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Rotary  
Congleton



# NEWS *Letter*



## TEAMWORK!

THE ROTARY-CONGLETON 2023/4 TEAM GETS SET FOR ANOTHER BUSY YEAR WITH A NEW PRESIDENT!

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### FINAL TASK AS KEV BOWS OUT!



At our annual handover meeting on Monday, July 3rd, retiring president, Kevin Thompson (right) is obviously reluctant to hand over his chain of office to incoming president, Brian Hogan!

Brian promises a full year for the club, building on the many successes of the previous year. (Full story in Hogan's View)

# President's Patter



Kevin ends his term as Club President leaving a healthy, vibrant and growing club. During the past 12 months Kevin has emphasized the importance of team work and having fun, and I intend to continue with those two excellent themes throughout the year.

The start of a new Rotary year though comes with a full diary of events.

On Wednesday 28th June, Rod and Janet went to the Young Chef Final at Newton le Willows.

Two budding chefs from Congleton High School reached the Rotary District final, Ella Mason and Amelia Banks. In total there were nine finalists from the north-west who travelled to The Hope Academy in Newton-Le-Willows near Warrington to cook two three course dinners, one for the judges to taste and mark and the other for supporters to test.

Amelia's starter was "Oeufs Cocottes", eggs baked in lightly seasoned crème fraiche topped with rich melted cheese and chives. The excellent main course was "Sea Bass" pan fried and served on a bed of pea risotto. The melt in your mouth dessert was a wonderful "Hot Chocolate Fondant," served with mint and blueberries.

Ella made a "Spicy Chorizo," a tomato and chilli bruschetta garnished with basil. For a main course Ella produced "Rosemary Pork" served on a bed of celeriac mash, purple head broccoli with pea shoots, apple slaw and redcurrant jus. To finish a superb "Fruit Tart" with handmade crème patisserie topped with fresh fruit was served.

Both young ladies excelled under tremendous pressure and are a credit to Congleton High School and their teacher Cathy Thorpe. Andrew Bourne, owner and master chef of the Alexandra Court Hotel spent a lot of

time with the girl's giving advice, tips and demonstrating various ways of cooking.

Unfortunately, neither Amelia nor Ella came in the top three but as the judges from the Marriot hotel group, all master chefs said, "the standard really is the highest we have ever judged in this competition."

Monday 3rd July was our handover meeting, during which Rod arranged a BBQ and Kevin provided the music at the Golf Club.

The first week in July was also dominated by presentations being given to the winners of 14 schools in Congleton and the surrounding area, who entered the Young Artist Competition.

One of our most enjoyable events is the 'Glastonbury' BBQ at Astbury. In the past this has proved to be a popular venue, with great entertainment, food, drink and the good company of fellow Rotarians. So far we have 27 attending this great event. (Report in the next Newsletter!)

## Brian



Have you seen the review of our 75th Anniversary? The 5-minute video is on Facebook and also on the clubs website. It's an amazing look-back at the achievements of our energetic and enthusiastic band of members.

# Swift Action Needed



The population of swifts is now so low as to rank the bird among Britain's endangered species.

Rotary-Congleton's environmental team is getting to grips with the problem by undertaking a survey of swifts in the area. The beautiful brown birds with their deeply forked tails and swept-back wings used to be a common sight. Sadly, that is no longer the case.

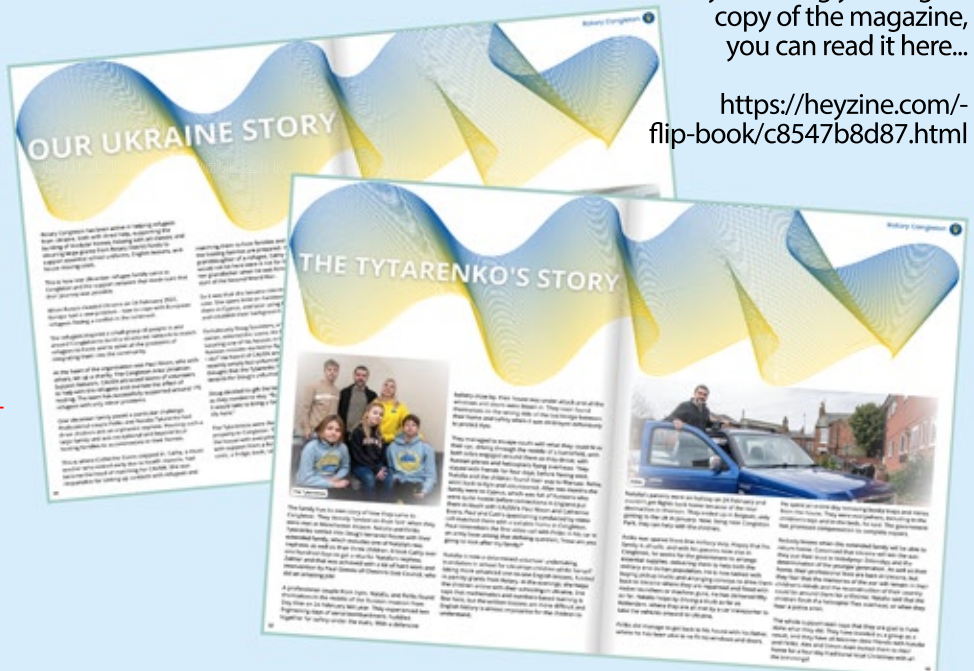
Our own wildlife expert, Simon Fallis, demonstrates what a nesting box for swifts looks like and how it should fit under the eaves of a second-storey building. Adding boxes like the one in the picture will encourage the birds to nest in the springtime.

Adam Linnet, from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, is training Rotarians to undertake the survey against growing concerns of dwindling numbers of swifts coupled with fears about the loss of habitats and the decline in the insects that they feed on.

# Our Insight...

Our District magazine, Rotary Insight, features our Ukrainian efforts with a 4 -page feature!!! If you are not already receiving your digital copy of the magazine, you can read it here...

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/c8547b8d87.html>



# Hogan's View

## Incoming president Brian Hogan wants Congleton people to understand Rotary



Rotary-Congleton has made extraordinary strides, moving forward and growing its membership in difficult times. Its new President, Brian Hogan, wants to capitalise on its success and move the club onwards by increasing understanding of what Rotary does, both in the community and worldwide.

Brian Hogan says, 'People join Rotary because they see the work of the club in and around Congleton. The success of the entire organisation depends on these people. Local people, giving some of their time and energy back to support the local community is at the heart of the daily life of the club. But Rotary is also a complex organisation embracing 1.2 million members in 200 countries worldwide (and a further 200,000 in Rotaract). The individual members and clubs support Rotary's worldwide charitable activities and global campaigns!

Brian Hogan is a returning president, having served in the post some years ago. He sees his new term which lasts just one year and started on July 1st, as building on the firm foundations and more relaxed atmosphere, created by his predecessor, Kevin Thompson.

"Kevin swept away many of the old-fashioned traditions of the club. As a multi-cultural non-religious organisation, he abolished the traditions of saying grace, regalia wearing and formality, renaming business meetings as 'huddles' to enhance the idea of teamwork," he said.

'Through our PR campaign in social media, on local radio and in our remarkable local newspaper, people are beginning to see our name associated with many of the things that happen in Congleton. However, many of these same people see us as a secret or an exclusive organisation. Far from it. Although we started over 100 years ago as a business club in America, and that was certainly true 75 years ago when we opened a club in Congleton, there are no secrets in the modern Rotary. We still retain our businesslike approach but our membership now reflects every walk of life and a wide diversity of experience. We have dieticians and surgeons, farmers and policemen, sales people, marketing people, builders, technicians, teachers, vets and IT workers. So, we can turn our hands to most things.

'Our objective is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship with business, professional, civic and community leaders,' he continued. 'Whilst that sounds very grand, it is a set of values that runs through the entire organisation. Here in Congleton that means exposing our core values to businesses, offering teamwork, networking and leadership strengths, together with the honesty and integrity – that form the heart of every successful business. For civic and community leaders our hands on ability to support them with their own events is important. And our contribution to the community continues through our own programme, which includes running the successful Swimathon and Bonfire in the Park, to smaller events such as the Pig Race, Jazz Concert and Last Night at the Proms, Christmas Concert and Tree of Life. Our money supports local schools and nursery groups, such as Congleton Youth Orchestra and the elderly in the Less Able Club as well as many individuals and smaller town charities.'

'Our newly formed environmental team embraces this important and emerging topic in schools and the many like-minded organisations around town. 'The Pledge' is our

leading campaign to make Congleton the most environmentally aware town in the country.

When we plant purple crocus bulbs in town, we link locally to an amazing international campaign started by Rotary to inoculate every child under 5 in every country against polio. Over the years, Rotarians in Congleton have played their part in helping raise \$2.5bn dollars. Recently our international campaign has been joined by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and is administered by Unicef. The only remaining pockets of polio are in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. We are now down to single cases, but our vigilance cannot cease as even a single case is still capable of spreading the disease worldwide.

'Congleton Rotarians were also quick to see the invasion of Ukraine and take action. Rotary's disaster fund gave cash to Ukrainian refugees, delivered through our member clubs in Poland and Romania. We held an appeal locally and sent money to our sister club in Kyiv to help build modular homes to provide temporary accommodation to the homeless. And we secured grants to support the 185 Ukrainian refugees in Congleton. We helped, not just with food, school uniforms, clothes and furnishings, but importantly, with English lessons so that schoolchildren and workers can function and become self-supporting in our society.

'So, Rotary in Congleton is typical of many Rotary clubs in local towns, but in many ways we are also leaders in creating a more involved, relaxed and accessible club with enthusiastic members supporting wholeheartedly everything we do.

Brian continued, "As I said, joining Rotary is a way to serve the community – from there new members become part of the world's largest service organisation.

The ambitious can be encouraged to progress within the organisation to national and international activities. Globally, Rotary talks to governments; promotes peace, provides clean water, fights polio, encourages start-up businesses in third world countries, and helps with disaster relief, provides low-cost cataract-operations and prosthetic limbs."

"In Congleton we have a team of people motivated to give something back, to help our town and our schools and townsfolk. We do good and we have fun doing it.

# Schools embrace environmental issues

## MARLFIELD'S STARS

Marfields Primary Academy Eco Team received a Young Citizens framed certificate, but narrowly missed being in the 40 finalists to win a major national award. The school's Eco Team encompasses 15 children from reception to year 6 and is responsible for work in the school's garden, planting, learning about and looking after a wide range of plants including fruit and vegetables.

Eric Westwood runs the Rotary-Congleton Youth Programme. He turned up at the school recently to present the certificate to team leader Mrs Morgan together with a voucher to spend on seeds and accessories. The fifteen members of the eco team also received a Rotary 'Stars of the Future' medal and a supply of chocolate and drinks to sustain them while they work in the school's allotment.



*Above: The members of Marfields Eco Team display their 'Stars of the Future' medals, their certificate and their awards. (Two members of the team were absent from the ceremony).*

## WINGLE'S PASSION

Windle Primary's eco committee is passionate about the environment. Among its projects was a 'Dennis the Dustcart' made only from recycled materials. They make and manage their own compost. In addition, they involve the wider school in litter-picks and have established their own terra recycling scheme, identifying and disposing of items appropriately.



*Left: Eric Westwood presented the certificate to Mrs Morgan and Esme, the pupil's representative.*

## ASTBURY'S ENTHUSIASM

Astbury St Mary's nominated 3 pupils for awards. Two pupils are responsible for sorting and emptying recycling bins around the school. Another pupil demonstrated goodwill and thoughtfulness outside school hours on finding a young child who was lost and safely returned to a very anxious mum.



*Gill Pickford presented a certificate to St Mary's Catholic Primary School's Eco Council*

## ST MARY'S COMMITMENT

St Marys Catholic Primary School, nominated their Eco Council for a "Stars of the Future award.

The council is involved in a number of projects including investigating birds – giving rise to a school-wide art competition. They set up a 'forest school' to learn about trees. In addition, they have raised money for local charities and donated to local food banks. Their air-pollution reduction scheme encourages pupils to walk or scoot to school instead of using cars

## ... Yet More Young Stars

### BUGLAWTON'S EFFORTS

A "Star of the Future" award is given to an individual or a team, that demonstrates that they care about environmental issues and have made positive changes in creating a greener and more eco-friendly school. The children are nominated by their school in recognition of their efforts in improving aspects of the environment around them.

The latest awards were presented to Buglawton Primary School recently. Three pupils from Year 3 Toby Sudnik, Ryan Lawton and Noah Bell received their certificates and medals from Rtn. Gill Pickford for their commitment in planting seeds, bulbs, plants and trees both in school and in Congleton Park. They also assisted in designing the school's new garden area.

A fourth pupil, Ava Aitkin received her award for an almost daily litter-pick, ensuring that the school's playground and playing fields were kept tidy.



*Above: The pupils in their garden and right, Gill Pickford presents the individual certificates.*

## Kings and Queens turned up in hordes!



Judging the Rotary Young Artist competition proved to be a gargantuan task! Organiser, Rod Goodier was delighted with the response as entries were received from 455 pupils from 16 of the town's local schools.

The competition was sponsored by local company, Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows. The theme was 'Kings and Queens,' Each entrant received a certificate and their paintings and drawings were returned to them. The schools were judged separately and the First, Second and Third places each received a prize.



*The Judges with just a few of the 455 entries in the competition.*

**Next. The Winners from each school...**

# Kings and Queens - All the winning artists



Hattie Wincle



Masie Black Firs



Tananda Daven



Jessica Eaton Bank



Thea Mossley



Sara Buglawton



Frankie Woodcocks well



Anouk Smallwood



Georgina Havannah



Brayden Swartz Astbury



Danuta St Marys RC



Alexcia Marton



Rose Marlfields

...And the overall winner of the Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows trophy is...

# The Overall Winning Picture

The overall winner, Victoria, is a pupil at The Quinta Primary School. Victoria received a framed painting and her prize of art materials from John Stewart, CEO of the sponsors, Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows.

In addition to her prize, Victoria, won the Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows Trophy for her school.

*Below right, John Stewart, CEO of Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows presented the trophy to head, Mr W Sharpe. Rotary competition organiser, Rod Goodier, Mr Sharpe with the trophy, and John Stewart feature in our photo with Victoria and her picture.*



## Meanwhile Eaton Bank's senior school artists put their creativity on show...

Eaton Bank Academy's young artists went to town with their entries in the Rotary-Congleton Young Artist competition. With the theme 'Kings and Queens', they let their creative imagination loose. Between them, they came up with some outstanding work including a 'Queen Bee, a Doggy King and Queen, a Space Queen, Modern Playing Cards, King Koi Carp, an Egyptian Queen, The King of Kings, a Rose, the Queen of Flowers and of course, the winner chosen from the EBA school entries: 'Marilyn', the Queen of the Movie Stars.



*Right: The Eaton Bank entries demonstrate the capabilities of senior school artists.*

# KALEIDOSCOPE - AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Phil Shotton and his 17 piece Kaleidoscope Big Band entertained a full house at the New Life Church on Saturday 17th June.

A sell-out audience brought their own refreshments and enjoyed the music from the Kaleidoscope Big Band – who entertained with jazz classics drawn from the last century. Vocalist Marilyn Royle gave a spirited performance and also en-

leader of the band, Phil Shotton. Phil, also played a number of clarinet solos. His talented band featured every instrument throughout the concert, to the delight of an appreciative audience.

Fortunately, the heatwave had relented a little by Saturday evening and the inside of the hall was pleasantly cool. But with all the windows open, passers-by on West Road would undoubtedly have enjoyed the music.

The raffle raised £234, boosting the overall takings to just over £1,000



Kev introduced the show, Phil Shotton led the band and also played the clarinet and Marilyn Royle belted out the hits!

## Sign up on-line as 'The Pledge' gets off to a flying start

The environment is an increasingly popular topic as an increasing number of people start to take actions to cut down on the use of petrochemicals and other harmful substances.

The list of people signing 'The Pledge' has grown to over 300 just days after it was launched.

And now the campaign gets an additional boost as Congletonians can read all about the campaign and sign up on-line. Rotarian Simon Fallis, who is leading the initiative, wants to make Congleton the most environmentally aware town in the country.

Local people can sign up to join on-line on our website at [www.congletonrotary.co.uk](http://www.congletonrotary.co.uk)

'The Pledge' invites local people to consider 10 basic actions which, if taken, will each make an impact on the environment.

People who sign promise to...

- 1, Avoid single use plastics
- 2, Eat more plant based food
- 3, Buy local produce
- 4, Walk and cycle more
- 5, Use less water
- 6, Save electricity
- 7, Re-use, repair and recycle
- 8, Avoid over packaged goods
- 9, Support wildlife
- 10, Avoid using harmful chemicals

Each small step will start to make a difference if as many local people as possible join in the campaign, said Simon Fallis. He expects to start to send our regular hints and tips on further actions that will cost little or nothing to implement, but will start to make a difference.



The blue and green graphics.

The Pledge' could catch on with other clubs in our district adopting the idea.





## Classic Car show looms!

July 23rd is the day. Everybody is welcome to this great free day out at the Egerton Arms, Astbury. Classic cars will be arriving from shortly after 8am and the public can enjoy a free day out with the gates opening at 10. Rotarians together with their partners and friends will be out in force, making sure that the day runs smoothly. Proceeds from the day will be donated to The Old Saw Mill to support their invaluable work in the community.



## Britannia Rules again!

16th September is another great Rotary Night-out! The annual 'Last Night at the Proms' has Congleton folk singing to the all-time favourites and waving their Union flags in the air. As usual, the audience is seated at tables and brings their own food and drink. All the fun of the Proms and in Congleton as well! Rode Hall Silver Band and soprano Sarah Francis make a welcome come-back. Don't miss out as the event is usually a complete sell-out. Tickets from Congleton Information Centre

## ADG at the AGM

Rotary's assistant District Governor, John Shepley attended Rotary-Congleton's Annual General Meeting earlier in June.

President, Kevin Thompson, in one of the final acts of his year, reviewed the club's full programme of activities and invited individual team leaders to present their reports. John Shepley congratulated the club on its success as one of the foremost and most active clubs in his northwest district.

During the year, the club has recruited 11 new members demonstrating that, where many social service organisations are struggling for new members, a highly visible programme of teamwork and enthusiasm is proving a draw.



## Iron Lung at Smallwood

Rotary-Congleton members draw attention to the iron lung on display at the Smallwood rally over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. They took their turn in a rota of local Rotary clubs manning the display over the weekend.

The horrendous iron lung contraption kept victims of poliomyelitis alive by assisting them to breathe. Polio was rife throughout the world in the 50's and 60's before vaccines became available. Thousands of people who recovered from the disease were left with lifelong crippling disabilities.

In the early 1980's Rotary formulated and led an ambitious plan to vaccinate every child under 5 throughout the world. Rotary has raised \$2.5bn since then. Latterly the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has matched every Rotary dollar 2:1. The campaign is now supported and administered by UNICEF and many governments. As a result of its campaign, Rotary can proudly say that only small pockets of polio remain, mainly in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

However, the fight is not over, and the world cannot afford to drop its guard. This year traces of Polio were discovered in sewage in both London and New York. Air travel is an easy spreader. It remains vital to immunise all children under 5.

The iron lung at Smallwood serves as a reminder to everyone of the dreadful history of a pandemic that could still return if we lose our vigilance and walk away. The need to raise money is ongoing



Rotary-Congleton treasurer, Robert Mallett reported that the club had donated £45,615 to good causes during the club's last financial year. Money was raised from the successful Rotary Bonfire and Fireworks, Christmas Concert and Tree of Life as well as the Swimathon and events including The Last Night at the Proms and Big Band Jazz and other activities such as the fun night of Pig Racing (with wooden pigs for the concerned) organised throughout the year. The club had also been successful in obtaining grants from Rotary's disaster fund to assist the Ukrainian refugees in the Congleton area.

**Angela (Maggi) Walker JP. PHF  
19/5/2023. – A personal tribute.**

Maggi Walker was one of the reasons I joined Rotary. Her enthusiasm for Rotary was infectious, and her energy and can-do attitude held no bounds. If Maggi set her mind to something, you could rest assured that it would get done.

As well as being one of Rotary Congleton's longest serving secretaries, she also served as the club's President.

One of Maggi's most enduring strengths was her compassion and ability to care for others. One of her proudest moments was when she went on a trip to India to join the Rotary immunisation team in the Rotary-led fight to eradicate Polio. As with all parts of her Rotary life, she embraced the trip and made such a huge difference to countless children's lives.

A key phrase Rotarians attempt to live their lives by is "service above self", Maggi not only attempted this but showed the way to us all.

I am so grateful to have known Maggi and will miss her very much.

**Kevin Thompson**

President, Rotary-Congleton 2022 - 2023.

***For many years Maggi was the beating heart of Congleton Rotary and was involved in all aspects of the club. In her role as secretary she was the font of all knowledge and many of us turned to her for advice about Rotary matters and protocols.***

***She will be greatly missed***

**Brian Hogan**

President, Rotary-Congleton 2023 - 2024

I joined Rotary back in 2012, some 11 years ago and Maggi wasted no time in introducing herself to me as the club's secretary. Back in those days new members were very much left to their own devices to find out how Rotary worked. A few months after joining, Maggi told me that member Philip Berry was moving with his job to pastures new, he was a vicar! It appears Philip was the Vocational Lead for the club, Maggi told me she'd heard I was a Congleton youth leader of many years standing. Without waiting for me to comment she told me I'd got the job! I had no idea what a Vocational Rotarian was, but Maggi explained it to me in great detail. Nothing like diving in at the deep end she said and she was quite right, so I got stuck in and immediately changed the title from Vocational to Youth Activities.



**Maggi  
Walker JP PHF**  
***Maggi Walker joined Congleton Dane Rotary Club in 2003 and moved to Rotary-Congleton in 2010. She was President in the year 2015/16 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary's highest honour. She left Rotary in 2021 and moved to Hampshire. She stayed in contact until the last days of her life.***

Maggi was the font of all knowledge as far as Rotary was concerned, whatever activity was taking place you could rely on Maggi being there supporting and helping out. Over the years we got to know each other well - you accepted Maggi for what she was, a respected, helpful, strong willed individual who did not suffer fools gladly! Whenever Congleton Rotary was at a district or local function such as the annual conference or in the town hall, numerous Rotarians and individuals would ask - where is Maggi? She knew everyone and everyone knew Maggi. A lovely lady who was taken far too soon, she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

**Rod Goodier**  
Secretary

*I first met Maggi and Lorraine on the run up to Christmas 2019 when I was meeting a friend for coffee and cake in M&S café. Maggi and Lorraine were happily ensconced on a table staring at Maggi's phone (I later discovered that Maggi, with Lorraine's support was joining online dating, where she was later to meet Paul). The girls offered to share their table and they talked passionately about Rotary and its work locally and internationally. I had recently retired from work and the work they were doing struck a chord with me.*

*Maggi gave me her details and encouraged me to attend the January meeting to see what I thought. Maggi and Lorraine met me and guided me through the introductions. That evening was also Rachel's first night and we all got along famously. We met for coffees and chats but soon went into lockdown, where such things became a distant memory. However, Maggi took up cycling and we would see her and chat as she cycled through the village, and we set up a WhatsApp group to keep in touch remotely. As restrictions eased, we went for walks and had Prosecco and cake at a well spaced out distance at the end of our drive. During this period, Maggi met Paul and decided to move to Somerset, and Lorraine decided to move to Taplow to be near her family. Their moves were a loss to Rachel and me, not to mention the club, but we kept in touch, soon organising a weekend in London when restrictions eased, where Maggi showed us around her old haunts from when she'd nursed down there.*

*I haven't known Maggi long, but her knowledge, experience, advice and guidance were legendary. She knew her own mind and was happy to share it with you. She is a huge loss to everyone who knew her.*

**Sandra Conway**

***I have known Maggi for about 40 years. Our paths first crossed when we were members of the 'Melody Makers' and latterly 'Congleton Entertainers'. We performed choreographed routines in colourful costumes (mostly for the elderly) which they loved and usually joined in the singing. Maggi fitted in perfectly with the group and although she had not performed before she embraced what we did, learnt all the routines and really enjoyed herself.***

***Over the years we have met on several occasions, but most recently through Rotary***

***It was great to be a part of Rotary and to have Maggi there. She really was a stalwart of the Club. She supported almost everything on offer and in her position of Secretary she was right at the beating heart of the Club. I don't think there was anything in the rule book or on the agenda that Maggi didn't know.***

***We were really happy that she had found happiness with Paul, but we're sad when she moved away. Maggi being Maggi never missed an opportunity to support the club and regularly travelled back to Congleton to attend special functions.***

***She was a very special and dedicated lady who will be so sadly missed by all who knew her.***

**Cath Brown**



***to be hardworking, enthusiastic and efficient. She had a wicked sense of humour and always gave 100% of herself to any projects she took part in. She will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Maggi.***

**Doug Parker**

Maggi did more to guide me in the do's and the definitely do not's of Rotary than anyone when I joined. Her influence, guidance and her dedication to Rotary, along with her fun-loving personality remains with me to this day.

**John Gauld**

*My short period of knowing Maggi was that she was a very well respected member of Rotary and in the town of Congleton. Her work for all was recognised, and in my short time she was very helpful always and had a smile.*

**Eddie Roberts**

Although I knew of Maggi before, I really got to know her when she joined my Line Dance Class, about 25 years ago. We became a group of four at the line dance and had some fantastic times together.

Once a month, after we had all been to 'Slimmers World', we went for a Chinese Banquet, followed by banana fritters to celebrate our efforts!!

Our favourite dance was 'Raining Men' and we danced this at Maggi's 70th Birthday Party at the cricket club. We were intending to go on a Line Dancing holiday in Benidorm, but for one reason or another, never made it.

We were all members of the 'Can't Sing Choir' and again great times and memories. We sang at the Royal Albert Hall for the late Queen's Jubilee Concert. What a weekend that was.

I last saw Maggi at the New Life Church last year. She and Paul were so full of plans for the property they had bought together. This is what saddens me the most, that Maggi has not been able to fulfil this dream and gone on to have the happiness she deserved..

In my last text to Maggi I said about our dancing and singing days together. The reply came quickly back. 'Happy, happy days'.

Thank you Maggi for the fun and friendship we shared, I will always remember you with love.

**Janet**

*Maggi was Rotary-Congleton and she kept me on the 'straight and narrow' when I was president.*

*Our thoughts are with Paul and Maggi's family*

**Stew Price**

***Hilary and I are deeply saddened to hear of Maggi's passing. We have known her for many years in The Entertainers, Operatic Societies as well as Rotary and always found her***



*This picture was taken when Sandra and Rachel went to visit Maggi and Loraine and enjoyed a day out together in London*

# Diary Page

There's still a lot going on!

We're giving them money from Swimathon. And now, in return, the Northwest Air Ambulance is going to tell us about this amazing charity and how it works to save lives.

It'll soon be here. All hands to the pump to support this event at the Egerton Arms in Astbury as around 75 classic cars from the last century turn up to help us support The Old Saw Mill

A night out bowling followed by supper at The Railway Inn. What could possibly be a better way to spend a summer's evening?

And did those feet in ancient times enjoy a walk to the New Life Church to take part in our own impressario, Doug Parker's Last Night at the Proms? Don't miss it - a great night out.

Fri <b>7</b> Jul '23	18:00 PM to 23:00 PM	<b>ASTONBURY</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Glebe Farm - Beer festival with live music
Sat <b>8</b> Jul '23	18:00 PM to 23:00 PM	<b>ASTONBURY</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Glebe Farm - Club BBQ/Picnic with live bands.
Mon <b>17</b> Jul '23	18:00 PM to 21:00 PM	<b>Speaker Night</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		North West Air Ambulance
Fri <b>21</b> Jul '23	14:00 PM to 23:00 PM	<b>Gawsorth</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Picnic followed by "The Wild Boys"
Sun <b>23</b> Jul '23	10:00 AM to 18:00 PM	<b>Classic Car Show</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Egerton Arms Astbury
Sat <b>5</b> Aug '23	14:00 PM to 23:00 PM	<b>Gawsorth</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Picnic followed by "A Night at the Musicals"
Mon <b>7</b> Aug '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Huddle or business meeting</b>
Mon <b>21</b> Aug '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Social Night</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Bowling Night followed by a meal at the Railway Inn
Mon <b>4</b> Sep '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Huddle/business meeting</b>
Sat <b>16</b> Sep '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Last Night of the Proms</b>
Mon <b>18</b> Sep '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Speaker Night</b>
<b>Footnote:</b>		Gillian Jones - Friends for Leisure.
Mon <b>2</b> Oct '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>Bonfire Planning Night</b>
Mon <b>16</b> Oct '23	19:00 PM to 22:00 PM	<b>TBD</b>

GOOD DECISIONS DON'T JUST HAPPEN! ASK YOURSELF THESE 4 QUESTIONS.



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?

...of what we think, say or do!