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ROTARY REVIEW

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Young pianist Caden Stowe after his performance at the District Young Musician Gala Concert at the Robert Ludlam Theatre, Derby .. full report inside.

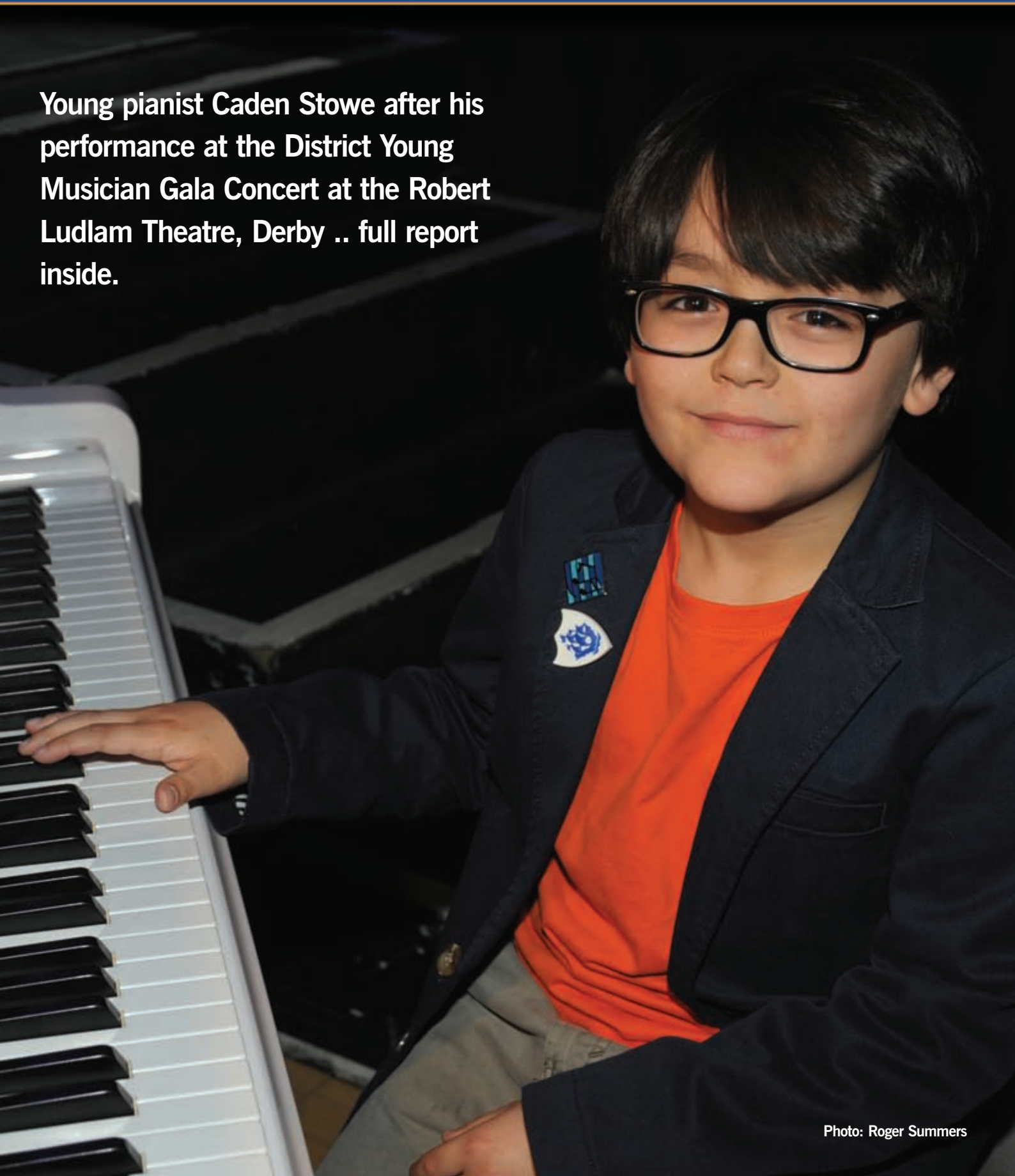


Photo: Roger Summers

Rotary encourages music making

Young Musician Gala Concert

A milestone for Youth Services

Sunday March 22nd saw District 1220 reach a milestone when it held its 20th Young Musician Gala Concert at the Robert Ludlam Theatre in Derby. An enthusiastic group of performers, their families, tutors, schoolmates and Rotarians once again enjoyed a feast of amazing talent. The young musicians took part in a diverse programme, from classical to modern through to rock, jazz and folk roots.

It's been especially pleasing in this celebration year to have not only enjoyed some really young and prodigious talent but also have unearthed instruments and music forms never featured before and to which we can now add a further two.

The 'diatonic' melodeon, a most complicated instrument, was effortlessly played by Benammi Swift from Swanwick Hall School. Inherited from his late father, Benammi aims to emulate his dad's achievements and is being tutored by some of the leading players across the country.

Another instrument never featured before was the ukulele, played with great enthusiasm by the Paget High School Ukulele Quartet. Caden Stowe from Bingham, though still only at primary school, gave a piano performance of Beethoven's Für Elise demonstrating a talent and stage presence way beyond his years and rounded it off with his own impromptu 'jazz' improvisation finale. Pianist Katie McGough from Castle Donington in performing her own composition La Rève, also gave us what may be a 'first'.

Thanks go to those clubs which sought out and nominated performers, to the performers themselves, their families, accompanists and tutors and to the Youth Services team and the sound, lighting and technical engineers at Robert Ludlam whose expertise gave the show that extra 'professional' touch.

Terry Clay - Melbourne

John Hall - Amber Valley

200 Voices Sing for Aquabox

Fernwood School hall was packed out on Friday 20th March as five local school choirs sang their hearts out and entertained an enthusiastic audience.



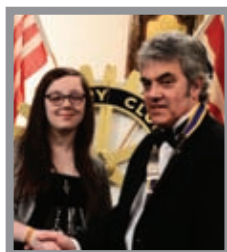
Traditionally, proceeds from the concert have gone to the schools but as the ticket sales and sponsorship from local businesses have soared in the last two years, we were pleased when all the schools agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds in support of Aquabox. The recent Vanuatu disaster gave this even more focus and we are pleased to be donating £375 to that worthy Rotary cause. President Elect Chris O'Brien handed out certificates and cheques to each of the schools and all those taking part were rewarded with a fresh baked cookie and a cream egg.

All the choirs then combined for the finale bringing together 200 voices in a rousing rendition of "I'm still singing" written especially for the National Sing Up Day on the 18th March 2015.

David Pedlar - Wollaton Park

15th Annual Music Festival & Gala Concert

The 15th Annual Music Festival on the 7th March was a great success; the evening concert filled the body of the church with parents, grandparent, siblings, and Rotarians and partners standing at the back with dozens of people upstairs in the balcony of the Methodist Church in Castle Donington.



The Primary Choirs Competition was a challenge between three of the local primary schools, Orchard, Hemington and St Edwards; the latter won with both their choir and recorder group going through to the main evening gala concert.

On the day of the festival, there were 39 entries with almost 50 musicians entered in 6 different classes from year 3 solos to year 13 duets and ensembles. The adjudicator, Nadia Hinson, made selections from each of the classes to go through to the evening concert.

The evening Gala Concert started with the Castle Donington Community Orchestra followed by St Edwards's choir and then the winners of the day's classes. The adjudicator awarded the Rotary Rose to Katie McGough with Alexander Anderson as the runner up. The winner of The Oliver Walton Most Promising Young Musician was Christian Anderson, Alex's younger brother.

Eric Woodward - Castle Donington

Young Musician's Competition

The Rotary Club of Bingham and District held their Young Musician competition in February and March. We had entries from twelve schools and some very talented and happy young people in our final. The photograph shows some of the participants receiving certificates from President Anni Gell.



Anni Gell - Bingham and District

Nepal Earthquake

On Saturday April 25th we heard the news of the devastating Earthquake in Nepal and our thoughts immediately turned to how we could help. Our District 1220 Nepal Disaster Fund links directly with the District 3292 Nepal Emergency Fund. We can be sure that our Funds will get through and be wisely used. Aquabox and Shelterbox have led the way with immediate help and their Volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide 600 Aquaboxes, 40 Community Filters and 100's of Shelterboxes. Congratulations also to all our District Clubs who responded very quickly with Street and Supermarket Collections, Special Events and Donations from their Club Funds. Our District Treasurer has sent our first £5000 to District 3292. We have all had comments from the public saying how pleased they are that Rotary are involved as they trust us and know the money will get where it is needed. In the coming year, we will have to maintain our support as there has been such widespread damage. Our many Projects in Nepal are keeping us regularly updated as to what they need.

Cheryle Berry - District 1220 International Coordinator



Collection for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal



Rotarians (wearing tabards): Malcolm Busfield, Phillip Rosser, Kate Dumelow and John Burney with the proprietors of Swarkestone Nursery, Laura and John Jackson.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne organised a collection over the Bank Holiday weekend for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Appeal, which raised almost £2,000! The generosity of the people of Melbourne, and visitors to the area, meant that the collections in the centre of Melbourne, and in Church Square took an amazing £978, while a similar collection at Swarkestone Nursery raised £896 - a total of £1,874, well above all prior expectations.

The Club propose to round this up to £2,000, and channel their support through donations of £1,000 each to Shelter Box and Aqua Box, both of which are already providing the vital shelter and water supplies needed by the many homeless in Nepal.

John Burney - Melbourne

Immediate Aid to Nepal



The Rotary Club of Dronfield is working very closely with the Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail, Nepal to get immediate aid to those who have lost everything in the recent earthquake. The two clubs have worked closely for the last 5 years with the Fishtail Fund project. In the days since the earthquake we have asked the members of the

Pokhara Fishtail club to utilise £4000 for urgent humanitarian assistance in the area around Pokhara. Reports back from the Pokhara report the money has been used to provide food, temporary shelter and medicine.

Here in Dronfield we have been fundraising with a street collection and at our local Sainsbury's store, raising nearly £650. Sheffield United and Chesterfield drew 1-1 in their end of season derby but a bucket collection lead by Dronfield Rotary Club, with support from Clay Cross and Sheffield Rotary clubs, raised a further £720 pounds.

The photograph shows the Pokhara Rotary Team. In Nepal every project has to have a banner even if it's an emergency; this looks slightly strange in our eyes but is considered the norm in Nepal.

Andy Ledbetter - Dronfield

"A Special Day"



The earthquake disaster in Nepal was top of the agenda for Kirkby Rotarians on Thursday 30th May. At only two days' notice, Rtn Margaret Minto-Smith organised collections at the town's Aldi and Boyes stores, and over a dozen members, with one or two friends and family, turned out to shake tins.

The same evening, the proceeds from the fundraising Curry Night were dedicated entirely to the Nepal appeal. Eighty-five Rotarians and guests gathered at Coxmoor Golf Club to enjoy an Indian meal and to try their luck in a raffle. Magician Steve Short baffled the diners with his tricks at the tables and in his cabaret act.

The day's activity realised the total sum of £1237. Part of this was being sent to the District 1220 Nepal Disaster fund and with the remainder we are purchasing Aquaboxes for the same fund.

Ron Walker - Kirkby in Ashfield



Polio Plus 60 Years since the Salk Vaccine



Rtn Greg Maskalick (Church Wilne) has started a campaign to highlight the 60th anniversary year of the Salk vaccine

to eradicate Polio and Rotary's 30th Anniversary of Polio Plus. He has been touring schools, setting up beer tastings and even an Easter Sunrise breakfast at Ockbrook Moravian Church to raise awareness and funds for Polio Plus.

Greg's campaign started on Sunday 12th April 2015 and in just less than a month he has raised over £600 that is going directly into the Polio Plus programme. He has

found that just talking about Polio Plus to the general public brings in generous contributions.

Polio Plus is part of the serious work that Rotary Foundation takes on year on year and whilst there are other needs in the world we can't take our eyes off the Polio Plus programme. It would be so easy to slip back into an epidemic in many poorer countries.

Please keep Greg in mind if you would like a speaker for your Club meetings. He would gladly share his knowledge of the Salk vaccine (which was invented in his home town of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA) and other aspects of Polio eradication worldwide. You can reach him on 07834 728 540. You can also follow Greg's blog at: <http://polioat60.blogspot.co.uk>.

Amber Valley's Flashmob



To raise awareness of Polio eradication and some funds, Amber Valley held a Flashmob one Saturday lunchtime in May. Search for Amber Valley Flashmob in your favourite search engine and be amazed. Here's the story....

We quickly realised that the spontaneity is contrived! It has to be - you have to plan the film and rehearse the performance. Liz Moulder is a choir mistress and she helped us by organising two choirs, Sonara Singers and Eastwood Male Voice Choir, to "spontaneously" sing an uplifting song in a public place. We approached the management of the INTU Derby shopping centre (formerly Westfield). No problem, fulfil some essential safety and insurance requirements and go for it they said.

The actual live event of the Flashmob is not really the main objective. A professional film needs

to be made and launched to the world. How about the Film Department of Derby University? Tom Craig, who heads up the department, was willing to offer to publicise our request to his students. The response was not overwhelming but Kieran O'Malley, a year

2 Film Production student, did us proud, creating a brilliant team from his BA Honours Degree course. Just one more thing - to make an "End Polio Now" impact we needed tee shirts. Thanks again to contacts, member Chris Riggott got a great result - as you can see.

Thanks go to all those taking part, our members who supported and held collection buckets while the choirs entertained the live audience with 3 further songs.

And the song? "One Voice", started by soloist Eileen who was progressively joined by random members of the public to make an arousing performance. Or that's how it seems! Are the hairs on the back of your neck prickling? Watch the film - guaranteed!

Ian Holliday - Amber Valley

Sand Dams Report



The two dams funded by contributions from District 1220 clubs with Rotary Foundation support have been completed. A number of clubs from this District and one from District 1270 have now committed to further contributions to the Vale of Belvoir/District 1220 Sand Dams account. It is envisaged that this account will remain open until June 2015, at which stage the money will be paid over to the RIBI co-ordinators against a dam building project yet to be defined. It remains RIBI's objective to support Excellent Developments and Africa Sand Dams Corporation in delivering Sand Dams projects in Kenya over a period of three Rotary years.

Further donations should continue to be paid into the "District 1220 Sand Dam Project" account - sort code 60 02 41 and account number 69183163. Notice of transfer should be advised to the Vale of Belvoir treasurer, Stuart Horsley at atyrop951@yahoo.co.uk with a copy to jandrspence@btinternet.com. If paying by cheque, these should go to Stuart Horsley.

John Spence - Vale of Belvoir



Heath Project in Nepal



During our recent visit to Nepal, Patan West Club had prepared a marble slab with the Rotary Emblem and

including details of the Project and contributors from Nepal and UK;

Patan is famous for craftsmen with the skills to inscribe thin marble slabs.

We delivered this marble slab ourselves to the Village Committee

during our visit to Baluwa. The Rotarian architect who had drawn up the design accompanied us to instruct the Village

Committee on how to build a brick platform to waist level and erect the

display on it surrounded by brick pillars and a pagoda style roof in keeping with Nepalese architecture.

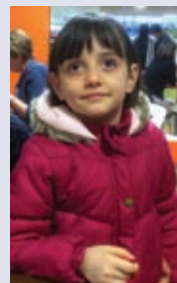
It will be a permanent and impressive display at the entrance to the village which should encourage other villages and will have a ripple effect on the promotion of good health. British trekkers will be particularly impressed when they see it; of course it will take a while for the trekkers to return after the recent tragic earthquakes.

Bibek Pradhan - Mansfield

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Request for Medical Help from Turkey

Two years ago in a village near Istanbul the Hasanoglu family noticed that their six year old daughter, Duru, was losing her eye sight and walking badly. She was diagnosed with Krabbe's Disease probably meaning that she would not be alive in two years' time. The family decided to send her to England for treatment.



A Turkish friend knew David Archer of the Bulwell and Basford Rotary Club and asked if they could cover the initial expenses to get Duru to the UK to see Professor Timothy Cox at Cambridge University Medical School. The family applied for UK Visas to enter this country but these were refused initially. After the Turkish Government agreed to pay the medical bills and with personal help of Kenneth Clarke MP the Department of Visas and immigration relented.

Professor Cox referred Duru to The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital to be prepared for a stem cell transplant but they could not find an opening for the operation and so teams in Utrecht and Switzerland were contacted to help.

Little Duru had to go back home to Turkey but the operation was performed in Turkey with the three teams assisting by video link. The Rotary Club also contacted the Anthony Nolan Trust in London for supply of the relevant stem cells.

Karen and David Archer visited Duru and her parents both in Cambridge and Manchester. She was attempting to speak English so they took her a Turkish/ English Dictionary. David was told that, after a day of painful tests, Duru shook hands with the team and thanked them in English for 'helping her to get better'.

We are delighted to report the operation has been a success and that Duru is walking again almost normally. Sadly her sight is not recoverable but she has remained in good spirits even during painful chemotherapy sessions.

The Rotary Club of Bulwell and Basford is delighted to have been associated with this project to help Duru and her family; Turkey now has its own centre with some experience of stem cell therapy.

Terry Leivers - Bulwell and Basford

Zulu Party at Vusanani



We left Johannesburg for a four hour drive to the Northern Drakensberg to reach the Cavern

Berg Resort for lunch. The big event of the week was the 'Party' at Vusanani to celebrate and inaugurate the new classroom funded by Peter Jervis and his family. Held in a marquee it turned out to be a riot of colour and sound attended by local dignitaries. The children sang beautifully and then things heated up as the Zulu ladies dance troop entered. The costumes were magnificent and the dancing was energetic; the ladies were followed by two male 'break dancers'. There was an MC and a translator for the speeches of thanks in Zulu and English from the dignitaries. Peter gave a great response on behalf of his family and the Club. During the week we did of course visit the preschools to see how the implementation of the Club's Global Grant was progressing. All of the climbing frames and toilets are purchased and installed and the text books in isiZulu and English are in full use.

We also visited the two clinics in the area at Busingatha and Mazanini. They act as mini hospitals dealing with a broad cross section of community medical issues. They are in need of medical equipment and a shopping list which has been passed to Mike Davis and the NPAC. If any of the equipment is available the next task will be to try to arrange for the transport and duty free import into South Africa.

Terry Dunmore - Retford

Awards Awards Awards

Children of Courage Awards

The Children of Courage Awards, organised jointly by Newark and Newark Castle Rotary Clubs, took place on 16th March 2015. It was a moving experience for all attendees, recognising those children who have demonstrated great courage and perseverance. The compere for the evening was Geoff Woodward of Newark Castle.

Newark President David Shannon gave a welcoming speech and District Governor Steve Lawes hosted the presentation of the awards.

The overall theme running through the ceremony was one of pride. The children recognised were:-

Amy Welch suffers from Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia which suppresses her immune system. Despite frequent hospital admissions and all the challenges associated with her condition, Amy remains strong and positive.

David Davies was a premature baby and early difficulties have left him profoundly deaf. He has been a fighter ever since.

Lucy Moon suffers with Asperger's syndrome, but has also recently lost her mum to cancer. Lucy has come through so much, but will not let anything hold her back.

Alex Manley has cerebral palsy and epilepsy. She was in intensive care on the evening of the ceremony and was too poorly to receive her award. Her family had sent a moving apology which was shared with attendees.

Georgia Pickerill had a brain tumour at an early age but, despite the difficulties this has caused, she has always risen to the challenge. Although she needs extra support in her studies, she has developed into a top-set student.

Becky Hinchcliffe cares full-time for her mum, viewing this extra role in her life as nothing over and above what is normally expected. She remains positive in her attitude to life and is a constant inspiration to those around her.

Paula Hurst - Newark



Nottingham's Children of Courage

The Nottingham Children of Courage awards event was held this year at the Park Inn Hotel in Nottingham on Thursday 30th April, with it being open this year to other Rotary Clubs in the area to help make it a genuine City of Nottingham occasion.

The Rotary Clubs of Nottingham, Bulwell and Basford, and Sherwood Sunrisers made awards to twelve local children of courage.

All the Award winners were young people who had faced up to extraordinary difficulties in their lives and had done so with extreme fortitude. One of the awards was made posthumously to Josh Bradley, a former schoolboy national boxing champion who died earlier this year after being stabbed during a fracas whilst trying to defend his companions.

The Awards were presented by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Ian Malcolm and also in attendance was District Governor Steve Lawes and his wife Jan. All the feedback we have had from the parents and the schools concerned have been extremely positive and, above all, it was really appreciated by the children themselves. As one boy was heard to say, "It was incredible, I was treated like a real celebrity and it was wonderful".

If your Club does not make awards for courage, can we urge you to consider doing so. A Children of Courage event is not expensive or difficult to run, it can be a lot of fun and it means so much to the children themselves and to their parents and supporters. Go on, do it, you certainly won't regret it!



Local Rotary Clubs Working Together

The organisers of the Annual Ashover Classic Car and Bike Show have received a special award for working closely together in partnership that ensures the successful event raises thousands of pounds for needy local charities.

The Rotary Clubs of Chesterfield, Chesterfield Scarsdale, Clay Cross and Matlock have received recognition from Rotary District 1220 with the presentation of the 'Peter Moralee Working Together Trophy' at a special function at Chesterfield Town Hall on Thursday 16 April 2015.

Over the last four years various local charities have benefited by over £40,000 from the event at the picturesque Ashover Rectory Fields Show Ground where hundreds of classic cars and bikes attend the all-day rally.

The date of this year's event is Sunday 26 July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Check out www.ashoverclassics.co.uk

Geoff Mitchell - Chesterfield

Roy Bradshaw - Nottingham

District Governor's Message ...



Presentation of trophies at the Junior Football Finals at Burton

As you read these notes we will have around two weeks left of this Rotary Year and boy what a year it has been for me!

I have been overwhelmed with the amount of good work that is

been carried out by the Rotarians within the District; everywhere I have travelled there are so many projects and good ideas going on but we seldom hear about them. I am privileged as the DG to receive your reports and updates but we never seem to share many of our success stories with all our colleagues across the District. Can I urge you all to try and ensure that all your stories are put on your web and social media pages and that accounts and photographs of special events are given to the District Magazine Editor for inclusion in this magazine. We need to tell everyone what we are doing, not keep them a secret.

One of the major events for me this year has been the overseeing of four new clubs joining the District at the start of 1st July 2015. They are Buxton, from the old D1280 that will be disbanding on 30th June, Abbeydale, Sheffield and Doncaster St Ledger from D1270 who have all requested to come and join D1220. I have been delighted to visit all the new clubs during the past couple of months and welcome the members to D1220. I am sure that you will all welcome them into the District in your usual warm manner. We can all learn from them as well as share ideas with them.

I have also been rather humbled by the response to my appeal following the earthquake disasters in Nepal. As I write these notes (May 15) we have already sent out £10,000 with much more already pledged. I thank you for your responses to these events and it just shows what we can do. Please do not stop your collections and fund raising, and please remember to support the Disaster Box projects, especially our own Aqua Box - you never know when or where the next disaster will strike.

Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor over these past twelve months, you have all certainly embraced the theme of Light Up Rotary, please continue to do so as we head into new Rotary Year where we will undertake the new theme of 'Be a Gift to the World'. I look forward to seeing you at the handover on June 28th and can I also take this opportunity of thanking you all again, but this time not only from myself but Jan, to who you have shared your warmth and hospitality when we have visited.

Steve Lawes

Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon

Sunday 29th March saw some 120 Paul Harris Fellows and guests gather at the Derbyshire Hotel for the District 1220 Annual Luncheon, organised by District Governor Elect Roger Summers, PHF.



District Governor Stephen Lawes, PHF introduced the guest speaker, RIBI Vice President Elect Eve Conway, PHF. Eve started her Rotary journey by being

sponsored as an Ambassadorial Scholar to take a Master's Degree in Journalism at North Western University in Illinois, USA. This Rotary connection was not followed up by any Rotarians until she had to visit her local doctor in the UK; he was a Rotarian and on hearing about her stay in the USA invited her to speak at his club. From that point on, she never looked back! After a few years in Rotary in Essex, working her way through various club positions, she was District Governor in 2012/13 and is now on the team at RIBI.

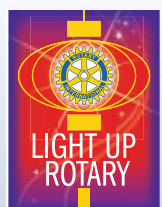
Her career since being an Ambassadorial Scholar has been in journalism and broadcasting. She started with a local paper and has worked in radio and television, including a spell with the BBC. Here, she was involved with the Young Citizens Award which recognizes exceptional acts of courage and commitment by young people.

Eve's 'Rotary Moment' was her support of the EndPolio Now campaign to eradicate polio around the world. She was one of the many Rotarians who travelled to India and helped immunize millions of children in one day; this initiative has now resulted in India, along with most of the countries in the world, being declared free of polio. She really does believe that with a final push, the dreaded disease will be eradicated by 2018.

In conclusion, Eve stressed how important it was for every member to publicise the work of Rotary, the local community projects, the aid to victims of disasters around the world and not forgetting the opportunity for fellowship and support.

John Scotney - Belper and Duffield

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AMBER VALLEY

The Rotary Club of Amber Valley recently presented the Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) with several sets of hi-vis work wear which will be worn by FCC work party volunteers who regularly undertake conservation and restoration work along the canal's 15 mile length. The main focus of FCC at present is clearing vegetation around Ironville Locks, where long term restoration work is also in progress.

The new work wear clearly identifies the work party as FCC volunteers and helps raise awareness of the Friends as a conservation and community amenity body; several towpath walkers noticed the new uniforms and stopped to ask about the work being carried out.

Amber Valley RC also donated four hi-vis crew vests for volunteers who run the heritage narrow boat 'Birdswood' from Cromford Wharf. The 2015 season starts on March 15th featuring regular public trips as well as a busy programme of private charters and schools trips focusing on social history, nature and the area's rich industrial heritage.

For details of the trip schedule or booking enquiries, call 07552-055455 or e-mail

boat@cromfordcanal.org.uk

Andrew Lodge



BEESTON Reuben's Retreat

Colin Slater is probably better known as a commentator for BBC Radio Nottingham and his skills as an interviewer were enjoyed at our 75th Charter Anniversary Dinner

last October when he interviewed Julie Hesmondhalgh, better known for her role as Hayley Cropper in Coronation Street.

Also on top table was Nicola Graham who, as a result of her son Reuben dying at 23 months old, founded Reuben's Retreat to help parents who had lost their child at an early age. Nicola's first target was to raise £1m in 23 months and this she has achieved!

The retreat is an old country house in Derbyshire where there are now facilities for a bereavement counselling support centre, a day care facility and 4 large self-catering apartments. Some of this work is ongoing but do see more at:

<http://www.reubensretreat.org>.

Richard Portwood



BAKEWELL

The 'Jolly Roger' and a legacy for Sailability

Roger Mercer, a founder member of the Rotary Club of Bakewell, very kindly left the Club a fund of £10,000 in his will to be used on a charitable project. We have been able to fund the purchase of a cutting-edge design, fully-adapted dinghy for the Sailability Project at Carsington Water and the boat has been named 'The Jolly Roger' in honour of its generous sponsor.

We have a long standing relationship with this project, having provided support over many years for the purchase and maintenance of boats and other equipment. This latest addition to the Sailability fleet

will allow more disabled sailors to enjoy the thrill and freedom of dinghy sailing.

Volunteers are always needed at this wonderful project. Please let the Rotary Club of Bakewell know if you are interested in helping.

Thank you Roger! **Roz Adamson**



BELPER AND DUFFIELD

Barn Dance in support of the Heage Windmill Society

Last February we held a barn dance at Belper Nailer's Football Club to raise funds for the Heage Windmill. We were fortunate to have the services of John and Ian (known as Square Through Two) to 'call' during the evening and everybody joined in the fun straight away. We enjoyed an excellent finger buffet which had been provided by Derbyshire Caterers - they had had a busy day serving 1200 lunches to the football supporters (sadly the Belper supporters were less happy than the away team after the match). The dancing then continued along with the social interaction for those 'resting'.

We raised just over £300 for the Windmill to develop and continue to provide a tourist attraction to celebrate our unique heritage. As a community event we managed to involve 57 people from the local community who now know a little more about The Rotary Club of Belper & Duffield.

John Horwood



BINGHAM AND DISTRICT

Our Rotary Club took the decision to change the day and time of their meetings. From the beginning of March we now meet on Monday evenings at 6.45pm at the same venue. We took the opportunity of our new meeting time to hold a Business and Community Networking Evening at the end of March. We set up displays illustrating the facets and advantages of Rotary and we're happy to have a range of guests. Although not directly a membership evening we have gained at least one new member and two more individuals expressed interest in becoming Associate members.

Anni Gell



BOLSOVER International Night

Attending Bolsover Rotary Club's International night were 60 Rotarians and their guests who enjoyed a meal presented by the students at Chesterfield College in a venue that is of excellent value, quality and service. The three speakers who spoke between courses were representing:

Friends of Kadzinuni, who are assisting a small rural town in Kenya in becoming a self-sustaining agricultural community with all the economic and ecological criteria this will involve.

The Gambia School Appeal, which is assisted by the Rotary Club, and gives generous aid in the supply of classroom equipment, buildings and staff to numerous schools in Gambia. Jamie's Fund supporting mental health care in Uganda and is set to pay for the training of a staff member at Kisiisi Hospital, which is unusual amongst the faith based hospitals in that it has a mental health service.

On a lighter note the entertainment was provided by the Diana Mehira School of Dancing who gave a demonstration in the skills and level of fitness of Belly Dancing; a much appreciative audience joined in for the final dance!

Mick Reed

CHESTERFIELD SCARSDALE

The Club held a special meeting at the Mayor's Parlour at Chesterfield Town Hall in April with the proceeds going to the Baback Project, which is the first construction project the Club has been directly involved with overseas. Members from the Rotary Clubs of Chesterfield, Clay Cross and Matlock were also in attendance.



Left to right President Bob Adams (Clay Cross), President Neil Baker (Chesterfield Scarsdale), Mayor and Mayoress, Stuart Bradley (Chesterfield) and Eric McCarrison (Matlock).

Baback is a village in Senegal Africa, where the Mayor comes from. The Project will provide safe and healthy sanitary and dormitory facilities for the 'Children of Baback' who must board in the town of Thies, as this is the nearest secondary school to the village.

Nearly a hundred members and guests attended the event and £465 was raised for the Baback Project with a further £112 raised by the Mayor's raffle. President Neil announced that the Rotary Club of Chesterfield Scarsdale has obtained a District Grant for £1,000 towards the Baback Project and the Club itself has pledged a further £2,500 towards the cost of the new facilities. The total commitment from our Club is £3,500 over what remains of this and the coming Rotary year.

A buffet was provided by the Chesterfield Golf Club and the Mayor took members and guests around the Council Chamber whilst the Mayoress escorted people around the Mayor's Parlour. President Neil thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for their kind hospitality.

During this meeting, President Neil handed over a trophy to Stuart Bradley (Chesterfield) awarded to the Rotary Clubs of Matlock, Clay Cross, Chesterfield and Chesterfield Scarsdale by the District Governor for 'working together' on the Ashover Car Rally.

Neil Baker



Pat Murray and 'Friends' with one piece of newly-installed outdoor gym equipment.

BRETRY

The Rotary Club of Bretby has just enabled the 'Friends of Newhall Park' to win a £11,550 'Community Partnerships' grant towards the cost of a community project to improve facilities at a local park.

The scheme involves the creation of a new war memorial, reconstruction of walls, new landscaping and resurfacing of paths. As well as being the focal point for a Remembrance Day march and

service and restoring a rundown area of the Park, it will provide a much needed, quiet, formal area for seating and relaxation.

The 'Friends' group is chaired by Bretby Rotarian Barry Woods and is part of a movement he is leading to encourage community involvement and pride in this ex-mining village. IPP Andrew Smart is Secretary of the Group and last year, working with South Derbyshire District Council, he and the Bretby Club were able to facilitate a £15k project to provide outdoor Gym equipment which has proved very popular.

The £23k Remembrance project will be possible thanks to contributions from various community groups, individuals and the sale of park benches. The Rotary Club of Bretby is contributing £2k and will be organising a working party to paint the park railings. This is a vocational project using the skills of current president, Vic Trigwell who has great experience in grant applications.

Vic has also raised over £500k in his own community. Various donations and 'work in kind' were included to maximise the 'matched funding' grant. Having received Rotary Global and District grants in recent years, Bretby needed to look outside Rotary for grant aid and this success brings external money into a Rotary project.

Peter Ball



DERBY DAYBREAK

The club is thrilled to have raised over £3,000 at the 2015 CAMRA National Winter Ales Festival held at the historic Derby Roundhouse. Having been given the go ahead by the organisers to undertake a bucket collection for the second year in succession, the initiative proved to be outstandingly successful with the collection raising £3,255 for the club's 2015 nominated charity, the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre at Skegness. Club President Frank Pritchard expressed his delight at the level of money raised for the cause. "I just want to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who came along and rattled buckets, cajoled the visitors and kept the banter and camaraderie going throughout."

June Green



DRONE VALLEY

The drive to support DARE (Drugs Awareness Resistance Education) is a Drone Valley Rotary Project assisted by mum-of-two Councillor Angelique Foster. A cheque of £750 was presented to the Dronfield Juniors School. The money will be used to pay for DARE courses for Year 6 pupils which helps children understand the dangers of drug abuse and provides them with the skills to resist drugs at a critical time of their lives.

Ann Ward



CHURCH WILNE

Throughout the morning of Saturday 11th April members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne, partners and friends of St Chad's Church started on the project to give the outside of the church a complete tidy up.

This included collecting many months of cut down trees and branches, bramble, clearing and jet washing paths around the church and having a large bonfire before arranging for the remaining piles to be taken away on a large lorry. The Rotary Club now plan to visit again on Saturday 15th August to complete the work for this year.

The Club held a Church Service on Sunday 12th April to commemorate 60 years since the vaccine first developed by Dr Jonas Salk was accepted as being safe to use and so the decline of Polio began. The service was organised by Rtn Greg Maskalick and lead by Rtn Rev'd Gary Dundas. Following the service Greg, who runs a eatery in a local pub, provided food for everyone and £140 was raised for the Rotary Foundation.

September 13th will see our Annual Charity Horse Ride throughout the local scenic countryside. This year's charities will be the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and Treetops Hospice.

Ray Terry



CLAY CROSS

This year was the 35th time that the London Marathon has been held and the 15th time that one of the Clay Cross Rotarians, Cheryle Berry, has taken part and raised money for different Charities. This year Cheryle was running for St John Ambulance and hopes to have raised £4000. Every time she takes part she meets Rotarians from throughout the World who are also Fundraising and usually greets them with a call of "Rotary and Peace the World over" as they run alongside!!

Cheryle Berry



ETWALL AND HILTON

Last year we had a most successful Golf Day at Trent Lock Golf Club which raised a lot of money. The main beneficiary was to be the Padley Centre so we asked Pat Zadora, Chief Executive, what she wanted to do with the money and she said that she would like to run a Chair Yoga Project which would provide a 90 minute course of Chair Yoga once a week for up to 15 students with mental health issues. This was estimated to cost £2000. We paid £1000 and got a matching grant of £1000 from Rotary District 1220 for the Project which started in October 2014.

There was some money left over and we added something from our charity account to make a further £2000, which we presented to Pat Zadora at a meeting on Tuesday 17 March. Members were also given an opportunity to try out Chair Yoga in a 20 minute lesson. We bent and stretched and waved and sat upright. It was all quite tiring and exercised muscles that we never knew we had.

On Saturday afternoon, 21 March, we held our Senior Citizens Party at the Hilton House Hotel and entertained 88 Senior Citizens from Etwall and Hilton to tea and a musical concert by the Breakaway Singers, all of whom are Senior Citizens. After tea the raffle was drawn and some 40 prizes were handed out. Thanks are due to Colin and Zöe who provided the tea, Terry Hickman who told funny stories and acted as compère and our Community Committee who organised the event.

John Gardam

Past President Brian Wall, and Rtn Kathryn Caple present a cheque for £2000 to Pat Zadora MBE, Chief Executive of the Padley Centre



ILKESTON

The Ilkeston Hospital League of Friends gave Ilkeston Hospital an Easter make-over this year when they combined with the Rotary Club of Ilkeston, visiting the Wards and Minor Injuries Unit on Easter Sunday morning.

The group toured the wards handing out Easter Chicks and plants to those receiving care in the hospital. Pictured are Eileen Knight, Chairman of the League and Chris Smith, Senior Vice-President of Rotary, together with Jean Thomas, League Secretary, and Christian Stevenson of Ilkeston Rotary.

The Chicks were knitted by Mrs. Flo Screen aged 90 years who lives near Alfreton, each chick containing a chocolate egg. Each year Flo knits Easter Chicks and also Christmas Santas, totaling over 100. She has promised to continue doing so as 'her contribution to a wonderful hospital'.

Four children in Minor Injuries Unit also found that the Easter Bunny had been to see them. The chicks brought smiles in place of tears, with parents also receiving plants. One parent said: 'This is a fantastic hospital - nothing will convince me that we don't have the best services here in the NHS in Derbyshire. Thanks to everyone concerned'.

Mike Perry

HUCKNALL

The club continues its strong emphasis on Community projects and involvement. A working partnership continues with Leen Mills Junior School. After the club built a protective fence around the school pond, Hucknall Rotarians have been busy in constructing durable and sustainable vegetable plots for the school.

The club are also working with the Hill-toppers Golf Society to provide Portland College with Sports Wheelchairs. On the eve of the Grand National, the club held a race night and raised over £1,000.

Annual community events include a sponsor swim event held in April which has run since the 1980's and involved many of the local youth groups. In May, over 100 pensioners attended an afternoon tea and entertainment which the club has organised every year since 1950. Members of the club also help in the weekly Thursday Club (a group for young people with learning/physical difficulties) and the Arthritis Self-help Care Group which meets every month. Hucknall rotarians also provided the bar staff at the successful Hucknall Beer festival and road safety marshalls for the Churches Together Good Friday march.

The club are also pleased to announce the induction of two new members in the last four weeks.

Ian Young





MATLOCK

President Jonathan and Matlock Club members can celebrate another successful year of fun and fund raising for a variety of good causes. The cold weather at Christmas created the ideal environment for record sales of mulled wine at the Matlock Victorian Market. Just recently in response to the earthquake in Nepal, members turned out in numbers to shake tins in Matlock and Matlock Bath raising in excess of £800. The club decided to increase the donation to £1000; this will be contributed to the District Initiative. The Club also recently voted that in future contributions to Foundation would be made annually through a combination of members private giving and a top up to the recommended target through Club Fund Raising activities. This is a major change following a decline in giving over the past few years.

Matlock Rotarians are set for a very busy summer with the Annual Dovedale Dipper Challenge Walk in August. Before that however, two great Vintage Car Events, the first at the Rugby Ground on Cromford Meadows at the end of May and later in July, the combined annual event with Chesterfield, Scarsdale and Clay Cross held at Ashover. On the social front, members, partners and guests are in for a treat at the Summer Ball organised by President Jonathan in the lovely setting of Hassop Hall. What a fabulous way to bring his very successful year to a close.

Albert Ripamonti



NEWARK

For some years the Rotary Club of Newark has held a very remunerative barbecue in a garden of a big house in Collingham village. Last year President David Shannon consulted with the Parish Council in the village to see if some of our debt of gratitude could be re-paid. Collingham residents have supported the event in large numbers for the last twelve years and have bid enthusiastically for the lots which are auctioned after the sumptuous dinner. Everything from a "wash and set" to a flying lesson have been sold, with the proceeds supporting local charities. The Parish Council identified a need for a defibrillator, since some village members have been trained as "first responders" but have not immediate local access to a defibrillating machine.

The equipment, with fire-proof display box and accompanying kit, came to just under two thousand pounds. The photograph shows the President cutting the ribbon to unveil the equipment, watched by Stella and Rosie from the Parish Council. The Rotary Club is delighted to cement its partnership with the community in this positive way, and looks forward to saving many lives in the future.

Paula Hurst



MAPPERLEY AND ARNOLD

All Clubs are actively fundraising for worthwhile projects, in particular for the local community and here is seven year old Tunde Adewoye, eldest son of fellow member Adeolu, helping our Club to raise money for Marie Curie as part of their Daffodil appeal. We are always looking for younger members! In the last two years Tunde has also helped marshal the walk held at Wollaton Park in aid of Alzheimer's and we thank him for his involvement. No doubt his three year old brother Kayode will be assisting in a year or two! In conjunction with our Dutch twinned Club seventeen youngsters from our area and ten from Holland (all from disadvantaged backgrounds) went on an Outward Bound course to Wales. The Club has made a donation to the Himalayan Trust for school improvements in Nepal and, in addition, there was also an opportunity to promote Rotary at the two day Arnold Carnival.

David Curtis

NEWARK CASTLE

Once again the Rotary Club of Newark Castle held a Santa's Grotto, giving the children of Newark and surrounding areas the opportunity of coming to visit Santa to tell him what they might like to have in their Christmas stockings!

The Grotto proved to be a great success with 430 plus children visiting and was well received by the children, parents and grandparents in some cases as they wandered through the snowy displays en route to Santa's grotto.

All the children had the opportunity to have a chat with Santa with most of them proclaiming how good they had been this year, which raised a few laughs with parents looking on, and then the chance to tell Santa what they might like to be opening on Christmas morning. On some occasions the list appeared to be endless and this year's 'must have' items ranged from mobile phones and iPads to a real live giraffe, which even Santa thought might be difficult to put on his sleigh. We did thankfully have the odd request for the traditional gifts such as dolls, bicycles and even snow from one little girl who was just happy to have met Santa.

The children all receive a small gift, a certificate and this year a medal with Santa on which proved to be very popular. The Grotto has never been intended to be a 'fundraising' event more a 'Service to the Community' but £1100 was raised, £1000 of which has been presented to one of the Club's favourite Charities, 'Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People', considered to be a lovely link as Christmas is very much a time when we think of children.

Caroline Rossin



RETFORD

Olympic Touch to Rotary Swimathon!

On Saturday 7th March the Rotary Club of Retford held its 28th Annual Charity Swimathon, at the Retford Leisure Centre. The event, sponsored by Brown & Co, was opened at 1.30pm by the Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, Cllr. Gillian Freeman, who was also in attendance for the evening prize giving. Once again a tremendous community effort resulted in over £10,000 being pledged for local organisations and charities.

Swimmers ranging in age from 2 years old to over 80 years took part, and were all well supported from the balcony. The Rotary Club appreciates the effort put in, and once again wishes to thank the parents and team leaders for their support and hard work in organising teams. Some 300 swimmers participated in this increasingly popular community event, made possible by the very professional help and support given to The Rotary Club organisers by Mr Simon Ferrarelli, the Leisure Centre Facilities Manager and his excellent team of staff. We were delighted to welcome to the event, British Olympic swimmer Joe Roebuck; Joe has been one of the most consistent performers in British Championship history.

The money raised will go to the Rotary Club's chosen charity, which this year is Kidscape along with donations to local charities and organisations chosen by the participating teams, including The Teenage Cancer Trust, Worksop Women's Refuge, Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance, The Children's Heart Surgery Foundation, Cancer Research, Marie Curie, Bone Cancer Research Trust, MS Society, The Homeless Charity, The Alzheimer's Society and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

Peter Pimperton



RAVENSHEAD AND BLIDWORTH

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), an exciting project to put rocket and robot engineering skills into children and young people's hands, is set to lift off in the Blidworth, Ravenshead and Rainworth area this summer.

Led by the Young Engineers team at Joseph Whitaker School and funded by the Rotary Club, STEM Together will engage up to 200 school children, young people and community group members in learning how to build and operate rocket cars and mini-robots.

The project was first conceived by the Blidworth Community Association which hopes that it will benefit schools by encouraging more children to take an interest in technical subjects and build understanding and support for STEM in the wider community.

The Young Engineers at Joseph Whitaker School is an award winning team of GCSE and A Level students who work together in and out of the curriculum to pursue excellence in student engineering. The group has developed two platforms for STEM learning: a Rocket Car challenge and a Mini-RoBot challenge. Over the course of the summer term project participants will build and test their rocket cars and mini bots then compete in a grand finale STEM Together Celebration Day at Joseph Whitaker School on Saturday 11th July. Rotary Club funding of £4000 has enabled the purchase of the rocket car and min-bot kits, plus toolkits and competition testing and timing equipment.

Richard Lord of the Ravenshead and Blidworth Rotary Club said, "We are very pleased that our club has been able to make a significant financial contribution to this project. I am looking forward to participating in some of the workshops and the finale at Joseph Whitaker School in July"

For more details about STEM Together, contact Jon Rea at blidworthca@gmail.com

Mark Snape



Pictured is Owen receiving a gift from the club, presented by elder and founder member Ann Stone.

RIPLEY

The Rotary Club of Ripley was involved in The Penguin Club of Belper's celebration of its chairman's birthday by attending a birthday dance and cabaret evening at the Village Inn, Marehay near Ripley. Over 90 guests attended the event which was sponsored by the club's Chairman, Rotarian Owen J Briggs, raising over £800 for the Penguin Club's funds. The cabaret for the evening was 60's rock and roll band "Thunder Bird 4". Three members of Ripley Rotary Club are involved in running the Penguins, Owen who is the chairman and Stuart Rice and Ray Maslin as Team Leaders.

Stuart E Rice



WEST ASHFIELD

The picture shows Dr Celestine John the President of the Rotary Club of West Ashfield and members receiving a cheque for £1,000 from a representative of the Derbyshire Hotel. Each year, the Club supports a "Charity Ball" organised by the Derbyshire Hotels Charity Team, and in return the Club receive a percentage of the proceeds which is used to support local good causes. This year the good causes selected to receive this money are The Chernobyl Children's Life Line and the Air Ambulance, each receiving £500.

The donation to the Air Ambulance will help to fund this wonderful and essential emergency medical facility. The donation to The Chernobyl Children's Life Line will pay for a teacher/translator to accompany the children. The Rotary Club of West Ashfield, have for several years actively supported The Chernobyl Children's Life Line, who are working to improve and enrich the lives of children from Belarus affected by the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster.

Michael Lonsdale



WARSOP, SHIREBROOK AND DISTRICT

The Rotary Club of Warsop, Shirebrook and District was awarded a £1000 matching Rotary Grant making £2000 in all for a complete library of reading books for a new style reading project at the Park Road School at Shirebrook. The school, which is in an area severely affected by pit closures, has just been awarded excellent at a recent Ofsted inspection

The picture shows Mrs Mills, Assistant Head and David Adsetts (Youth Committee Chair) handing over the cheque.

Stephen Garner



WIRKSWORTH

Following a talk to the Club from Dukes Barn Activity Centre in Beeley, the Club agreed to make a donation to their work. Two members of the Club then visited the centre to take the cheque and it was presented to Rob Eley and Graham Jones from Dukes Barn by PP David Hood (centre of the picture) while abseiling down the wall. Dukes Barn has developed an excellent centre for children who attend from all over our District. They will also be giving a presentation to the 2015 Conference in Southport.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards The Famous Five go to White Hall

To White Hall we went - a weekend of fun!
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We sailed in canoes, and rode mountain bikes.
We abseiled Millers Dale Bridge- which gave us a fright!
25 children - all being well behaved,
They were grouped into teams - and leaders we made.
By Sunday we were all ready for home,
The teenagers were desperate to play on their phones.
The time went so quick - it was gone in a flash,
Would we do it again? You don't need to ask....
So who are the five you might want to know?
We are from Rotary - Shine a light - let it glow.
This isn't an Enid Blyton tale about 5 on a trip
But 5 volunteers, grown up - loving it!

A team of 5 volunteers from two district rotary clubs, Graham and Pat Stevenson along with Kevin and Teresa Smith from Ilkeston, with Ray Maslin from Ripley, attended this year's RYLA course as pastoral volunteers for a 25 strong group of 13-15 year old youths at White Hall, Buxton.

The youths attending had been sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Ilkeston, Buxton, Newark Castle, Sherwood Forest, Retford, and Trent Bridge.

A big thank you to District Governor Stephen Lawes and his wife Janet for adding his support to the event by attending on Sunday afternoon.

Kevin Smith - Ilkeston



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