

Bramhope Bridge Drive '24

On Monday, 28th October, 56 Bridge players challenged each other in this year's 2nd** 'Annual' Bridge Drive, held by Headingley Rotary Club in St Giles' Church Hall, Bramhope. Each player paid £15 for playing and for a buffet lunch and tea. At the end of the afternoon the winners were John Bastow and Hazel Greenwood, the runners-up were Nigel Birch and Dominique Lodge. All four were given boxes of chocolates as prizes. Wooden-spoons were presented to Andy and Marion Barber for the lowest scores of the afternoon!

The £950 proceeds of the meeting went to OPAL, (Older People's Action in the Locality), which is situated in Cookridge/Horsforth. They will use the money to help provide shopping transport for those who have mobility difficulties. Hattie Easton spoke about the work of OPAL, how it provided emotional and practical support and social activities for older people in the district.

A delicious lunch and tea were prepared and provided, as always by Gill Pinches, aided by her team of Rotarian ladies: Colette Crossen, Barbara Crowther, Connie Hafseth, Jenny Jones, Maureen Kennedy, Susan Wittrick and Pam Woodhead. Patricia Waite-Wright welcomed the visitors and took money at the door. The President, Chris Walbank, presented the prizes and thanked Nick Pinches for his highly efficient organisation of the event and Gill Pinches and her ladies' team for their hard work preparing the food. Gill herself took photographs of the prize winners.

Other Rotarians involved included Keith Crowther, who organised the car park, Chris Walbank, who operated the bar, Peter Woodhead and Paul Kennedy, who ran the raffle and John Hafseth, Julia Marshall, Iain Farquharson-Welsh, Roy Pallas, John Scarpello and Michael Coles.

Final thanks went to those who provided cakes and other dishes, including raffle prizes; also to the Bridge players themselves for making the day a success.

*** Due to difficulties in securing a Springtime booking, we decided to hold this event in the Autumn half term week in addition to the one held earlier this year. Monday of the Leeds schools Half-Term week will now-on become the new annual event date.*

Michael Coles