

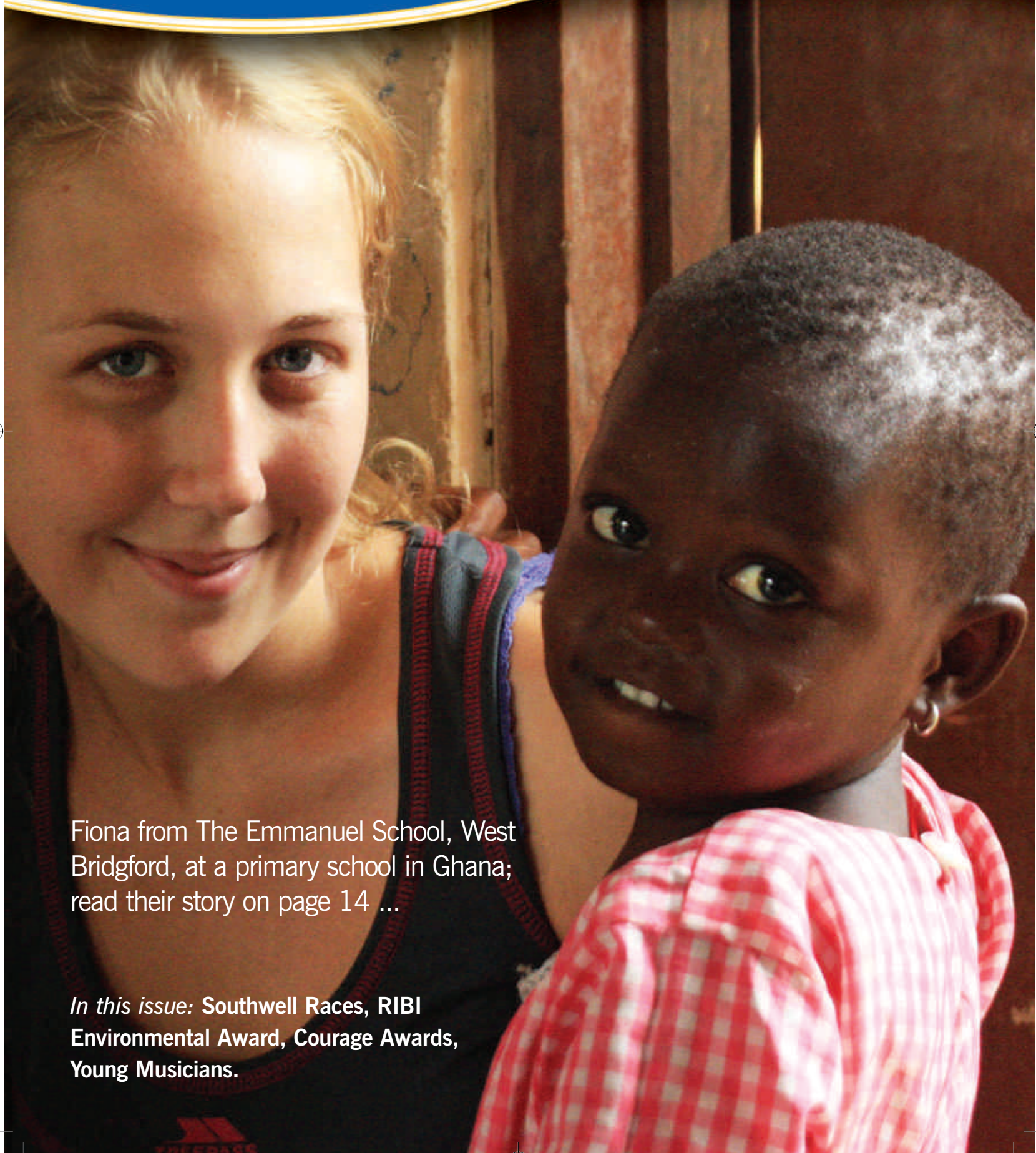
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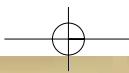
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Rotary Review



Fiona from The Emmanuel School, West Bridgford, at a primary school in Ghana; read their story on page 14 ...

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Michael Longdon, Past RIBI President Jim Moulson and Terry Leivers presenting the District banner to Roderick Duncan (second from left), the Clerk of the Course.

RACE TO END POLIO

The Race Meeting at Southwell Racecourse on Tuesday 15th May, organised by Rotarians Michael Longdon and Terry Leivers, proved a great success.

I must say a big thank you to both Michael and Terry for coming up with the idea many months ago and for the effort they put in to make it such a well organised evening. The Clubs in District have given great support with 53 of the 58 Clubs buying tickets for their members and friends and as a result over 1300 tickets were sold by or through Rotary. With sponsorship, ticket money and the bucket collection the total amount raised is over £9,000 and I therefore thank each and every one of you for your support and involvement.



President Irene Lindley of Sherwood Sunrisers, who sponsored this race, presenting the prize to the winning owner. She also backed the winner!



The AGs Gee Gees race presentation to the winning owner by Michael Longdon, Sandra Morrey and Roger Summers.

For this type of event you need good weather and despite rain, hail and winds during the day, the evening was dry and sunny which enhanced the feeling of fun and friendship all over the Race Course.

However there have to be winners and losers but the biggest winner was POLIO ERADICATION.

Thank you once again to all members and friends who attended; I hope this may be an event that we can organise again within the District.

DG Gordon

Both exits had the Assistant Governors with Polio Eradication buckets tipping the spectators upside down to empty their pockets! This resulted in another £620!



ROTARY CLUB OF HOPE VALLEY WINS THE RIBI 2011/12 RODNEY HUGGINS 'ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB AWARD'

Members from the Rotary Clubs of Hope Valley and Matlock were recently privileged to meet RIBI President Ray Burman when he presented Hope Valley's President with the RIBI 2011/12 Rodney Huggins Environmental Club Award for Hope Valley's 'Re-cycling 4 Africa, cycles 2 India' project. This project involved both sourcing and financing the shipment of 500 used bikes to deserving communities in Africa and disabled people in India. The award was backed up with a cheque to help Hope Valley Rotarians continue their work to source a further 100 bicycles and finance their shipment to schoolchildren in Africa before the end of this Rotary year.



Hope Valley Rotarians Malcolm Dungworth & Chris Ord load bicycles in Feb 2012

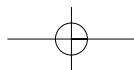
During the past year the Clubs have been working together with Hope Valley collecting and storing the bicycles whilst Matlock's International Committee's fundraising initiatives financed shipment of a batch of 101 bicycles. These bicycles were recently despatched to Jole Rider for final refurbishment prior to their despatch to the Gambia. Our Club have now concluded another stage in our bicycles project as we collected another tranche of bicycles from 'donors' in villages all around North Derbyshire. The bicycles will be accompanied by a £1,500 cheque to Jole Rider, to finance Jole Rider's shipment of a further 100 bicycles to Africa.

Hope Valley first started collecting bicycles for renovation and subsequent despatch to Africa and India in December 2006. Approximately 400 refurbished bicycles have been sent to Africa, for use by children and teenagers, who live too far from a school to walk to their place of education. The 100 bicycles sent to India were shipped out in an un-refurbished state for conversion by trained personnel into outdoor wheelchairs. The bicycles were rescued from being neglected, broken, scrapped or being thought of as 'too old' or 'out of fashion'. Their refurbishment and subsequent re-use has positive benefits to the environment, and has maximised and extended the life of the bicycles.

International Committee Chair Les Lennon organised the collection of the bicycles from towns and villages in North Derbyshire and the bicycles are stored in Rtn Ian Charles' warehouse. Ian devised a means of storing books in voids in the containers used to ship the bicycles, for distribution to schoolchildren in Africa. This idea has now been adopted by the Charity Jole Rider, which ships the bicycles to Africa.

Ian Ord - Hope Valley





CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS

The Rotary Children of Courage Awards Event was the brain child of the Mansfield Rotary Club in Ohio and brought back to Mansfield, Nottinghamshire about 20 years ago. The event aims to honour young people of secondary school age who have shown great courage in overcoming personal difficulties in their lives. This year Dave Strange of the Newark Castle Rotary Club, working with Denis Power-Neads of the Newark Rotary Club, organised the event for the first time to honour young people in the Newark area.

An Awards Lunch took place at the Holy Trinity Centre in Newark on Monday March 19th and was attended by over 90 people. Special guests included the Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District, Councillor Marika Tribe and Newark Town Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Bryan Richardson and Penelope Richardson.

The five young people nominated for the awards were Nathan Roberts of the Grove School, Emma Scott of the Magnus C of E School, Liam Marley of Newark College, William Telfer of the Orchard School and Kaisha Palmer of the Tuxford School. Each student exemplified the courage required in the face of personal adversity and difficulty. After being introduced by a member of staff from their school or college, they each received an engraved award and framed certificate presented by District Governor Gordon McGlone.

You could not help but be moved by this emotional and humbling event, honouring five worthy recipients. It is hoped that this will become an annual event to include even more courageous young people from a wider area.

Celia Smallwood - Newark Castle

DISTRICT YOUNG MUSICIAN GALA CONCERT 2012

It just keeps getting better!



Sunday April 22nd saw the 15th Annual District Young Musician Gala Concert at the Assembly Rooms in Derby. A sell-out audience of 300 Rotarians and enthusiastic families, tutors and schoolmates were treated yet again by another crop of talented young people to an absolute feast of quality music featuring once more an eclectic range of instruments including, for the first time ever, the Scottish Bagpipes!

Once again the work undertaken to promote the event not only with clubs but also directly with both schools and music centres by District New Generations co-ordinator Tony Storer and organizers John Hall (Amber Valley) and Terry Clay (Melbourne) has reaped dividends with performers nominated by clubs participating for the first time and with over half the clubs in District represented.

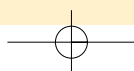
It was encouraging to see the growing support performers now receive on the night from staff, tutors and fellow pupils with many travelling considerable distances which ensured there was barely a seat to be had.

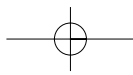
This District favours the 'Showcase' format to enable the widest range of talent and levels of attainment to perform together, in a prestigious venue and in front of a paying audience to give a more beneficial opportunity to those setting out upon a career in music.

With support across the District for Young Musician and the other programs such as Youth Speaks, Young Chef, Young Photographer and RYLA, New Generations remains in good health and is looking forward to 2012-13 so please put in your diaries now Young Musician Concert 2013 which will be on Sunday May 5th!

Thanks again are expressed to the Amber Valley RC team which every year looks after 'front of house' and all the activity on stage, to AG Roger Summers for his photography which can be viewed and downloaded from the District Website www.rotary1220.org, to compère Richard Moulder and the technical team from the Assembly Rooms, without whom, the event would not reach the professional standard it consistently achieves. But most of all to our young 'stars in the making' without whose dedication to their music, day in- day out, our Young Musician Concert would never happen.

John Hall (Amber Valley) Terry Clay (Melbourne)





DOES YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR KNOW ABOUT ROTARY? HAVE YOU EVER TOLD THEM?

The process of spreading the great news about Rotary is called marketing - and this is what we have to do, whether on a small scale to our next door neighbour or on a grand scale with a Showcase in your town.

Have you or someone from your club been to see one of the Showcases? Whether on a grand scale like Nottingham taking over the Market Square, or small with a Marquee at your local Gala, the world is being told, often being introduced to, Rotary.

You might meet the Mayor and so have an instant introduction to your local Council, and perhaps might partner with them in a future local project. If not yet a Rotarian, could he/she be an honorary member for their year of office?

You talk to everyone, and gain interest in your projects, whether local, national or international - you show that it's great being a Rotarian!

You meet up with likeminded people who could become Rotarians.

You meet up with youngsters who might do our Youth Activities - Young Chef, Young Photographer, Young Musician and more. Perhaps find someone who could start an Interact or Rotaract Club; all possible future Members. The young people all have parents - more potential Rotarians?

Showcases bring potential members, even if the benefits are not seen for several years - but more people will know about Rotary, and if people know, find it as attractive as we do, then they too will want to be Rotarians. So, **KEEP MARKETING ROTARY!**

WHAT DOES THE ROTARY CLUB DO?

Someone asked the question once
And I stood there feeling like a dunce
What do our Rotarians do?

I hemmed and hawed a time or two
Then said "We gather for a meal
And ask each other how we feel.
Get our food and have some fun
Chattering till the meal is done.

We get our club business out of the way
And have the programme for the day.
Some are good and some are great,
And some run on till fairly late."

By then, my friend, he turned to go.
"That wasn't he said, "what I wanted to know."

I've thought a lot about this since,
What possibly could I say to convince
My friend that Rotary does more than just meet
Greet, take a seat, then eat.

Well, this is how I would make amends
By explaining Rotary to my friends:-

Two billion children are healthy today
In lands both near and far away
Who otherwise might be lame or dead
From polio, that childhood dread.

And hungry children are being fed
Through better ways to grow their bread
Rotarians in many lands are teaching
And doctors of all kinds are reaching
Out to heal the lame and sick
With little thought of wealth or fame
And men and women are meeting the need
To little children how to read

Youth come here from every land
In answer to our outstretched hand
To learn to know us and to know our ways
Bringing peace and friendship to all our days.

And clubs are formed in every nation
For fellowship and conversation,
For education and information
And practicing the cultivation
Of peace on earth and goodwill to all
And a speedy end to every wall
Which separates all people on earth
And keeps us from seeing each other's worth

A hundred things there are to say
About what Rotarians do every day
In every land and every town
To lift someone when they are down
And help each other along the way
Service above Self, what more can I say?

Well, if my friend should ask again
I will have an answer for him then.

Jill Bethell

District Membership Service Committee Chairman

NEW MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE THROUGH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A small group of officers from the District Membership and Marketing committees for 2012/13 have conceived an idea that will hopefully assist clubs in developing new member opportunities. The idea is to put business at the heart of Rotary rather than trying to identify prospective new members from the business community which proves difficult when those links no longer exist.



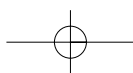
The idea is beyond its conceptual stage and we are already planning meetings with significant businesses in our area that will enable us to create a working model that can be used by any club.

Some companies already have sustainability as a part of their corporate responsibility. This should include an element of social responsibility that can transcend into community service which itself offers employees an opportunity for personal development. Rotary is already working in the community and is able to identify projects that would be ideal for employers to engage selected employees upon as a part of their career development, working with clubs on defined projects in the community. We are looking to promote Rotary as a broker service between groups of young business people and the community. We are proposing that they become a part of Rotary through the Associate membership scheme or a similar arrangement. They are then introduced into Rotary through the strong links established with the managing club thus bridging that gap between Rotary and the business community.



The idea received encouraging support when it was introduced at District Assembly and it is our intention to keep you all informed of progress over the coming months. However, anybody wishing to know more should contact me.

David Pedlar
District Marketing Officer



DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SOUTHPORT 5TH - 7TH OCTOBER 2012

Relight your Fire



Take up on registrations is well advanced so please make your application soon, either online or using the registration form, particularly if you want to join us for a special Olympian DG's lunch which does have limited space.

The format has some new features but with all of the traditional best to ensure a great weekend. Please take particular note of the Friday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions in the outline programme below.

Friday afternoon and early evening - visit the Rotary Showcase for a free cuppa providing you with an opportunity to:

- Pick up your conference packs at the Registration Desk.
- Socialise with friends old and new.

Friday evening - relax and be entertained by Queen and comedian Johnnie Casson.

Saturday morning - they wowed RIBI Conference, now fall in love with Canine Partners live onstage along with a host of quality speakers.

Saturday lunch with DG Dave Ashley and an inspirational talk from successful Olympian Dr. Alison

Mowbray.

Saturday night is party time with Nottingham band Revival headlining a superb line-up in two halls open to all.

Sunday morning - a session not to be missed:

- The keynote speaker is Paralympian and Polio victim, Anne Wafula Strike, hopefully fresh from success.
- Personal message by the DG on District aims and aspirations and the Family of Rotary.
- And finally a celebration of Rotary with Cantata leading you all in song.

Please take a few minutes and talk to our sponsors St. James's Place. Every, no obligation, introduction adds £10 to the conference fund helping us to keep the cost of registration for this fun-packed weekend down to an incredible £38.

There are a few additional rooms now available at The Ramada (Conference HQ) Hotel,

Make this weekend one to remember and register now at www.2012conference1220.co.uk where you will also find more details about the conference.

David Pedlar - Conference Director 2012

WELCOME TO THE GREEN GARTERS!



The evening opened with President Martin, dressed in an appropriate tabard complete with matching helmet, introducing the story of St George whilst the staff served the traditional soup first course. The chef then appeared from the kitchen and carved the succulent joint of English roast beef, which was served to us.

With a clattering of clogs and a jingling of bells the Green Garters Morris Dancers appeared in all their splendour. The group of performers, based in Ripley, comprised ten ladies who generally danced in groups of eight or six whilst others played the music. Having seen a selection of dances expertly performed it was our turn and fortunately there were seven willing volunteers who were keen to join in (see photograph!).

John Horwood - Belper and Duffield

HENRY VIII MAKES STATE VISIT



John S White as King Henry VIII

Civic dignitaries, members of the Rotary Club of Bretby and their Guests were privileged to be granted an audience with His Majesty King Henry VIII at this year's annual fund-raising St. George's Day Dinner.

After a splendid 4-course meal, the audience were addressed by Professor Michael Gunn of Staffordshire University, who proposed the toast to 'England and St. George', before the splendidly costumed and bejewelled Monarch made his entrance to address 'His loyal subjects', whom he insisted stand to receive him. He regaled his audience with the tale of his life and loves and the lengths that he felt obliged to pursue in his increasingly desperate search for a male heir.

After receiving a rousing appreciation from his subjects, King Hal took his leave and the evening ended with the singing of Land of Hope and Glory and the National Anthem before the 192 guests departed. The evening raised over £2500 for Rotary charities.

Colin Brockington - Bretby

PATRIOTIC FERVOUR!



The Rotary Club of Warsop, Shirebrook and District held its Annual St George's Day Dinner at the Tudor Barn at Warsop. Meat was carved at the table and some 40 Rotarians and guests attended.

Stephen Garner

Warsop,
Shirebrook &
District



FISHTAIL FUND

A chance meeting of two Rotarians from across the world has been the inspiration for a flourishing project initiated by the Rotary Club of Dronfield which has attracted support from clubs and individuals throughout District 1220.

The story begins in 2008 when Dronfield Rotarian David Lumb was travelling in Nepal and met Binod Koirala, then President of the local Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail. They realised that between them they could make a difference: the local club by choosing and monitoring suitable students and Dronfield by generating interest and support in the UK. Since then Rotarians have kept in touch by internet and by personal travel: David has visited Pokhara again, and four Rotarians from Nepal came over, at their own expense, to make an inspiring presentation at the 2011 District 1220 Scarborough Conference which led to a surge in sponsorship donations.

"Fishtail" refers to the majestic mountain which rears up behind the town; called Machapuchre in Nepali, it is sacred and has never been climbed. The Fishtail Fund supports poor but clever children in Nepal, helping them to resist economic pressures on them to leave school early. The Fund has swelled from an initial intake of 10 students in 2009 to almost fifty today. Each student is helped with a modest £60 a year to stay in education; the money goes on warm clothes, stationery, textbooks and examination fees.

Surya Lamsal is 12, in Grade 7 at Secondary School in Pokhara. There are two other children in the family and his parents both work as unskilled labourers; all five family members live in a rented room. Surya's application read ... my family's economic condition does not support me to fulfil my desire to be a doctor in future... His school recommended Surya for a scholarship, his head teacher writing - Surya is very disciplinary and hardworking. He got 2nd position in his last exam and this year he was top of the class!

His Head Teacher will pay all his school expenses and give the remaining Fishtail grant to the family for uniforms and stationery. Surya's supporters in D1220 receive annual upgrades on his progress: exam results, photographs, school reports and often a personal letter.

The Fishtail Fund is currently seeking support for the students at college level and beyond. There are further details at www.fishtailfund.com. Speakers will be delighted to come to your club to tell you more about Nepal and the fund. The Trustees in Dronfield thank all clubs, individuals and organisations who have supported them so far.

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. If the cleverest children of poor parents could stay in school, where might their education take them? The leaders of a poor country will come from the children of today, to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Nelson Mandela

David Lumb - Rotary Club of Dronfield



Life Education Centres
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire

Helping children make healthy choices

TESTIMONIAL FROM RETIRED HEAD TEACHER AND ROTARIAN.

As a member of the Rotary club of Newark Castle I am very proud to help with the delivery of the Life Education Caravan to schools in the north of Nottinghamshire. I more than most realise just how beneficial this education programme is to the children in these schools. This is because up until July of last year I myself was an infant teacher and had been the grateful recipient of the Life Education Caravan for my class for many years and knew what a valuable resource it was.

The school I taught in, Ernehale Infant School in Arnold, had been involved with the L.E.C. almost since its inception which shows how both the Head teacher and the staff felt this enhanced the curriculum. It enabled us to approach nutrition and health education in a totally different way than if we were just classroom based. The children always responded so positively to the excellent educators who accompanied the L.E.C. and of course Harold the puppet was always a firm favourite.

In the present economic climate I know how difficult schools are finding it to manage their budgets and the L.E.C. may be viewed as an extra that can no longer be afforded. Unfortunately the schools that will find it the most difficult to pay for this extra facility, often have the children who would benefit most from such an outstanding resource.

Children nowadays are facing such challenges within the societies they find themselves growing up in and as we are only too aware from the media, obesity in children is a growing concern and I know that the lifelong skills imparted by our L.E.C. staff can go a long way to help children make the right choices. Because of the huge benefit I know is derived in school from the L.E.C. not only will I continue to help deliver the mobile classroom, but I will also know how much knowledge will be imparted during its stay and how much enjoyment and fun the children will have.

I have no hesitation in recommending the work of this excellent charity and implore all Rotary clubs to support its work with the children in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Rotarian Gina Cresswell -Newark Castle Rotary Club



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District Governor's Message ...

"Time flies when you are having fun!" How true, for by the time you receive this publication the Rotary year will have just a couple of weeks to go, and I can assure you there have been lots of fun and many wonderful memories.

It all started at a Strawberry Tea with the members of the Rotary Club of Castle Donington at the home of their President Chris. A small gathering compared to the recent meeting at Southwell Race Course when over 1200 Rotarians and friends turned out to support the event.

Throughout the year there have been Club visits, District and National Conferences and Charter celebrations. Some of those Charters broke with tradition, with a Bollywood Night, a Concert and a karaoke evening. I have always been impressed with the work of Rotary but when you have the privilege of being District Governor you see so much more and I must congratulate all the Clubs in the District on the work and service they give in the name of Rotary.

I make no apology for mentioning membership again, for it is the greatest challenge that Rotary faces. But I am delighted at the effort clubs are making to create awareness of Rotary and through that effort we will find those important new members.

I have been proud to be part of the Rotary General Council that has put down the foundations for the biggest change in the Governance of RIBI since it was formed. There is still work to do but I believe these changes were necessary and will help secure the future of Rotary in these islands.

Finally, Lorraine and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome we have received at Club visits and Charters and we wish you and your families well for the future

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor; it is a year I will never forget.

D G Gordon



Editorial

Yet again, I have received plenty of items from the clubs in the District to more than fill this edition; some 35 of the 58 clubs have taken the trouble to submit material - thank you.

Even as a relatively seasoned Rotarian, I am always amazed at the variety of activities Rotarians get up to and I do believe that the District owes it to the

clubs to publicise their initiatives and projects. You, the reader now need to play your part by passing on your copy of this magazine to a friend or colleague, and when they ask you what is Rotary all about, you could not do better than read the poem on page 4!

As we are about to start a new Rotary year, the various club committees could get some ideas from these pages and inject some new projects into their programmes for 2012/2013. Who knows, you might also pull in a few new members for your club?

John Scotney

Changes at RIBI

During the Business meeting at the Bournemouth Conference 2012 all the proposals submitted by the General Council regarding the future of RIBI were passed with minor amendments. Therefore from 2013/14 the Governance of Rotary will change with the organisation being run by the RIBI Board. This Board will consist of 15 members, 9 of which will be elected by the membership. This new Board will speed up decision making and as they will serve for a maximum of 3 years there will be more continuity.

The District Governors will meet as the District Governors Forum and will be able to give more of their time to District matters while still having influence on the Board as well as scrutinising their actions.

During the next Rotary year the 2012/13 District Governors will form the last General Council of RIBI and working with the constitutions committee will finalise the powers and responsibilities of the new structure.

Gordon McGlone

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ALFRETON



The Rotary Club of Alfreton was honoured to be present when DG Gordon presented a Certificate of Appreciation to PP Gordon Harwood PHF for his donation to Polio Plus.

Gordon, an ardent supporter of the Polio Campaign since its inception many years ago held a party for his 80th Birthday and requested no presents but would be happy to receive donations towards the eradication programme. His donation to the Campaign amounted to £1250 including Gift Aid, a magnificent achievement. The Party was tremendous and included music from the Beeston Big Band for which Gordon is the keyboard player. Roger Holroyd

Roger Holroyd



AMBER VALLEY

Rotary in Action

The Rotary Club of Amber Valley was in action at the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre (DCHC) at Skegness from 7-11 March Spring cleaning and re-painting the Sports Hall.

Each year, DCHC aims to provide over 450 disadvantaged children from Derbyshire with much needed holidays at their residential centre in Skegness, Lincolnshire. They give the children a week of fresh air, nutritious meals, structured play, one-on-one attention and FUN.

As the centre is run entirely on voluntary donations, this year the Rotary Club of Amber Valley decided to give their time as well as money and so armed with sleeping bags, paint pots, brushes and rollers a number of them spent four days and nights at DCHC working to give new life to the Sports Hall.

Frank Seals



BELPER AND DUFFIELD

The Rolls Royce Heritage Collection

Earlier this year, the club visited this local exhibition. Tour guide, John Plant gave a brief resumé of the lives of C S Rolls and F H Royce and explained how in 1908, due to the foresight of the Corporation offering a good deal on electricity, RR came to Derby buying a factory site for £25,000.

There were numerous engines on display and we learned that they are named after rivers - Spey, Avon, Derwent, Trent, Nene, Dart, Conway, Tyne and others - with connotations of a river/air flow theme. Jet engines are adapted to power

ships and generate electricity as well as planes and RR has a significant involvement in marine products from engines and propellers to stabilisers and winches.

We saw a few old cars - a nice looking Green Rolls presented to Lord Baden Powell by Scouts worldwide and a gorgeous red Rolls Royce convertible which had been the prize property of Sir Malcolm Campbell. There was also a Blue Steel Missile and a replica Atom Bomb! It was a most interesting and enjoyable visit.

Allan Widdowson



BRETRY

RIBI Spring Clean

As part of the RIBI Spring Clean initiative the Rotary Club of Bretby teamed up with the Rotary Club of Burton to tackle the rubbish on the Broadholme, the area either side of the old Trent Bridge. We were supported by volunteers from the Burton Venture Trust and in just two hours we managed to collect a bicycle, a scooter, a plastic sledge, a bread crate, at least six road signs of which two were in one of the trees, a lorry tyre, wheel trims, parts of car bumpers, cans and bottles and various barriers. In addition to this there were 21 black bags at least half full of rubbish.

A very satisfying morning!

Andrew Smart



BULWELL AND BASFORD

50th Anniversary Charter

Driving rain and wind could not dampen the spirits of the 100 plus Rotarians and their guests who enjoyed a wonderful evening at Woodborough Hall to celebrate Bulwell and Basford's 50th Anniversary Charter. Amongst the guests was Malcolm Wardle who was a founder member of the club when it was chartered in 1962 and several representatives of other founder members families. President Malcolm Darroch and his family must have also been very proud and moved by the occasion as Malcolm's own father Neil Darroch had also been a founder member of the Club.

An excellent meal and a very entertaining speaker, Mr David Smith, the National President of 41 Clubs, helped make the evening a great success. Social and fellowship activities are important to our success as a Rotary Club. Many fund raising events have helped us fund projects both in the local community and internationally. We have sent 750 soldier boxes to our soldiers working on the front line in Afghanistan, physically packed 350 aqua boxes, supported REMIT and the Wheelchair Foundation as well as achieving our Polio target and supporting Foundation. On the Community and Vocational front we have developed strong links with many local schools providing dictionaries for life, helped refurbish the kitchen at the local Friary Drop-in centre and helped fund a young swimmer who will hopefully qualify as a swimmer in the Olympics in 2016.

Our Golden Gala Dinner earlier in the year raised £2000 which has been used to help Alzheimer's and Dementia sufferers. We end the year on a very positive note with the addition of 3 new members; a marvellous celebration of 50 excellent years.

Jayne Kirkham



CHESTERFIELD

Public Speaking Competition

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield once again hosted the finals of the Chesterfield Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition at the club meeting held at the Olde House on Friday 16 March 2012 when the club also welcomed wives and partners and members of the Inner Wheel Club of Chesterfield for this annual event.

Winner was Beth Ansell of Netherthorpe School who gave a very topical and amusing talk on the diminishing art of face-to-face communication thanks to the growing use of social networking media by the younger generation.

Pictured from left to right: Runner-up Michael Bown (St Marys), Poetry competition winner Alice Walker (Hasland Hall), Winner Beth Ansell (Netherthorpe), Runner-up Hannah Rodger (St Marys), President Alan Clarke.

Geoff Mitchell



BURTON

Member of Parliament inducted to Rotary

On 12th April 49 members and guests from the Rotary Club of Burton upon Trent gathered in the visitors' dining room at the Houses of Parliament to witness Andrew Griffiths MP being inducted as an Honorary Member of the Club.

The members and their guests were conducted around the House of Commons and the House of Lords and explored Westminster Hall, St Stephens Hall and the Central Lobby. Following afternoon tea in the Strangers Corridor everyone gathered on the Terrace for a final photo as a memento of a fascinating experience.

Cyril Ford



CHURCH WILNE

Membership increases steadily with Graham Knowles, Andy Cartwright, John Cook and Jess Guarino being the latest inductions

Gay Evans from Treetops Hospice was presented with a cheque for £4,200 from the proceeds of the Club's Charity Horse ride last September and a sizable sum from the concert by Ellie Sheehy-Smith.

Other club events held so far in 2012 include a Jazz night for Polio plus, a sellout Titanic event (see photograph) which raised £573 for the RNLI, blue bell walk, caravan club visit to Cambridge, Marstons Brewery visit and the club's 27th Anniversary Charter night.

We held our senior citizens tea party in May when well over 100 enjoyed around 6 hours of good food and lots of other entertainment put on by our club, ably supported by the Inner Wheel Club of Church Wilne.

Ray Terry



DERBY MERCIA

During the year the club held a Christmas collection at the Mackworth Hotel, a charity dinner and a Charity AM golf day. As a result of these events a cheque of over £4500 was presented to Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre at Skegness. A street collection on behalf of Marie Curie raised over £1600. As part of our community service the club continues to provide drivers for the Allestree Live at Home Scheme

The picture above shows a number of "fit" members who helped load a 17 ton truck last August with dental equipment to continue our project in equipping and supplying medical consumables to the children's hospital in Minsk, Belarus which Mercia have supported over 10 years. This article would not be complete without mentioning the sad death of our secretary Chris Bailey who had put up an amazing fight against cancer. A Paul Harris Fellow and Past President of Mercia and Derby South Rotary Clubs, he will be greatly missed

Tim Park



DRONE VALLEY

Rotary and the Wheelchair Superwomen

No sign of a grey suit, tie or blazer here, this is Mitch Oglesby of The Rotary Club of Drone Valley.

Mitch, who lost the use of her legs after a Horse Eventing competition accident in 1994, now leads a more active life than many fully mobile people. For a job she runs a riding school in Holmesfield, Derbyshire and in her spare time she works for the charity Riding for the Disabled and she is a Rotarian who is due to be the president of her Club in 2013.

In between she has perfected her skills as a Wheelchair Tennis Player to the point that she will be competing in the British National Wheelchair Tennis Championships to be held at Gloucester in May of this year. Wheelchair Tennis is played on a normal tennis court using specially made competition wheelchairs. It is in many ways a more challenging game than able bodied tennis in that the player needs to push and steer their wheelchair, hold a racket and hit the ball accurately at the same time.

Paul Scott



ETWALL AND HILTON

When we were standing in the cold and rain selling Christmas trees at Kingsway Hospital back in December we were amazed at how many people came to buy them. On Tuesday, 17 April we held our Community Awards Night at the Hilton House Hotel when we gave away five lots of £300 to local groups to thank them for the work they had done for young people in

the community and help them provide better facilities. Firstly 'The Saturday Night Project' a youth club who are going to spend the award on additional games and equipment. Next, Etwall Cricket Club who plan to spend the money on improving the Clubhouse facilities.

Also honoured was 'Youth of Hatton', a Club that provides sporting activities and games for young people in Hatton, along with the Scropton Riding Centre for the Disabled. The final award went to Hilton Cricket Club which has 11 junior sides including both boys and girls and ambitious plans to improve their club house.

John Gardam



ILKESTON

The Rotary Club of Ilkeston has given £500 to the Ilkeston Stroke Club at one of its recent meetings. Elaine Smith and a colleague were guests of Rotary President Colin Ware who himself suffered a stroke in 2010.

Elaine highlighted the difficulties in gathering funding to pay for the high cost of transport for their meetings and trips and said that the money presented would go a long way to help those members who have had strokes to have a social life and go on trips that they may not have been able to do.

Their meetings are held in the Flamstead Centre at Ilkeston and every possible support is given to those attending. Elaine Smith can be contacted on 0115 932 1310.

Mike Perry





Meet the Rotakids

Greenwood Primary School, Kirkby, is thought to be the first in D.1220 to initiate Rotakids, a scheme designed for Rotary clubs to support schools in their projects, especially those that help to make the world a better place.

Rotarian John Peacock of Kirkby Rotary Club recently enrolled 13 Greenwood pupils as Rotakids, encouraging them to care for the environment and help other citizens less fortunate than themselves. The children will learn the Rotakids promise and then receive their membership badge. Each Rotakids club decides at its monthly meetings what projects it wants to undertake, with the support of the sponsoring Rotarians.

Greenwood Primary School is already active in environmental projects. Their E-Team has around 25 pupils, of which about half are Rotakids, and is taking part in the Eco Schools Award. The team, which is organised by teacher Shelly Hickton recently won the final stage, the coveted Green Flag. The E-Team's current project is to plant 80 trees in the school grounds to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Ron Walker

LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS



On Thursday 12th April "Jungle" star Joe Pasquale officially launched the announcement of a **Grand Order of Water Rats Charity Variety Show** due to be held at the **Duchess Theatre on Saturday 1st September**. The show is being organised by the Rotary Club of Long Eaton Dawnbreakers in association with the main beneficiaries of the shows - the Grand Order of Water Rats and the Chatsworth Centre's Phoenix Fund. The show is being hosted by Derby pantomime stars Keith and Ben Simmons and feature professional artistes and members of the Grand Order of Water Rats including Eastenders Charlie Slater (Derek Martin). The show will also feature the World Première of "Cinderella and the Rats" - the shortest pantomime in history!

Honorary Dawnbreaker Rotarian Leon Wade is the show's musical director and will appear with The Leonettes plus Long Eaton's very own talented Young Performers. Tickets (Matinee £10 and Gala Performance £15) and more information are available by visiting www.theyoungperformers.co.uk

Graham N Smith



KEYWORTH AND RUDDINGTON

Rotary on top of the world in the Lake District

The weather was very kind to the Keyworth and Ruddington RC Walking Group who enjoyed a super social weekend walking in the Lake District at the end of April. Each day alternative walks were arranged so that everybody could enjoy a walk that suited their fitness and stamina. The highlight for the "long walk" group was the 10 mile circular walk from Ambleside, up Scardale to Red Screes (2545 ft). The views over Windermere and Ambleside on the Saturday were stunning, we could even see Morecombe Bay from the summit. A.W. Wainwright, the famous fell walker had described them as "excellent views", I would call them magnificent. The downhill views were ample reward for all the hard work in getting to the summit.

Walks around Rydal Water, Coniston and Burntwood (Ruskin's House) rounded off an excellent weekend of Rotary. Next year the group are planning to swop the rugged fells for the picturesque, less hilly surrounds of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Bob Child



LONG EATON

The members of Long Eaton Rotary celebrated their 85th Charter at the Novotel in Long Eaton. President Jonathan Toon presided over the proceedings when the members welcomed Presidents and Rotarians from our twinned clubs in Aars, Denmark and Settsu, Japan. Over one hundred and thirty were present, and entertainment for the evening was a performance by Cantata. The raffle raised over £400 for the charity "Wish upon a Star".

Terence Brown

LONG EATON INTERACTORS



On Saturday the 24th March staff, parents and students of the Long Eaton School took to the water, as part of their annual ECO-Interact sponsored swim in aid of Water for the World and to mark World Water Day.

The event, held at West Park Leisure Centre, involved the completion of over 1,700 lengths of the pool which is equivalent to swimming from England to France.

Sponsorship money raised will go towards building a 'Deep Bore Well' in Uganda with the Busoga Trust. This will bring much needed fresh water to a community where it is really needed.

The Rotary Club of Long Eaton Interactor President Molly Elliott and Interactor Daisy Kelsey did a presentation to the whole school regarding the need for clean water in Uganda.

Barbara James



Competitors waiting to start the Dovedale Dipper Challenge in 2005

MATLOCK

Matlock Rotary Celebrates 10 Years of the Dovedale Dipper Challenge

In 2003, Past President, Simon Brister, came up with the proposal that Matlock Rotary should organise a twenty six miles, marathon length, challenge event for walkers and runners. To the great relief of the organisers, on the day, over 250 people arrived at Hartington Village Hall on the first Sunday in August to take on the challenge. The money raised, over £4,000 was presented to Mountain Rescue. In 2006 a fifteen miles "Ramble" option was added to encourage those who wanted a challenge but did not feel up to the grueling twenty six miles course.

A number of charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Ashgate Hospice, Crossroads, Multiple Sclerosis, Save the Children Fund, British Heart Foundation and Rainbows Children's Hospice have benefitted with a share of the total raised by the event of over £55,000. For this 10th anniversary year, Matlock Rotarians have decided to support Derby Mountain Rescue as this fits well with the donation made to Mountain Rescue in 2003. This year, entrants to either of the two events will be offered a free commemorative tee shirt celebrating the tenth year of the event if they raise a minimum of £110 in sponsorship.

The date for the diary is the 5th August 2012 and entry forms can be printed directly from the Matlock Rotary website www.matlockrotary.com

Albert Ripamonti



NEWARK CASTLE

Our club was one of over 100 clubs throughout the world that took part in the Global Swimarathon in February. Clubs as far away as Australia, Africa, India and America were involved, using swimming pools and open water between 1200 and 1300 hours GMT. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the End Polio Now campaign and to attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the number of people swimming 100 metres non-stop within an hour. One lane was provided by the Grove Leisure Centre and 52 swimmers took part. Within hours of finishing, emails were arriving across the world with clubs sharing their results. It became clear that Rotary had smashed the Guinness World Record with nearly 5000 swimmers taking part. We are so pleased to have been involved in the raising of thousands of pounds to help END POLIO NOW.

Celia Smallwood



MELBOURNE

Melbourne's Past President Kate Dumelow with some of the children in Bucence village, Uganda

Melbourne Club received a visit by Bishop Patrick Tugume Tusungwire and his wife, Maama Eva, from North Kigese, in Southern Uganda, the area where the Club has invested heavily in aid for a subsistence level village. Over the last few years, the Club has financed a rainwater collection and storage facility for the village of Bucence, followed up with help in constructing a school building and health centre. Adjoining the school is a basic farm project, for which a number of goats and later cows have been supplied, providing the children with a real long-term education in farming. The project has been shared with the Rotary Club of Hythe in Kent, whose member Ken Birkin is a frequent visitor to Uganda, and it was Ken who brought the Bishop, "Patrick T.T." as he calls himself, to Melbourne. Past President Kate Dumelow has been the leading supporter of the Uganda project, having visited the village twice, and she hosted the Bishop and Maama Eva while they were in Melbourne. Among the many places visited by the Bishop was the local Primary School, who have collected large amounts of clothing to be sent out to Bucence, and Melbourne school uniform blue shirts and sweaters are now very much in evidence in their new school.

John Burney



NOTTINGHAM



The Nottingham Rotary Club Business Network has completed its first year of network meetings with a Stock Market game hosted by District Competitions Coordinator Mike Storr from Carlton Club.

The Business Network was started at Nottingham to try to reengage with the Business community and to attract younger business and professional managers to join Nottingham and other city clubs. It attracts about 15-20 guests to its monthly meetings and so far about half a dozen or so of the guests have gone on to become members of Nottingham or other City based clubs. President James Thornhill said, "We have been pleased with the results for the first year. We have tried to get good business focused speakers and keep the evenings as informal as possible. We know this is not a magic bullet for increasing membership among the working business community but it is a start and we shouldn't forget it is where Rotary began."

The network has had speakers on Exporting, Cloud Computing, Social Media, the Business approach of Japanese companies, How to look after your heart, Alternative sourcing of funding than the banks, How to go about applying for grants, and working with the media.

James Thornhill



Representatives of the Rotary Club of Retford present the cheque to Louise Hallam, Community Outreach worker from Bassetlaw Action Centre.

RETFORD

Rotary donation helps centre to keep rolling.

The Rotary Club of Retford has donated £1500 to help keep the Resource Centre for Older People in Retford running after the County Council withdrew its funding. The Resource Centre for Older People is run by Bassetlaw Action Centre and meets every Thursday in the Butter Market. It offers a social centre for friends and families to associate take part in activities and access information. The Centre has coffee, cakes and lunchtime meals available to purchase at very reasonable cost with newspapers and magazines available to read.

The money was raised by the Community and Vocation Committee fund raising events and match funding from the Percy Laws Management Committee of the Rotary Club of Retford.

Jim Craig



Pictured: Centre George Lowe and his daughter Margaret cutting the cake with some of his fellow Rotarians.

RIPLEY

Rotary Club Ripley held a special meeting at the Lumb Farm, Marehay to celebrate the birthday of its oldest member George Lowe, who recently reached the wonderful age of 100 years.

The evening commenced with a three course meal, followed by a film of Yesteryears of Ripley after which George recalled the many changes that have happened to Ripley during his life.

George, who was born in Ripley, was presented with a photo album on behalf of the club by President Owen Briggs, of his 100th birthday party which was celebrated at the Wood Street Chapel with his family and friends; photos of the Rotary party were added later.

Special guests who attended were District 1220 Governor Gordon McGlone, District Governor Elect David Ashley and Assistant District Governor Roger Summers.

Stuart Rice



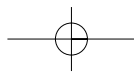
SHERWOOD SUNRISERS

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Sunrisers has a new home and now meets every Tuesday Morning at the Park Inn by Radisson, (the old Savoy Hotel) Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG5 2BT.

Our meetings now start at 7:00 am with a discussion or talk and then Breakfast and will finish at 08:30 promptly so that anyone who needs to get to work, generally, is able too.

As ever you will get a typical Sunrisers welcome if you wish to join one of our meetings and it is warm with FREE parking.

John Bray



VALE OF BELVOIR

We've already started planning for our third annual Vale's Got Talent and Denis Bacon, who initiated the competition in his Presidential Year, continues to chair the sub-committee. This event successfully involves the local communities and both previous winners, Harrison Dowzell, who is due to perform in Billy Elliot in the West End Show and Arthur Cunnington, who is due to record his second CD, have clearly proved their worth. On 25th April President Duncan presented a cheque for £1490 to Cotgrave Candleby Lane School for the development of "Flying High", a new multi-media at the school. We are pleased to be able to support a venture that started off as the dream of the school's site manager and was realised because the Head-Teacher recognised the potential of both idea and staff member.

Michael Morris



TRENT BRIDGE

After spending over 10 months fundraising (to which Trent Bridge RC made a contribution) and preparing, 16 students from The Emmanuel School, West Bridgford finally ventured to Ghana for an amazing charity expedition - with the World Challenge. For the next five days the students stayed and worked at a Primary School in the local village of Ayensudo. Whilst they were there building relationships with the young children, they painted three classrooms, leaving behind the Emmanuel school mission statement "Together to learn, to grow, to serve," along with an enormous world map, a jungle, and a desert. They also repaired and renovated the playground, which included filling in a large hole with cement to be painted for Hop Scotch.

Some of the students did some additional work to help dig a drainage trench for the new kindergarten building next door. As a group, the students felt that they needed to leave a lasting act of 'giving' that went further than the trip organisers had expected. So the students decided over the campfire one night to all donate their own money, to create a brand new IT suite with 12 new computers. The students all felt upon leaving that they had achieved something very special and helped those children experience a better future.

And so... 13 young students left for Ghana, but 13 young adults returned. The students also had the expert help of Graham Becket who was the World Challenge Leader. The students all agreed that the trip was a once in a lifetime experience. And the relationships, emotional strength, and maturity built throughout their time in Ghana, will remain with them forever!

Graham Butterworth



WEST BRIDGFORD

On Saturday 31st March, twenty-eight local leisure activities and sports clubs, under the umbrella of the Rotary Club of West Bridgford, put on a successful and vibrant hobbies exhibition.

The exhibition was well supported by local residents and was attended by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Gordon Moore and his wife Georgia, who were escorted around the tables by Rotary Club President Geoff Chivers to meet the exhibitors. Dramatic demonstrations of Japanese martial arts were provided by the Eishinjuku Kendo club, skilful swordplay by the Radcliffe Sword Club, music by the Boy's Brigade Brass (Radcliffe) and a string quartet from the Nottingham Youth Orchestra. Keep fit performances were given by Fitness and Swing and a comprehensive series of dance routines by the Sandra Taylor School of Dance.

This great community event had not only had advertised the activities of a wide range of hobby clubs and organisations operating in West Bridgford, it had provided links between the various groups. Rushcliffe Photographic Society, for example was proposing to photograph the Kendo group in their classical Japanese uniforms and the Bridgford Beaders group reported that it had received expressions of interest from twelve potential members.

Rex Gooding



WARSOP, SHIREBROOK AND DISTRICT

The club had its annual Sportsmen's Evening at the John Fretwell Centre at Sookholme nr Mansfield on Friday 2 March and over £9,000 was raised. Over 300 people were there to hear guest speaker Tim Weatherspoon, American ex World Heavyweight Champion.

Immediate Past President John Fretwell (he is the one in the suit) pictured with a bevy of lovely raffle sellers; well someone has to do it!

Steve Garner



WIRKSWORTH



Carsington Circle

On Sunday 29th April members of our club, with the help of two Rotary Ladies, and intrepid walkers braved torrential rain and bitterly cold windy weather during our Annual Carsington Circle Walk. It was a supreme example of "Service above Self" with money donated by walkers and their sponsors going to Marie Curie, Macmillan Nurses and Polio Plus.

David Udall



WOLLATON PARK

Wollaton Park's recent 'Dance with a Sixties Band' was a resounding success. 114 Rotarians, their partners and friends dressed up in a variety of fifties to sixties outfits and danced the night away to the sounds of Ready Steady Sixties - a young group who specialize in 60's music. Of course we knew every tune, sang along with every remembered word!

The evening included a finger buffet and Rami Seth, co-organiser of the dance, ran a 'lucky dip' raffle which, along with some generous donations, added to the total funds raised. Its success as a social event also made it a success as a fundraiser; we raised £888 for Endpolio.

Rod Connelly



TEN PIN BOWLING

A very wet and blustery evening in May 2012 welcomed the two teams to Ilkeston Bowl where the Burton Bruisers were to take on the Matlock Maulers for the title of Ten Pin Bowling Champions 2011/12. 36 teams

had set off on this competitive journey since October last year and it culminated with a terrific match between these two clubs. Captain Albert Ripamonti of the Matlock Maulers made his team's intentions clear by suggesting they would knock Burton's captain, Carl Brister, and his team for six.....but this wasn't to be.....the match was played in truly wonderful Rotary fellowship spirit with the final score being a magnificent win by Burton on Trent. The two round score for 4 best aggregate scores Burton on Trent 1338 Matlock 1210

Mike Storr - District 1220 Competitions Coordinator



WORKSOP DUKERIES

Visit toThoresby Hot Glass Studios

On 16th April members of Worksop Dukeries took time out from their regular meetings and fundraising to visit Ingrid Pears' Hot Glass Studios at The Courtyard, Thoresby Park, where Ingrid gave a fascinating - and sometimes rather alarming - demonstration of how to create a beautiful bowl from a blob of red hot molten glass. Ingrid said the heat of the furnace is equivalent to that of a volcano - fairly obvious looking at the pink faces of the Rotarians in front of her ! She explained that the glass on the end of the rod would simply explode if kept out of the furnace for more than 5 minutes, so the more nervous amongst the group kept counting the minutes and looking at their watches.

Later a volunteer was sought to have a go at blowing glass in the traditional way and there was lots of encouragement from everyone to "go on - blow a bit harder".

Ingrid is always delighted to talk about her work, and is especially proud of some of her bespoke pieces which go to countries such as Brazil, Russia, India and China, and she can be seen creating beautiful crystal glassware in her studios most Wednesday afternoons.

Pauline Crawshaw

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Ashover Classic Car & Bike Show

Ashover Show Ground is once again the idyllic setting for the Annual Classic Car & Bike Show being organised jointly in aid of nominated charities by the Rotary Clubs of Chesterfield, Chesterfield Scarsdale, Clay Cross and Matlock on

Sunday 29 July from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

There is also entertainment, bar /refreshments, autojumble and a craft fair. For more details go to the website www.ashoverclassics.co.uk or email info@ashoverclassics.co.uk



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