



## **Congleton Rotary Huddle Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### **Minutes of Meeting: The Egerton Arms, Astbury**

**President elect:** Ian

**Apologies for absence:** Brian, Rod, Stuart H, David, Eddie Roberts, Eddie Rush, John Knight, Gill, Joan, Janet Smith, John Redfern, Rob & Avril, Penny.

**Thought for the day:** Rachel

**January birthdays:** 7<sup>th</sup> Joanne, 8<sup>th</sup> Rob, 16<sup>th</sup> Stew, 20<sup>th</sup> Rod, 30<sup>th</sup> Penny.

#### **Visits:**

Denis brought greetings from Simla Rotary following his recent trip to India and presented a banner. He also visited the Jaipur Foot Clinic where he saw prosthetic limbs being made

Doug reported on 11 Santa visits in the build up to Christmas. He thanked members for assisting with wrapping the 220 gifts.

He advised that he will need more help from members if he is to continue next year – particularly with collecting/wrapping the presents. He underspent his budget by £150.

Ian had visited Biddulph Rotary's Christmas dinner.

#### **Welfare**

Eddie is out of hospital and hopes to be at the next meeting

Sandra reported that Jean was living at home with 24hr live-in carer

Sandra reported on the plan to attend Lorraine's funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> together with 10 members

#### **New Rotary Charter**

Rod had emailed details of a new Rotary club Charter event "Cheshire West Rotary" on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Lach Denis. Details from Rod

#### **Treasurer's report**

Bob amplified on his treasurer's report emailed prior to the meeting. He is concerned at the General Account not keeping in balance with expenditure and pointed to members not paying for meals cancelled at short notice as being a factor. Ian said that this may need to be enforced more strictly in future.

#### **New member forum**

District Training Day January 27<sup>th</sup>. Rod asked all new members to support this event.

It was agreed to hold a 'local' new members' evening to input fresh ideas. Stew to arrange

#### **Project Leaders**

Eric recommended all to visit the 'Young Photographer' exhibition before the library closes on Friday evening and the display being taken down.

He asked members to support a 'Youth Speaks' practice in front of a live audience at CHS. Meet at 1.45 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rod had asked all members for ideas for a theme for 'Young Artist'.

Jo commented on how important 'Tree of Light' was for many local people. The profit from this year expected to be £227.

Sandra reported on 'Swimathon' progress with some availability on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. There is some concern that the PA system does not work in the cafe area.

Environment: Simon outlined the Remembrance tree project, The community garden stall, the 'Heart Garden' and Wildlife Friendly Garden. The Pledge will continue to be promoted.

Doug asked members to note dates and emphasised to need to support his Rotary events  
Big Band Jazz on June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Last Night at the Proms on September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Next meeting:** Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Old Sawmills. Ian is to inform menu choices.

**Raffle:**

...Was won by Janet H

Closing toasts

President Elect Ian

Minutes secretary

John Gauld

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