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2008/09

**THE ROTARY CLUB  
Of  
BURNTWOOD and DISTRICT**

Club Assembly

11<sup>th</sup> June 2008

President Elect  
Paul smith

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DISTRICT 1210

ZONE 7

No.1643

**ROTARY YEAR 2008 – 2009**

**CLUB ASSEMBLY**  
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Firstly I would like to congratulate John Freeman for an excellent year under his leadership in 2007-2008, it is an example that I would like to follow for my year if that's at all possible.

My view or vision for the next 12 months can be summed up in just 3 words

“KEEP IT SIMPLE”

Many times I have seen people (and I have done it myself) make things unnecessarily complicated, we don't need to go into great lengths debating every last little detail of every project, lets just get on with it!

Without these time consuming complications we would have more time to spend on other projects and more time for fellowship. This club has always enjoyed excellent fellowship and in order to continue with this tradition and in fact try to improve it if possible, I have reduced the number of business nights and increased the amount of fellowship nights

The key is organization!!

A function organized well in advance has in my opinion a greater chance of success and normally takes less time to plan.

We will be able to use this extra Rotary time to enjoy ourselves and make the club a more interesting and appealing place to be, and when you combine this with our new Associate Membership ideas I am optimistic of gaining new members this year.

On the fundraising side I think that you will be able to see from my year planner and the Chairman's reports that we have already got quite a number of fundraising activities underway for this new Rotary year, and my aim is that we will be able to raise at least £1,000 per active member by this time next year.

But raising funds is only half the story, it's no good working hard to raise funds if we don't channel it in the right directions, nothing will go to waist.

With projects like building a new block for a school in Zambia and support for the all important polio plus initiative being two of the many to benefit from our work.

My chosen charity for this year is RNLI whose brave volunteers go out in simply unbelievably dangerous seas and risk their own lives every day to save others. They need and deserve the very best equipment to help them with their tasks, so for this year 15% of all monies raised will be donated to the RNLI.

It has taken me 16 years to become President of this club and I intend to enjoy every minute of it, and with the tremendous characters and friends within this club I know I will.

I hope you all do too.

Paul Smith  
President elect  
The Rotary club  
Of Burntwood

**Community Vocational and International Services**

**Members IB, PC, VK, JE, HL**

**The aims of the year:**

1. **Ensure continuation of ongoing projects**
2. **To leave sufficient gaps to assist other local clubs on their projects and encourage them to reciprocate**
3. **To put in place one substantial worthwhile international project**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EVENT/VENUE</b>
July	National Arboretum – a visit to the above to unveil plaque on rotary ridge  Annual Old folks coach holiday to Blackpool to be coordinated and 2009 one to organise
August	26/8 'V' Festival. An offer of assistance to be made to Brewood RC in their post V festival clear up
September	A vocational visit to Seedy Mill water treatment works. A delegation will be attending annual Eurotary 87 event being held this year in Germany
October	8/10 - Education Night. An invite will again be made to local schools to join us and understand more about rotary and the help it can offer and the help the youngsters can offer Rotary
December	Xmas Party with Murder Mystery theme (planned date 20 <sup>th</sup> )
January	Continued programme of filling Aqua boxes or Survival Boxes
February	VK will be organising a fellowship weekend coach break following the success of previous tours to Plymouth and Swindon
April	International Project: Following previous presentation to the club, April has been set as the deadline for collation of information and funds to fund the building of a block in a School in Zambia. To investigate matching grants and encourage other local clubs to join us in this project. Especially given the enthusiasm and willingness of the locals to get involved. Coordinator JE

June	Fellowship night - Mini Ryder Cup where members of our own and invited clubs will be drawn into pairs to play "pitch and put" in a Ryder cup style retiring immediately to a local hostelry. If the event is a success and Burntwood look good at it – we will be putting to district as a suggestion as an addition to the rotary sporting calendar
Ongoing	Literacy – to continue development of the Literacy for schools project and develop further the idea of rotary book lending scheme (This did have a zappy name but I couldn't remember it at the time of writing)
Presidents charity	To investigate the possibility of setting up a new RNLI facility locally on the Wyrley Essington canal!!

## Burntwood Rotary Club Fund Raising Activities Committee – Forward Plan for 2008/9

The Committee's responsibilities and membership are as follows:

The Fund Raising Activities Committee is to identify and evaluate all available means of raising funds for the Club's charity account and then to take forward a 2-year programme of well-publicised and well-organised events that offer the most balanced and effective utilisation of the Club's available resources. The Forward Planning should cover both the current and the subsequent Presidential years and should include consulting the incoming President well in advance of the start of his year.

Chairman: Paul Ralph.

Members: Clive Cain, Roy Whittaker, Richard Poynton, Denis Robins and David Henn, with Honorary Members Peter Barke (District Governor) and John Spalding when at Club.

At the forward planning meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008, the Committee set the following programme of fund raising activities:

- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008 – Barbeque at Hammerwich Cricket Club.** This will be an evening event with a bar and some form of entertainment. David Henn advised that he had two 9m by 3m gazebos that he could make available in case of inclement weather.
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Skittle Alley at Cannock Wood Country Fayre.** This event will be staged using a mobile Skittle Alley loaned by David Henn. The main prize would be awarded to the highest score of the day.
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – Frog Race at Hammerwich Cricket Club.** This would be a joint venture with Hammerwich Cricket Club. The Cricket Club would run the bar and charge £25 for the heating. They would also make the kitchen available to enable the Rotary Club to provide a Baked Potato supper.
- **March 2009 (date to be arranged) – Variety Show at Drayton Manor.** Considerable difficulties are being encountered in trying to locate a suitable venue so close to the planned date for the event, it may well be that planning for such major events needs to start well over twelve months in advance.
- **20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – Barn Dance in conjunction with Hammerwich Cricket Club.** The Committee will liaise with Hammerwich Cricket Club to plan this joint event.

In addition, the following fund raising activities will continue as usual:

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008 – Cars in the Park.** The Club's role this year will be to collect entrance fees from all those attending the show at the three pedestrian entrances. The share of the proceeds for undertaking this role has not been defined as this is the first year that an entrance fee has been levied and it is therefore not possible to forecast the impact on revenues. However, the Club has been assured that it will receive a fair share of the income generated by the show (last year's share was £891, despite heavy rain badly depleting attendance, and the previous year's share had been £2,500).
- **Tree of Light – Opening Ceremony Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008:** As is usual, the Tree of Light will be erected on Swan Island and the people of Burntwood will have the opportunity to make donations in memory of their loved ones. As last year's Tree of Light raised £660 for the Club's charity account, it is anticipated that this year's Tree of Light will raise a similar amount.
- **Santa's Float Street Collections – December 2008:** The float will endeavour to match, or exceed, last year's record of £5,340.

Paul Ralph, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for 2008/9.

## Membership Committee

Members: Barry Johnson, John Freeman, Chris Starkey  
Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### Prelims

- Following a successful year in which David Henn was made a new member, the committee will be recommending the induction of Bill Hassell, past Chairman of Burntwood Town Council.

### Events

- The Rotary Marquee will be erected at Cannock Wood Village Fete with a view to promoting Rotary Membership. Facilities will be made for the display of our Charity funded projects and a skittle alley and Balloon Race will be provided to obtain funds to support Rotary Foundation.
- A Rotary open evening has been arranged for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at The Park Gate (conservatory) offering a free buffet and information displays, with members available to distribute "What is Rotary?" information cards with contact details. Interested parties will be invited to future Club nights.
- The Christmas Float will also be used as an opportunity to distribute "What is Rotary?" cards to people that the Members feel might be interested, followed by a further "open evening" for potential new members.

### Conclusion

- Identification of local potential member groups/professions etc will be investigated and approached to attend the "open evenings". Friends and acquaintances will also be invited, together with articles in the local press to promote the evenings.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	Tu.	F.	M.	W. Committee Meeting	Sa.	M.
2	W. Change over Night	Sa.	Tu	Th	Su	Tu
3	Th	Su	W.No meeting (Aug Bank Hols)	F	M	W. Fellowship & Float
4	F	M	Th	Sa	Tu	Th
5	Sa.Cars in the Park	Tu	F	Su	W. Committee Meeting	F
6	Su Cars in the Park	W. John Barker D.G.	Sa	M	Th	Sa
7	M	Th	Su	Tu	F	Su
8	Tu.	F.	M.	W. Education Night	Sa.	M.
9	W. Committee Meeting	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu
10	Th. Blackpool Start date	Su	W. Committee Meeting	F	M	W. Fellowship & Float
11	F	M	Th	Sa	Tu	Th
12	Sa	Tu	F	Su	W. Fellowship	F
13	Su	W. Committee Meeting	Sa.CannockWood Fair Skittle/Balloon	M	Th	Sa
14	M	Th	Su	Tu	F	Su
15	Tu.	F.	M.Zone 7 Meeting	W. Business Meeting	Sa.Frog Race Ham'wich c.c.	M.
16	W. Business Meeting	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu
17	Th. Blackpool Return date	Su	W. Open Night	F	M.Zone 7 Meeting	W. Fellowship & Float
18	F	M' V Festival Tent Collection	Th	Sa	Tu	Th
19	Sa	Tu 'V' Festival Tent Collection	F. Eurotary Hannover	Su	W. Business Meeting	F
20	Su	W. Business Meeting	Sa. Eurotary Hannover	M	Th	Sa. Christmas Party
21	M	Th	Su. Eurotary Hannover	Tu	F	Su
22	Tu.	F.	M.	W. Fellowship	Sa.	M.
23	W. Memorial Arboretum	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu
24	Th	Su	W. Mandy Rollins Young Carers	F	M	W. No Meeting
25	F	M	Th	Sa	Tu	Th
26	Sa.Barbeque Ham'wich c.c.	Tu	F	Su	W. Fellowship Speaker	F
27	Su	W. Speaker Ladies night	Sa	M	Th	Sa
28	M	Th	Su	Tu	F	Su
29	Tu.	F.	M.	W. Speaker, Ladies & Guests	Sa.	M.
30	W. Fellowship & Ladies	Sa	Tu	Th	Su. Switch on Xmas Lights	Tu
31	Th	Su		F		W. No Meeting

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	January	February	March	April	May	
1	Th.	Su.				
2	F.	M	Su.	W. Committee Meeting	F.	M
3	Sa	Tu	M. District Council Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu
4	Su	W. Committee Meeting	Tu	F	Su	W. New Committee Meeting
5	M.	Th	W. Committee Meeting	Sa	M	Th
6	Tu	F	Th	Su	Tu	F
7	W. Committee Meeting	Sa	F	M	W. New Committee Meeting	Sa Ladies Night
8	Th.	Su.	Sa	Tu	Th	Su
9	F.	M	Su.	W. Business Meeting	F.	M
10	Sa	Tu	M	Th	Sa	Tu
11	Su	W. Fellowship	Tu	F	Su	W. Club Assembly
12	M.	Th	W. Fellowship & Speaker	Sa	M	Th
13	Tu	F	Th	Su	Tu	F
14	W. Fellowship	Sa	F	M	W. Fellowship	Sa
15	Th.	Su.	Sa	Tu	Th	Su
16	F.	M	Su.	W. No Meeting Easter	F.	M
17	Sa	Tu	M	Th	Sa	Tu
18	Su	W. Business Meeting	Tu	F	Su	W. Fellowship
19	M.	Th	W. Business Meeting	Sa	M. Zone 7 Meeting	Th
20	Tu	F	Th	Su	Tu	F
21	W. Business Meeting	Sa	F	M	W. Business Meeting	Sa. Barn Dance H'wich c.c.
22	Th.	Su.	Sa	Tu	Th	Su. R.I. Convention B/ham
23	F.	M. Zone 7 Meeting	Su.	W. A.G.M.	F.	M. R.I. Convention B/ham
24	Sa	Tu	M	Th	Sa	T. R.I. Convention B/ham
25	Su	W. Fellowship & Speaker	Tu	F	Su	W. Fellowship, Speaker & R.I.C.
26	M.	Th	W. Fellowship	Sa	M	Th
27	Tu	F	Th	Su	Tu	F
28	W. Fellowship	Sa	F	M	W. No Meeting (spring Bank Hols)	Sa
29	Th.		Sa	Tu	Th. District Council Meeting	Su
30	F.		Su.	W. Fellowship, Speaker & Ladies	F.	M
31	Sa		M	Th	Sa	Tu
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