

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

August 2015 NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

Meetings

6th July – Normal Meeting followed by Council
(Thanks to Rtn Graham for extra info)

Last evening started with a 1 minute's silence in memory of the 30 British people murdered and all those injured by an Islamic terrorist in Tunisia recently. The meeting ended with the usual toast which was also extended to include the 52 people murdered and the 700 injured in the terrorist attack 10 years ago today which has become known as '7/7'. Our thoughts and sympathies are with them all.

We had two guests - Nigel who helped at the VVR and Robert Godber who, up to the 30th June, was a Rotarian with Wombwell Club. That club closed and Robert is looking for somewhere to continue his Rotary. He will be visiting again next week so make him welcome.

There was an in depth and frank discussion last evening about 'commitment' within the club following the low number of members who turned out to work at the VVR.

Despite there being only a few Rotarians and Friends of Rotary who helped, the day was a great success as far as the public was concerned. The weather of course was with us this year and we hope to have raised a good amount. Many ideas were put forward as to how we could improve the show - ranging from new 'pop up' gazebos, possibly a restriction on what is a vintage vehicle (some think a 1995 model is not), parking of exhibit vehicles etc etc. The VVR committee will meet very soon to debrief and I am

collating ideas/thoughts/suggestions for that debrief so if you have any please email them to me. President Peter has already had words with Wortley Hall and the VVR will be 3rd July 2016 and 2nd July 2017. **GET THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

The discussion was widened to commitment for other club events. We, as a club, have 4 major events per year: Santa's Sleigh which has been running for over 40 years; the Vintage Vehicle Rally, which is in it's 18th year; Music in the Gardens, which is about 10 years old and the infant of the group, Millionaires' Night. These four events are our 'high earners' for charity and the feeling last night was that there are some members who are not making a commitment to be involved and work on these projects. Every members is able to do something to help. It doesn't have to be a great physically demanding job, it can be sitting and selling tickets or giving directions to the public. Please, put the dates of these events in your diary and get involved.

President Peter handed forms out last night for member to select which committee they would like to be on. There's a first and second choice. I am collating the completed forms. President Peter looks to everyone to be part of a committee so please state your choice.

The President has also introduced a 'seating plan' for the first Monday of each month. On that day the Committee Chairs along with our projects Co-ordinators (Rtns Philip Sherriff and Stephen Dobson) will sit at one table and discuss what

projects/visits etc each committee has arranged and where it is in the planning plus any budget requirements it may have. After the meal Rtn Philip will address the club and give an update on all events planned and their current status.

The Chair of Community Committee has been taken by Rtn Steve Patterson. Well done Steve!

Rtn David in his new role as Vocational Chair announced that he is introducing the 'Job Talk' presentation on the 3rd Monday of each month. Rotarians who have not done this will be given their date and expected to do about 15 minutes on their job. Retirement apparently is not a reason to be excused as I have discovered. If I can find my old (the operative word) PowerPoint presentation on what I did I will be kicking off on 27th July. Perhaps the meal can be beef again as a celebration!

On 25th July 'Operation Boatary' will be re-launched. This is to rub down and re-varnish the pirate boat that Rtn David donated to the local school where his wife works, So deck swabbers are required. The immediate area around the boat will be given a non slip surface as apparently pirates (and staff) are falling once they have walked the plank. So, vacancies exist for tar spreaders and grit scatterers. No previous experience is necessary as full training will be given and after one lash of the cat o' nine tails you'll soon get the idea. Let David know you're going and avoid a visit from the Press Gang (who are not a group of PR people).

Santa has been put on notice that a couple of schools would like a visit this year. Rtn Philip suggested towards the end of July whilst it's warm but Santa has the AGM of the Toy Makers Guild and he's not prepared to cut down his suit to red shorts and a tank top so it will have to be nearer Christmas. The battle plan so far is to do Woolley Wood School and the couple of

requests all in one lunchtime/afternoon.

The suggestion was raised again about whether the club should change to meeting once a fortnight on, say the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. This will be discussed in club next week.

Finally, Rtn Jacob's phone didn't go off last night but the Deputy Sgt At Arms still found some members to fine. Hosts next week are Brenda and Bob. Sorry it's been a long one but as I said there was a deal discussed.

Graham

Rtn Ann W was also installed as Vice-President during the meeting (see below)



VP Ann W with President Peter

13th July – Normal Meeting

The meeting commenced under the guidance of President-Elect Derek, who informed the meeting that it was Rtn Roger's 65th Birthday – which was duly celebrated in song (HBTY etc).

P-E Derek welcomed guest Robert Godber who was a member of the now closed RC of Wombwell, and attended last week's meeting.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) Help has been requested by the organisers of Castleton Camp in early August (There were 8 volunteers to help out on Tuesday August 4th.
- 2) The Boatary Project follow-up clean / refurb etc will be on 25th July at Monteny School.

- 3) Volunteers are required to do a Job talk at the meeting on 24th August.
- 4) Rtn Stella was entered on the Rotary Database, and her number was 9.2 million (that's how many registered members Rotary has had ... and counting)
- 5) The discussion regarding frequency of meetings will take place later in this meeting.

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Rtn Philip reported that he and Rtn Anne W had met with representatives of Woolley Wood School regarding the pond project. He asked the club to agree to take the plan forward. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that discussions should continue.

Hon Rtn Lewis advised that all was set for Wednesday's trip to Bletchley Park – departing from Grenoside at 8:30am. He also conveyed the decision reached following the Scholarship Trustees interviews earlier in the evening. The recipients will be invited to attend the presentation evening on 7th September.

Rtn John H advised that he is still waiting to hear from Penistone Church FC regarding the prospective Millionaire Fundraising night which was discussed at a previous meeting. The discussion regarding the frequency of club meetings was then held. Various views and opinions were discussed before the club reached a majority decision to continue with weekly meetings. Rtn Graham had sought the opinion of Rotary from the District Secretary and read this out to the meeting.

Rtn Graham also presented a District Map with a list of surrounding clubs and a letter from District in relation to the closure of District 1270. All Bordering Districts have been advised, and each club needs to reach a decision as to where they wish to go. Members have been asked to consider

all the options as there will be a vote at a future meeting.

Rtn Stephen D spoke about the recent VVR. It has raised around £3,500. Views regarding improvements etc will be collated for consideration.

Next week's meeting will be attended by District Governor Margaret and her husband (he is a member of RC of Skegness)

Rtn Anne W asked for those who expressed an interest in going on the trip to Auschwitz to confirm that they was to go. The trip will cost £339 and will run from 9-12 October.

The meeting then closed with the loyal and final toast.

20th July – Normal Meeting

The Club welcomed the District Governor, Margaret Taylor, and her husband, Brian. Her address focussed on the ever-present difficulty Rotary faces with membership and recruitment and was well received by the members. Rotarian Anne W gave finalising figures for the VVR and Rotarian Derek, on behalf of those who joined the trip to Bletchley Park on the 15th July, said how enjoyable and informative a day it had been.

27th July – Normal Meeting

President Peter welcomed members to the meeting.

Visits to other clubs - Rtn Bob advised that he met members of RC of Wollaton Park last week at the local golf club, and passed on greetings to them from Wortley.

President Peter reported that following the 'Boatary' spruce-up at the weekend, the pictures have now been uploaded by Rtn David.

Members were reminded that the Castleton Camp night for the club is 4th

August. The DG and her partner had attended last week's meeting, and the Annual Conference in Harrogate is also approaching (18th-20th September).

There has been a list circulated regarding possible future excursions the club could organise as social events for members, family and friends. Rtn Anne W reminded members who had expressed an interest in the trip to Auschwitz (and those who may be interested that she needs confirmation quickly (9th-12th October are the dates). She also expressed thanks to Hon Rtn Lewis with regard to the recent trip to Bletchley Park (see Events Section for details). Rtn Peter P advised that he has handed a sheet in regarding a free visits available in early September to the Sheffield Assay Office (September 11th).

Hon Rtn Lewis gave a brief outline of the information regarding the Chari-Fund which provides the Student Bursary each year – a sheet detailing the current account status was handed out prior to the meeting.

President Peter reminded members that he would like the committees to sit together at next week's meeting so that they can discuss the relevant business prior to the Council meeting later in the evening.

Rtn Philip gave an update on the proposed Pond for Woolley Wood School. Plans drawn up by Rtn Peter D were handed out for perusal, and this matter will be taken forward.

Rtn Stephen D gave an update following the 2015 VVR. A number of observations have been made, and are being collated for discussion by the club, and the organising committee.

Secretary's Notices

1. The current status of the club committees was outlined. President Peter re-iterated his preference was that each

member should be on at least one committee.

2. RC of Lincoln Bailgate Golf is on 29th August, 2015.
3. The DG sent an email thanking the club for their hospitality last week, and this has been circulated to members.
4. The following Rotary competitions have been organised:-
 - i) Young Musician (30th April 2016)
 - ii) District Story Writing
 - iii) Young Chef (16th January, 2016)

If anyone knows of a suitable candidate for any of these competitions, please make it known

Rtn Graham then gave a very interesting Job Talk about his working life in the Police Force. One thing that came out of it was that he still doesn't know how to spell 'Gonorrhoea' – I had to look it up.

The meeting then concluded with the final and loyal toast.

EVENTS

Music in the Gardens

This year was the tenth anniversary of this event which was originally founded by Sheffield Club. The ever increasing committee decided that we should make a special effort to celebrate the occasion, and we all hope that this was indeed noted and worthwhile. The new staging in situ was a vast improvement on previous years and this coupled with the good line up of acts and musicians, provided four great nights of entertainment in this special setting.

This event is without doubt one of the best community events in which we are involved. It also just happens to be a significant fund raiser – if all goes well. Inevitably, we look back each year and always see room for improvement going forward. Ultimately, the most room for maximising the potential, is by trying to achieve sell outs on each night. Clearly looking ahead, this is an area of serious focus and vulnerability, where we need to simply try and do better.

The event depends on support from the main Sheffield Clubs and I am grateful to the Wortley members that choose to do so. Better support would always be welcomed. Make a note in your diaries for next year, 30 June. As we all know, despite any such suggestions to the contrary, we are never oversubscribed with Rotary support at events such as these, that is just imagination and a dream !

At the time of writing this summary, the financial result of the concert series is unknown to me, safe for it to say it will have made a profit for the several worthy causes that we have chosen to support this year.

The coming winter will reveal the proposals for next year and at the same time confirm the winter season of concerts that we are holding at the City Hall next March time. Once again ticket sales will be priority and our sole focus of attention, as staffing of the City Hall will be done internally.

As soon as I have a full report to make, I will do so to the club.

Rtn Rod

Click on either of the two links below to read more about the 4 days:-

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/what-s-on/out-about/sound-of-sheffield-s-music-in-the-gardens-keeps-thousands-entertained-on-10th-anniversary-1-7347115>

or

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/what-s-on/out-about/festival-success-music-to-our-ears-1-7352407>

Pictures from Thursday night are shown below.

Thursday Evening – Paul Carrack



Rtns Stephen & Bob – The Drowned Rats



Wortley Rotarians at the Strawberry & Cream stall



The Band on stage

Vintage Vehicle Rally

The Vintage Vehicle Rally was held on Sunday, 5th July at Wortley Hall. The weather just managed to hold off until the main events were finished. However, the heavens opened just around 4:30pm.

From my position on the main gate, the comments passed to us as people left were positive. After the judges had completed their adjudication, the winners of the prizes in the vehicle categories were as follows:-

Category	Winner
Overall best in Show	1935 Singer Le Mans – Mr Sutton
Veteran Class (pre 31/12/1905)	1904 Cadillac – Mr Hogg
Vintage & thoroughbred (1919 to 1930 & thoroughbreds to 1939)	Rolls Royce Phantom 11 – Mr Anderson
Classic (any other car)	Austin A35 factory pick up – Mr Harrison
Motorcycles	Vincent Black Shadow – Mr Wyke
Tractors	Ferguson – Mr Goldthorpe

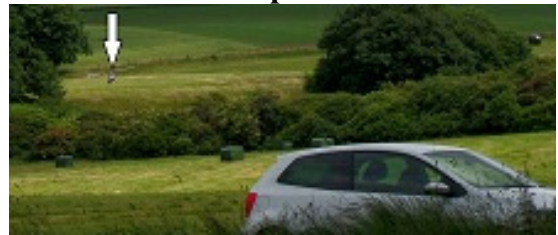
The pictures below give a flavour of the day.



Wortley Hall Gardens in Bloom



Cars parked



Model in Flight (see below for close-up)



The Main Entrance



Wortley Hall Front



Closer Look at the exhibits



Some Vintage / Classic Vehicles



From the other end of the Hall Front



More Vintage / Classic Vehicles



More Vehicles close up



Stalls on the Hall Gardens



FoR Howard passes by the Entry Point

More pictures will appear in next month's issue.

The total amount raised for the Sheffield Children's Hospital, and other local charities was around £3,500.

Club Visit to Bletchley Park, 15th August 2015

The day started with an early start from Grenoside Community Centre with a three-hour coach journey to Bletchley Park, for the group of Wortley Rotarians, families and friends. Soon after arrival it became clear that the journey had been worthwhile as we were introduced to the world of the WW2 code breakers who devised methods to decode encrypted enemy communications, including the famous Enigma code.

In recent years the Bletchley Park has been returned to the way it would have looked in the 1940's. Bletchley Manor, a beautiful 19th century stately home sits within superb grounds complete with its own lake, is itself worth a visit.



Mansion at Bletchley

However, the story of Bletchley was brought to life through interventional exhibits and demonstrations presented in a number of the original huts in which intercepted enemy communications were deciphered and intelligence reports produced.



Working Model of the "Bombe"

Original Enigma machines were on view as was the replicated Turing / Welchman Bombe machine, the development of which was central to the Oscar nominated film 'The Imitation Game'.

The working of the Bombe was demonstrated by experts who explained the underlying processes and mathematics. This was fascinating but also mind-boggling. In addition to the major breakthroughs that are cited to have shortened the war by 2 to 4 years the scale of the Bletchley organisation was a revelation. At the height of the war 9000 people worked there, and as they all had to sign the official secrets act no one knew what others were doing.

In truth, in the time we had available, it was not possible to see all Bletchley had to offer the but the Journey back to Sheffield provided time to reflect on what had been a brilliant outing.

A big thank you must go to Lewis and David Atkinson for suggesting and organising this stimulating and enlightening excursion.

Rtn Stephen K



Trip Group Photo

Boatary Project at Monteney School

On Saturday 25th July, members of the club visited Monteney School to spruce up the boat installed at the school last year. A number of members turned out to help and the refurb was completed faster than was initially envisaged – thanks to all those who helped.



The Boatary Gang

Miscellaneous

Australian Rotary creates school for Aboriginal boys in Queensland

Rotary Clubs in Queensland have set up a school for Aboriginal teenagers teaching farming and rodeo skills. To read more, click on the link here:-
<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-media/australian-students-take-opportunity-horns>

Rotary joins forces with “Wheelpower” charity to help disabled people

Immediate Past President, Peter King has signed a memorandum of understanding with Stoke Mandeville Stadium based charity “Wheelpower”. This will help transform the lives of disabled people with the charity. To read more, click on the link here:-
<http://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-serves-partnership-deal-wheelpower/>

RC of Frodsham & Helsby “Festival in the Park” raises around £1800 for charity

RC of Frodsham & Helsby’s “Festival in the Park” raised about £1800 for charity. To read more, and see pictures from the event, click on the link here:-
<http://www.chesterchronicle.co.uk/news/chester-cheshire-news/frodsham-festival-park-pictures-9660683>

RC of Bulwell & Basford donate dictionaries to local school students

RC of Bulwell & Basford have donated dictionaries to help Students moving from primary to secondary schools. To read more, click on the link here:-
<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Rotary-club-donate-dictionaries-help-smooth/story-26928454-detail/story.html>

RC of Horwich helps to provide an Educational School trip to London

RC of Horwich helped 8 local schools to enjoy an educational trip to the capital recently. To read more about this, click on the link here:-
http://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/13410393.Horwich_youngsters_treated_to_educational_school_trip_to_London/

RC of Birtley donation helps with provide help for severely disabled local boy

RC of Birtley helped complete an appeal by a local family for funds to purchase a specialised car seat to transport their disabled son safely. To read more, click on the link here:-
http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/13367861.Generous_donation_for_little_Liam_after_family_appeal/

York Rotary Dragon Boat Race 2015 takes place on the River Ouse

RC of York's Annual Dragon Boat Race took place in July on the River Ouse in York. To read more and see pictures, click on the links here:-

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/1340886/5.Dragon_Boat_Race_2015/
and
<http://www.yorkrotary.co.uk/dragon-boat-challenge/4543397659>

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

3 rd August, 2015	Visitor	Jacob Davis
	Fellowship	Jack Slater
10 th August, 2015	Visitor	John Haggerty
	Fellowship	John Evans
17 th August, 2015	Visitor	Lewis Atkinson
	Fellowship	Keith Bailey
24 th August, 2015	Visitor	Peter Dimelow
	Fellowship	Stephen Dobson
31 st August, 2015	Visitor	No Meeting
	Fellowship	
7 th September, 2015	Visitor	Philip Sherriff
	Fellowship	Peter Perry
14 th September, 2015	Visitor	Roger Hirst
	Fellowship	Rod Wadsworth
21 st September, 2015	Visitor	Steve Patterson
	Fellowship	Stephen Knight
28 th September, 2015	Visitor	Ann Winnard
	Fellowship	Trevor Fletcher

Dates for the Diary WORTLEY

4 th August, 2015	Castleton Camp
15 th August, 2015	South Yorkshire Festival Car Parking(Wortley Hall)
17 th August, 2015	Past Scholarship Winners attending
7 th September, 2015	2015 Scholarship winners presentations
9-12 th October, 2015	Trip to Auschwitz

DISTRICT / RIBI

11 th September, 2015	RC or Scarborough organised Male Voice Choir Concert (The Citadel, Scarborough)
18 th -20 th September, 2015	District 1270 31 st Annual Conference (Majestic Hotel, Harrogate)
11 th November, 2015	RC or Idle & Greengates Jazz Evening (Venue TBA)
4 th December, 2015	Festival of Christmas Trees (RC of Bridlington)
9 th December, 2015	Bradford Rotary Carol Service (Venue TBA)
17 th March, 2016	RC of Spilsby Charter

1 st -3 rd April, 2016	(venue TBA) RIBI Annual Conference, Bournemouth
23 rd April, 2016	RC of Cleethorpes 50 th Anniversary Charter Ball
22 nd May, 2016	RC of Lincoln Colonia Charter (Afternoon tea at Doddington Hall)

REMEMBER THE 4-WAY TEST

- 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?

Who Am I

1. I was born on 27th January, 1832 in Daresbury, Cheshire, the third son of a country parson. All in all, my parents had 11 children. When I was 11 years old, my father became vicar of Croft-on-Tees. During my youth, I was educated at home until aged 12, when I was sent to Richmond Grammar School.
2. In 1846, I entered Rugby School, where I stayed for 3 years before going to Christ Church, Oxford in May 1850. I went into residence in January 1851, and was summoned home after 2 days as my mother had died at the age of 47 from "inflammation of the brain". In 1852, I achieved first –class honours in Mathematics Moderations, and was nominated to studentship by Canon Edward Pusey, a friend of my father's. I studied and taught at Christ Church, and won the Mathematical Lectureship in 1855 – I held this for the next 26 years and remained at Christ Church in varied capacities until my death.
3. From a young age, I wrote poetry and short stories. Between 1854 and 1856, my work appeared in

national and local publications, such as The Comic Times and The Whitby Gazette. In 1856, I published my first piece of work under the name that would make me famous – this was a romantic poem called “Solitude”. The same year, a new Dean (Henry Liddell) arrived at Christ Church who’s family greatly influenced my writing career. I became close friends with his wife and children. I was ordained as a Deacon on 22nd December 1861. In 1862, I wrote the story that became my first and greatest commercial success.

4. This period culminated with the work being published in 1865 as “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” illustrated by Sir John Tenniel. The commercial success of this book changed my life in many ways, and I wrote a sequel in 1871. In 1876, I published my next great work “The Hunting of the Snark”. I also took up photography in 1856, and when I stopped in 1880, had established my own studio, created around 3,000 images, and was quite a master of the medium.
5. I invented a number of things, particularly an early version of what is now known as “Scrabble”. I also developed new ideas in linear algebra and the study of elections. I continued to teach at Christ Church until 1881 and remained in residence there until my death which occurred on 14th January, 1898 at my sister’s home in Guildford from pneumonia after having had influenza. I am buried in Guildford’s Mount Cemetery.

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month’s Joke / Funny Story

CINDERELLA is now 95 years old?

After a fulfilling life with the now dead prince, she happily sits upon her rocking chair, watching the world go by from her front porch, with a cat named Bob for companionship.

One sunny afternoon out of nowhere, appeared the fairy godmother.

Cinderella said, "Fairy Godmother, what are you doing here after all these years"?

The fairy godmother replied, "Cinderella, you have lived an exemplary life since I last saw you. Is there anything for which your heart still yearns?"

Cinderella was taken aback, overjoyed, and after some thoughtful consideration, she uttered her first wish:

"The prince was wonderful, but not much of an investor. I'm living hand to mouth on my disability checks, and I wish I were wealthy beyond comprehension. Instantly her rocking chair turned into solid gold!

Cinderella said, "Ooh, thank you, Fairy Godmother"

The fairy godmother replied, "It is the least that I can do. What do you want for your second wish?"

Cinderella looked down at her frail body, and said, "I wish I were young and full of the beauty and youth I once had."

At once, her wish became reality, and her beautiful young visage returned. Cinderella felt stirrings inside of her that had been dormant for years.

And then the fairy godmother spoke once more: "You have one more wish; what shall it be?"

Cinderella looks over to the frightened cat in the corner and says, "I wish for you to transform Bob, my old cat, into a

kind and handsome young man."
Magically, Bob suddenly underwent so fundamental a change in his biological make-up that, when he stood before her, he was a man so beautiful the likes of him neither she nor the world had ever seen.

The fairy godmother said,
"Congratulations, Cinderella, enjoy your new life."

With a blazing shock of bright blue electricity, the fairy godmother was gone as suddenly as she appeared.

For a few eerie moments, Bob and Cinderella looked into each other's eyes. Cinderella sat, breathless, gazing at the most beautiful, stunningly perfect man she had ever seen.

Then Bob walked over to Cinderella, who sat transfixed in her rocking chair, & held her close in his young muscular arms. He leaned in close, blowing her golden hair with his warm breath as he whispered...

"Bet you're sorry you had me neutered."



Another Quick Joke.

Wife texts husband on cold winters morning

"Windows frozen"

Husband texts back

"Pour some lukewarm water over it"

Wife texts back 5 Mins later

"Computer completely fucked now" !

SMART-ARSE ANSWERS

1. It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane.
'Would you like dinner?' the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row.
'What are my choices?' the man asked.
'Yes or no,' she replied.

2. A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets.

As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without blinking an eyelid, she said,

'Sir, I need to see your ticket not your stub.'

3. A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at a branch of Sainsbury's but she couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a passing assistant, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

The assistant replied, 'I'm afraid not, madam, they're all dead.'

4. The policeman got out of his car and approached the boy racer he had stopped for speeding.

'I've been waiting for you all day,' the copper said.

The kid replied, 'Yes, well I got here as fast as I could.'

When the policeman finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

And finally – something topical:-



Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at dma170162@hotmail.com

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer:- Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)