

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNTWOOD ROTARY CLUB

ROTARY CLUB OF BURNTWOOD & DISTRICT BEGINNINGS

1986 October 29th

Past District Governor & Past President of the Rotary Club of Walsall Don Rowland, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Cannock Ray Topp held the first meeting of prospective members of a new Rotary Club.

The Foster Club, Rotary Club of Cannock, arranged the meeting at The Windmill Inn, Gentleshaw.

Five men attended the first meeting and every Wednesday for the next 4 months new prospective members were recruited. In all 39 men attended but only 28 remained to attend the Inaugural Meeting on 1st April 1987.

1987 April 1st

Inaugural Meeting

DG Noel Fryer presided at the Inaugural Meeting.

Roy Whittaker became President of the Interim Rotary Club of Burntwood.

Club Council Members

David Black, Paul Cushen, Graham Dodd, Leslie Hill, Vince Kane, Frank Starkey

1987 June 29th Monday

Presentation of The Charter of the Rotary Club of Burntwood & District

No 1643

District 121

Eaton Lodge, Rugeley.

DG Noel Fryer presided at the Meeting.

We wish to record our sincere thanks to Don Rowland and Ray Topp for their dedication and guidance during our interim period and to the Rotary Club of Cannock our gratitude for fostering us.

President Roy Whittaker

INTERIM ROTARY CLUB OF BURNTWOOD AND DISTRICT

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Derek Bamboroughs	Freight Forwarding Agency
Kent Bastable	Fluid Power Engineering
Nigel Beeston	Joinery
David Blackey	Office Supplies
Paul Cushen	Horticultural Services
Graham Dodd	Transportation
David Dorrance	General Law Practice
Peter Drury	Building Contracting
Norman Evans	House Furnishing
Donald Field	Driving Instruction
Colin Frankham	Agricultural Machinery Suppliers
John Freeman	Electro Plating
Terence Gill	Motor Spares Retailing
Leslie Hill	Estate Agency
Michael Holmey	Computer Software Retailing
Vincent Kane	Metallurgy Quality Assurance
Tom Lewis	Health Service Management
Paul Ludlow	Gas Supply
Alexander Munro	Record, Cassette, Software Retailing
Garry Payne	Insurance Broking
Philip Randall	Furniture Manufacturing
Michael Richardson	Licensed Victualling
Richard Stimpson	Timber Products Manufacturing
Christopher Starkey	Antiques Retailing
Frank Starkey	Leisure Goods Retailing
Alan Webster	Interior Design
Roy Whittaker	Electrical Contracting

District Extension Officer
Past District Governor — Norman M. Stowe

Assistant Extension Officer:
Past District Governor — Don Rowland

Aide to the Extension Officer:
Past President Rotary Club of Cannock — Ray Topp

1988 May 25th Presidents Report to Annual General Meeting

By President Roy Whittaker

A small extract from the end of the report

Committee Chairman, I fully understand that it has been difficult for you to grasp the details as to exactly what each committee should be doing but I am sure now that you enter your second term of office everything is getting clearer.

Vocational Service, Graham we are deeply indebted to you for the Charity Ball success, and we are looking forward now to some organised outings of interest.

Community/Foundation Service, Vince and David a lovely Musical Evening and we hope to be doing more functions involving the community.

Fellowship, Graham our gratitude for taking on the Chairmans job from Frank and I am sure you are now going to have a busy year.

International Service, Les there are so many projects under this heading, but I feel you have made the right approach and taken time to determine which projects we can best support.

I always leave this rotarian to last, Speaker Secretary, Sergeant at Arms Norman, has done a great job by always making sure we have a speaker and this is a very time consuming exercise involving lots of telephone calls. We must be the only Club in the District who have members paying fines by direct debits. We now have a rich Club and very poor Rotarians.

Collectively Gentlemen you have all helped to make the Rotary Club of Burntwood a very good, happy fellowship association of which I am proud to be a member.