

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

District 121



*'Service above Self'*

# Presentation of Charter

*to the*

ROTARY CLUB OF BLYTHE BRIDGE & DISTRICT

*at*

KEELE HALL, KEELE UNIVERSITY  
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME  
STAFFORDSHIRE

MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 1988

7.15 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.

*Presiding:*

ROTARIAN GEORGE SIDEBOTHAM  
District Governor

## **BLYTHE BRIDGE**

### **THE VILLAGE THAT GREW OUT OF ITSELF**

The old A50 trunk road which passes through Blythe Bridge has seen many travellers through the Centuries, from the original Roman builders to the ox and cart, the horse and wagon, coaches and horses and the busy motor traffic of today. Next to agriculture the business of coaching inns put Blythe Bridge on the map. Later, with the arrival of the railway in 1848, a decline in road transport boosted property development in the Village. Steady growth between the two world wars gave Blythe Bridge a stable Village community with Church and Chapel firmly established and businesses expanding.

Successful Victorian and Edwardian businessmen settled in the Village in their large mansions and villas. Adamthwaite Drive — a semi circular road off the main A50 is typical of a brave but failed attempt at a large luxury development late in the 19th Century. The Village is perhaps somewhat unusual in that at one end of the Village is the Black Cock Public House and at the other the White Cock (where the Blythe Bridge and District Rotary Club holds its meetings).

Blythe Bridge has grown substantially as a dormitory residential area for the Potteries and is now a thriving local community rapidly building up its own groups and organisations as evidenced by the emergence of the Blythe Bridge and District Rotary Club.

D. F. Stoddard

Local Historian

## MEETING

1. **INTRODUCTION**  
Past District Governor, Rotarian Bob Toon, District Extension Officer.
2. **CHARGE TO FOUNDER MEMBERS**  
District Governor, Rotarian George Sidebotham.
3. **THE OBJECT OF ROTARY**  
Past District Governor Rotarian Don Rowland.
4. **PRESENTATION OF CHARTER**  
District Governor, Rotarian George Sidebotham.
5. **WELCOME INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
Representative of President R.I.B.I. - Past R.I.B.I. President, Rotarian John A. Davies
6. **RESPONSE**  
President, The Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District Rotarian John Hilton.
7. **GREETINGS FROM VISITING CLUBS**  
Past District Governor, Rotarian Derek Birch
8. **PRESENTATIONS**  
District Governor Nominee, 1989/90 Rotarian Tom Maddock
  - a) President's Jewel - The Rotary Club of Longton
  - b) Vice-President's Jewel - The Rotary Club of Cheadle
  - c) Bell - Rotarians
  - d) Lecturn - The Rotary Club of Stone
  - e) Visitor's Book - The Rotary Club of Stoke on Trent
  - f) Roundwheel - The Rotary Club of Stoke on Trent (South)
  - g) History of R.I.B.I. - Past District Governor, Rotarian Bob Toon
  - h) Library - District Governor Rotarian George Sidebotham
9. **RESPONSE**  
President, The Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District Rotarian John Hilton
10. **TOAST 'OUR GUESTS'**  
Senior Vice-President - The Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District Rotarian Keith Houlston
11. **RESPONSE**  
President, The Rotary Club of Longton  
Rotarian Leslie Sillitoe
12. **FINAL TOAST**  
District Governor, Rotarian George Sidebotham

President John and Members of the Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District do hope our guests enjoy the Charter Presentation Ceremony.

We wish to record our sincere thanks to Rotarians Ron Osborne, George Marsh and Mike Bradeley for their dedication and guidance during our interim period and to the Rotary Club of Longton our gratitude for fostering us.

We are honoured by the presence of representatives of so many Clubs in District 121 and we look forward to close association with them in the future.

## ROTARY CLUB OF BLYTHE BRIDGE & DISTRICT

### FOUNDER MEMBERS

David ASHLEY	Banking Local
Alan AUSTIN	Joinery - Manufacturing
Jeremy BILLINGTON	Pharmacy
Geoffrey CLAY B.E.M.	Postal Service
Peter COOKE	Fine China Manufacturing
Carl DALE	Licensed Victualling
John DAVIES	Meat & Livestock Commission
Robert DEAN	Engineering Manufacturing - Ceramics
Michael DEAVILLE	Polytechnic Education
Philip ELLIS	Fitted Kitchens Supply
Paul FISHER	Estate Agency
Steven FORRESTER	Nursing Care - Management
Geoffrey GASCOIGNE	Financial Consultancy
Brian HARPER	Ceramics Consultancy
Peter HERWARD	Police Service
John HILTON	General Law Practice
Jim HOLDING	Grocery Retailing
Keith HOULSTON	Police Service
Alan KEY	Stationery Retailing
Stanley LEASON	Funeral Directing
Peter NIXON	Ceramics - Earthenware
Bob PILKINGTON	Hotels and Restaurants
Roger SHEPHERD	Domestic Appliances Manufacturing
Norman STEDMAN	Lighting Systems Distribution
Malcolm THOMAS	Property Management
Michael TUNNICLIFFE	Newsagency Retail

District Extension Officer:

Past District Governor - Robert A.W. Toon

Assistant Extension Officer:

Past District Governor - Norman M. Stowe

Aide to the Extension Officer:

Past President Rotary Club of Longton: Ron W. Osborne

Toastmaster:  
Sergeant at Arms, Immediate Past District Governor  
Rotarian Noel Fryer

Grace:  
Past District Governor  
Rotarian Norman Stowe.

### **MENU**

Minestrone Soup

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Beef Bourguignonne  
Fondant Potatoes  
Buttered Broccoli

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Charlotte Russe

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Coffee

'LOYAL TOAST'

Interval of 10 minutes

*President John Hilton*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLYTHE BRIDGE & DISTRICT

MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1988.

CHARTER PRESENTATION

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Immediate Past District Governor Rotarian Noel Fryer

7.15 p.m. PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHS (as arranged by Blythe Bridge & District)

7.35 p.m. CALL TO DINNER by Sergeant-at-Arms.

7.45 p.m. GRACE by Past District Governor Rotarian Norman Stowe.

DINNER

9.15 p.m. Sergeant-at-Arms to announce

LOYAL TOAST to be proposed by the District Governor Rotarian George Sidebotham, to be followed by a few words of welcome.

INTERVAL - TEN MINUTES.

9.30 p.m.

THE MEETING

District Governor to announce proceedings and introduce Past District Governor Rotarian Bob Toon, District Extension Officer, who will make a short INTRODUCTION.

9.35 p.m.

CHARGE TO FOUNDER MEMBERS. - Responsibilities of Rotary Membership by the District Governor Rotarian George Sidebotham.

9.42 p.m.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

ALL STAND

Read by Past District Governor Rotarian Don Rowland.

9.45 p.m.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER by District Governor Rotarian George Sidebotham, who will then invite Rotarians from the foster club of Longton to present Rotary badges and a copy of the Object of Rotary to each member of the new club. He will then invite the President of the Rotary Club of Longton, Rotarian Leslie Sillitoe to present the President's Jewel.

9.53 p.m.

WELCOME INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL by the representative of the President of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland, Past R.I.B.I. President, Rotarian John A. Davies, who will conclude with a Toast "The Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District".

9.59 p.m.

RESPONSE by the Founder President Rotarian John Hilton.

10.05 p.m.

D.G. to introduce Past District Governor Rotarian Derek Birch to announce APOLOGIES, ROLL CALL & GREETINGS



10.30 p.m.

D.G. to introduce District Governor Nominee 1989/90  
Rotarian Tom Maddock who will announce the  
PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Vice President's Jewel - Rotary Club of Cheadle
- (b) Lectern - Rotary Club of Stone
- (c) Visitors Book - Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent
- (d) Attendance Wheel Base - Rotary Club of  
Stoke-on-Trent South
- (e) Rotary Bell - Anonymous
- (f) History of R.I.E.I. - PDG. Rotarian Bob Toon, D.E.O.
- (g) A Rotary Library - District Governor, Rotarian  
George Sidebotham.

10.45 p.m.

RESPONSE

District Governor introduces Rotarian John Hilton,  
President Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge & District.

10.48. p.m.

TOAST 'OUR GUESTS'

President Rotarian John Hilton to introduce Rotarian  
Keith Houlston, Vice President of the Rotary Club of  
Blythe Bridge & District.

10.51 p.m.

RESPONSE

District Governor to introduce Rotarian Leslie  
Sillitoe, President, the Rotary Club of Longton.

10.55. p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

By District Governor Rotarian George Sidebotham

FINAL TOAST

FELLOWSHIP

R.A.W.Toon.  
D.E.O.