



Santas Grotto at Shirebrook.

Meetings Update

The club met at the Hostess Restaurant on Thursday 12 January 2012. The chair was President Andre Camilleri. 28 members attended.

Guest speakers were : Keith Hammond Rotary Club of Derby who spoke on the subject of Rotary eradication of Polio. Bill Gates put in £355 million dollars with Rotary almost reaching their target of \$200 million towards polio eradication. There remain only 4 countries who have not actually eradicated the disease. They are Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria and India. The RC of WS and D have donated £2,275 to the cause so far. Another speaker was Keith Hill who gave a presentation on Shirebrook High Street.

This is a partly funded project to record the history of shops and businesses on the main streets through Shirebrook since the sinking of the mine in the late nineteenth century to the present day. He has sought any information from the public and private organisations on trading information, market, adverts, family backgrounds, products and historical data. He is still trying to source material and has given the club authority to give his telephone number 01623 742715 or email: ipkhill@aol.com for any information to ensure the project is completed on time. The volumes will be placed at Matlock County Offices, and Shirebrook Library. Any donations would enable the project to publish the books in other areas.

Rtn Keith Clayton announced that the annual Band Concert at the Fretwell Centre on 20th April in aid of the British Legion will feature the Band of the RAF Regiment. Tickets will be available nearer the time at the centre or at Claytons of Mansfield on Old Mill Lane Industrial Estate. 01623 666720.

The club met at the John Fretwell Centre for the last meeting of the year on 8th December. President Andre Camille chaired the meeting at which the winning Young Musician of the Year Cup was presented to pupils of Meden School from Warsop. Steve Lunn announced that it was hoped that the final total for the 3 Peaks Walk (Snowden Ben Nevis and Scafell) would reach £1,770 in aid of the Bluebell Hospice.

On Sunday 11th December club members, wives and guests attended Launay's Restaurant at Edwinstowe for the Annual Xmas Dinner. To complete the events for the year, the club hosted Santa in the Santa's Grotto at Shirebrook Xmas Fayre on Saturday 11 December. A record number of children spoke to Santa and the donations raised a total of £263. The annual Xmas Prize Draw attracted 17 organisations and with a total of 203 prizes approximately £4,000 was raised.

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Sportsman's Evening** **2nd March 2012**
To be held at the John Fretwell Centre.
Speakers are Tim Witherspoon, the American who is the former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Also appearing is comedian Lee Schofield.
Tickets £30 each for 3 course meal and coffee.
Tables of 8 can be ordered or purchased individually at the John Fretwell Centre 01623 847468.
- Rotary Annual Band Concert** **20th April 2012**
To be held at the John Fretwell Centre.
Details later in the year.
- Senior Citizens Evening** **15th May 2012**
Further publicity and contact numbers later in the year
- Party at the Farm** **30th June 2012**
To be held at Scarcliffe Lanes Farm.
Details to be finalised.

Thanks for all your continued support throughout the past year.

Rotary Young Musician of the Year



Pictured from left: Meden School Pupils Ebony Moody, Sam Hind and Mitchell Bland.



President John Fretwell (left) and Community Chair Keith Clayton (right) with Award winners.

Rotary Club Annual Christmas Draw



Members of the Rotary Club at the annual Xmas Prize Draw which took place at the John Fretwell Centre on Wednesday 7th December 2011.

17 organisations from the District including Shirebrook, took part and shared some 200 prizes donated by the club.



The 1st meeting of Meden Vale the Future, incorporating Meden Vale Community Association, was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2012. 10 members of the Committee were present, 2 Representatives of the Playscheme and 1 Representative of the Meden Vale Sports Association. One apology was received.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the first combined meeting of Meden Vale the Future and Meden Vale Community Association. The combined committee would in future deal with all matters relevant to Meden Vale and it was hoped that this would be more effective, efficient and less time consuming for committee members.

Fundsport UK, the company that was organising the upgrading of the sports facilities for the village has gone into liquidation. This has unfortunately left the project incomplete. However, a new body called Meden Vale Sports Association has been formed to oversee completion. A new fundraiser has been contacted and an initial meeting held to determine outstanding work and to draw up a 'wish list' of other improvements to the sporting facilities of the village. A further meeting has been arranged for February 6th.

The Chairman advised that the planning application for the re-profiling of the colliery tip has been submitted and it was expected that work would start during February. A generator to provide peak load power is currently being installed in the old colliery power house.

The price for the new front doors of the village hall has increased due to the original supplier going out of business, therefore it was decided to obtain a new quote from another contractor.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts were satisfactory and she advised that a cheque for £380 had been received to replace the damaged tiles in the back room of the village hall.

A letter has been received from Mansfield District Council inviting registration of interested Community groups to host a beacon for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June. It was agreed that Meden Vale would support the application of Warsop to host a beacon. In addition it was agreed to advertise in Warsop News to gauge interest in street parties in Meden Vale to celebrate the event.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. All welcome.

Please contact the Secretary, Kay Walker on 01623 844282 for further information.