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ROTARY REVIEW

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Ellen Mattingley performs at
The District Young Musician
Gala Concert, report on page 2.

Photo: Frank Seals

DISTRICT YOUNG MUSICIAN GALA CONCERT 2013

"ANOTHER NIGHT OF AMAZING TALENT"

Sunday May 5th saw the 16th Annual District Young Musician Gala Concert once again held in the prestigious surroundings of the Assembly Rooms, Derby. The audience, together with enthusiastic families, tutors and schoolmates of those performing, were treated yet again by youngsters with amazing talent and potential.

Just what this event unearths each year is a feast of quality music covering a broad spectrum from classical to modern, rock and jazz, featuring a wide range of instruments and, pleasingly this year, an increase in the number of vocal performers providing some renditions with great prospects for the future.

We in District 1220 run the concert as a 'showcase' event, separate from the RIBI Young Musician Competition and the New Generations Committee and its co-ordinator Carolyn Stone continue to make great efforts to sell what is seen as an important Rotary project, especially to clubs which have never previously been involved. We remain confident that a format enabling these young people to perform together at a prestige venue, in front of a paying audience, provides a much more valuable opportunity to develop their talent.

Each year the event manages to gain a sponsor club participating for the first time and we encourage more clubs to submit nominations either directly or by holding their own local events first. Carolyn, together with organizers John Hall (Amber Valley) and Terry Clay (Melbourne), are always keen to receive enquiries from those clubs which have never participated in the past. Please put in your diaries now **Young Musician Concert 2014 at the Assembly Rooms, Sunday May 11th.**

We are grateful for the support given by those behind the scenes; the team from Amber Valley and Ripley Clubs, to Frank Seals for photography, to Douglas Keith who as compère added greatly to the evening's success and also to the technical team from the Assembly Rooms without whom the event would never reach the professional standard it consistently achieves!

Most of all, however, our gratitude goes to our young stars in the making, their parents, tutors and schools, without whose dedication to their music, our Young Musician Concert would never happen.

John Hall - Amber Valley
Terry Clay - Melbourne



CASTLE DONINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

A total of some 250 children took part in the 13th Castle Donington Music Festival organised by the Rotary Club of Castle Donington. Owing to the ever increasing popularity of the event the 2013 festival was organised over two days. The competition for Primary School Choirs and Ensembles was held at the Castle Donington Community College on Thursday 28th February, adjudicated by Mrs Julie O'Dowd. The winning entry was Orchard School Choir and they were awarded the Rotary Shield.

The main event took place on Saturday 2nd March, with classes for different age groups taking place during the day and a concert in the evening at which the best entries in each class,

together with the Orchard School Choir, took part. The adjudicator for the Saturday event was Mr James Stretton and the overall winner was Ellen Mattingley with Katie McGough as runner up. Ellen went on to represent her school and the Rotary Club of Castle Donington at the Rotary District Gala Concert, at the Assembly Rooms, Derby

The winner of the Oliver Walton Trophy for the best younger player (year 6 and under) was Connie Mazzilli.

Chris Elston

Photo: Connie Mazzilli receiving the Oliver Walton Trophy



CHESTERFIELD SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The final of the Chesterfield Schools' Public Speaking Competition 2013 was the highlight of the club's Annual Ladies Day held at the Olde House, Newbold, Chesterfield on Friday 22 March 2013, with the three finalists judged by their audience.

The finalists were Laura Norman and Beatrice Soakell from Netherthorpe School, and Hannah Rodger from St Mary's High School. Finalist Leroy Wagstaffe of Hasland Hall Community School was unable to attend due to illness. The speeches were amusing, original and delivered with impressive confidence.

Whilst the votes were counted, the former deputy head teacher of Netherthorpe School, Chris Townsend, entertained with a witty talk on his involvement with this annual competition over the last 38 years. He revealed that he had originally been tasked with organising Netherthorpe entries following a request from former Chesterfield Rotary Past President Ivor Chilcott, who at the time was also the local head of education in the area.

After much deliberation, Beatrice Soakwell, on the topic of grandparents, was awarded the first prize and trophy, but congratulations were given to the two runners-up for delivering well-prepared speeches in a closely fought competition of the highest calibre.

President Jim Haggarty thanked the schools and the teachers for their support and for their work in preparation for the competition. He also thanked Hasland Hall Community School for kindly hosting the preliminary finals on Tuesday 12 March 2013.

Geoff Mitchell - Chesterfield



MANSFIELD'S ANNUAL COURAGE AWARDS



Inspirational youngsters were honoured at Mansfield Rotary Club's Annual Courage Awards held on the 5th March. Now in its 22nd year, the prestigious event celebrates the achievements of those who flourish in the face of adversity. Proud parents and teachers gathered at Mansfield's Civic Centre for the formal reception which was to honour ten young individuals, each with a fascinating story.

Club President Paul Bacon said: "Courage is not only showing bravery in the face of danger, more often courage is the day-to-day determination and hard work of dealing with, adjusting to, and hopefully overcoming, the obstacles and harsh realities that life may present. That courage has been exemplified by all these young people, but not only by those who have been nominated, but also by the parents, siblings, grandparents and carers of these amazing young people who share in their lives and live with their difficulties."

Each of the 10 nominees was presented with a certificate and a plaque.

Stewart Rickersey - Mansfield

NEWARK CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS



Along with Newark Club we held our second Children of Courage Awards to honour local young people who have had to overcome significant difficulties in their health and personal lives yet still remain positive and are an inspiration to those around them. Ruby Boyd, Neeve Bellringer, Jack Tomlinson, Sophie Sharman and Josh Heath were each presented with a certificate and an engraved silver dish by District Governor Dave Ashley. The whole occasion was very moving and uplifting.

Celia Smallwood - Newark Castle

RYLA - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Does your club send young people on RYLA activity weekends? Just read these emails:-

'I had a fantastic time and I enjoyed all the activities! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go on RYLA.'

It was a once in a lifetime weekend, I have found it has helped with my confidence and made lots of new friends.

Yours Thankfully'

"The final day was equally as demanding, as we went canoeing which needed the use of teamwork to make sure we didn't capsize into the freezing reservoir, even though we did it was still good fun".

District 1220 books courses run by the Whitehall Activity Centre near Buxton for two age groups, for those 14/15 in May and 16/17 in November. The aims of the course are to experience first-hand the challenge of using initiative, personal development, self-reliance and responsibility and exercise candidates in the problems of practical leadership and team working. Clubs in the District are all asked to fill the course at £134 per place (reduced rate for Derbyshire residents). It is very worthwhile and, of course, great fun; also a super advert for Rotary with the young people, parents, classmates and the organisation all hearing of the success of this Rotary arranged course. Students are also well aware of the added bonus that it looks good on their CV.

"I am really glad to have the RYLA course in my portfolio of extra-curricular activities, because it shows I like to grasp all opportunities, but also because it was great fun"

Our club approach one organisation each time such as the Scouts, Guides, Senior Schools and the Post 16 Centre. The person in schools looking after Student Services is on the lookout for just such activities and will be very helpful. If an organisation would like to participate they will choose the students. Sending two or three from one location is much easier all round, particularly for the participants. Someone with the right approach, having some ability and just needing that extra boost to bring them out will have the greatest benefit, particularly if from a background where such an opportunity would not arise. They absolutely love it; RYLA is a real winner.

The Retford Club is delighted with the benefit to the participants and has again sent three 14/15 year olds to the May session.

'The weekend was fantastic, thank you. We are currently writing up a report for you and a presentation, so you can see what we did, how it went and how much we enjoyed it. Thank you so much for sending us, we had a brilliant time'.

Give it a go! Marie Jackson in the Ripley Club looks after RYLA and can be contacted for the information pack and full details.



Tony Wakefield - Retford

PARTNER MEMBERS - WHAT ARE THEY?

The Rotary Club of Mansfield now provides a Partner Membership for members of a local group of businesses who would like to experience Rotary without having at this stage to make the commitment necessary for full-time membership.

Partner Members are able to take part in Rotary activities whether social, sporting, fund raising or community service based and this gives the individuals a sense of being involved with the Club. They are expected to help out at Rotary events and also support Rotary fund raising and social functions. They need to complete an application form and are covered under Rotary insurance when taking part in Club activities. Partner Members receive e-mails and Club informations to keep them informed of Club activities and they also receive District and National bulletins/magazines.

Partner Membership does grant formal membership of the Rotary movement nationally and internationally as a subscription (currently £72) is paid and relevant dues are paid to RIBI and Rotary International. They are eligible to attend all the Mansfield clubs activities with their partners so that the partner has the opportunity to experience the Club atmosphere.

The Membership is limited to a maximum of 2 years, after which time the individual either becomes a full member or has already become a full member or they become a Friend of Mansfield Rotary Club.

Anyone interested in becoming a Partner Member will be proposed by a member of the Club following attendance at Mansfield Rotary Club meeting where they will be fully briefed on the Club's activities. Partner Members will be able to attend one Rotary meeting each month on a date of their choice but attendance at committee meetings and participation in fund raising activities would count as 'making up' and meeting the membership requirement. Partner Members cannot hold any club officer position nor will they be eligible to vote on club matters.

A current member of a Rotary Club may not convert his/her membership status to Partner Member. The number of Partner Members of Mansfield Rotary Club cannot exceed more than 50% of the total Club membership at any one time.

Stewart Rickersey - Mansfield

CLUB VISIONING

Rotary is not an organisation for retrospection.

It is rather one whose worth and purpose

Lie in future activity rather than past performance.

Paul Harris



Background

The visioning concept was first trialled in New Zealand and its success has since carried it to Australia, USA, Canada and now the UK. The take-up in these countries has been in the region of 70%, with clubs of all sizes and all types taking part.

This is not an exercise just for clubs who have difficulties but for all clubs. It is not a recruitment exercise, but increased membership often follows as clubs become more active and attractive to new members.

Why do we need to do this?

Like most voluntary organisations, Rotary is at a cross roads; to carry it forward for the next 100 years, there are many challenges to face such as image, falling membership, ageing membership, life-style, communications and many more. We need to look at ourselves and plan for the future; it is standard practice in business and industry.

What are the objectives?

The Rotary Club Vision Programme is about setting the stage for future progress within a Rotary Club. It works by capturing ALL the members' ideas and developing a "SHARED VISION" for your club.

What is Vision Facilitation?

Vision Facilitation helps a Rotary Club to design its own vision and to set out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is not a vision decided by District or RIBI, it is a vision designed and agreed by the Club's own members. The process will help communication and ensure continuity and consistency in its leadership and programming, setting the stage for the future years.

The steps, the challenge and the outcomes

By starting with the End in mind and where you really want your club to be in the future, you will develop leaders and achieve a long term plan which will create continuity within the club. The club needs to develop a vision and process to achieve that vision and to create a consensus, solidarity and purpose within the club that will carry you forward. The process will help to sustain and increase membership.

The challenge is to gather as many ideas and "dreams" as possible from as many participating members as possible and then to condense them down into an achievable action plan.

The Outcome should be to establish what the club stands for in your community by setting the clubs targets for the next 5 years and by selecting the top three objectives for each area of focus. The members should also find ways to improve and develop the club leadership and continuity and achieve better communications and understanding.

'We are truly on a new adventure with a fresh sense of excitement and possibilities. It is so simple, it actually works and the process is sound and easy to follow.'

The next step to arrange for your club to take part is to contact the Visioning Co-ordinator, Membership Chair Noel Harrison (Sherwood Sunrisers Noel.harrison@hotmail.co.uk)

PARTNER GHANA 2012

Following the wonderful successes of 2011's inaugural trip to Ghana, The Emmanuel School went back in 2012, again with the help of sponsorship from Trent Bridge Rotary Club. The school has arranged a long-term partnership agreement with Dutch Komenda Junior High School, situated on the coast some three hours from the capital city, Accra.

The 2012 trip saw nine students accompany two teachers on a 10-day expedition focused on achieving some demanding, but life-changing projects. Working closely in partnership with the staff, students and local community in Dutch Komenda, the Emmanuel students were able to accomplish an enormous amount. Firstly, they designed and built an outdoor school canteen, allowing local students at the school to have a clean and safe place to eat together at lunchtime for the first time. This involved erecting a wooden frame and then learning how to weave coconut leaves to construct the roof.

The students' second project provided valuable teaching and learning resources to the school, in the shape of Teaching and Learning walls in the classrooms, painted by their team, to depict mathematical and scientific concepts and diagrams. The Emmanuel school were also able to donate a set of laptop computers to the local school to help their teaching of ICT.

Finally, the students developed the concept of sustainable enterprise, opening a School Shop on the campus. This shop has been stocked with a wide range of stationary, books, and other learning materials, and will provide valuable income to the school, alongside an excellent case study for the students as Business and Enterprise learners.

The students had the most amazing time working and serving the school, engaging in the spiritual life and worship of the community and most importantly, developing a key relationship that will go forward for many years to come. Emmanuel looks forward to welcoming two teachers from Ghana in the autumn to further develop the inter-school partnership.

Planning is well underway for the 2013 expedition that will also be supported by Trent Bridge Rotary Club.

Chris Hind
Trent Bridge



CARING FOR 350 CHILDREN!

One or two are usually enough for most people but 350? For many years the Rotary Club of Retford has helped to care for this number of Zulu children in crèches in the Amazizi locality of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

This started about 12 years ago when a Club member and his wife visited the Northern Drakensberg Mountains and decided to help Megan Bedingham and her family who run the Cavern Berg Resort in the area and work in various ways to improve the education and health of the children in crèches and pre-schools. The crèches and pre-schools receive no state aid and rely on a small charge that due to poverty is often not paid. The object is to make sure the children are as well prepared as possible when they move to primary schools at the age of 6 or 7.

We work under the conviction that that only sure way to eliminate poverty and reduce disease is by education, and it is usually the cheapest way. But we should educate young children in bright, stimulating environments where they are fed and warm. Not a lot to ask you might think but given the poverty and the relative remoteness it does need a bit of determination and organisation.



The Retford Club has this in plenty and we visit each year (at no cost to the fund) to see the progress being made. At the beginning, the crèches were based in rondavals (traditional thatched buildings with mud brick walls), very picturesque but not really suitable for the purpose. Originally, the Club helped to pay for bread to make peanut butter sandwiches but this changed in 2010 to fortified porridge giving the children a more balanced and nutritious meal once a day. We kept the Bread Fund tag since this is well known in the Retford community from where we get great support adding to the Club members' activities and donations.

The Northern Drakensberg is an area of great natural beauty as the escarpment rises sharply from the Tugela River to a height of 3000 metres. There are many scattered informal settlements, very few of which have any piped services. Although a main road through the valley is tarred, the dirt roads to the crèches can be difficult or even impassible, especially in the wet.

Apart from the help with fortified porridge, Club members and their families also contribute to the repair of the crèches, such as replacing a roof torn off in a storm and also the installation of rainwater storage tanks using Rotary Grants. We also send about 20kg of knitwear each year, jumpers, hats and other items since it gets very cold in the mountains in winter.

If you can help in any way, please contact any member of the Retford Club.

Terry Dunmore - Retford



VAL BREAKS THROUGH GLASS CEILING YET AGAIN!

Since starting life as a humble PE teacher, Valerie Leivers has become an iconic beacon of hope for would-be women achievers in male dominated environments.

Her first success was promotion to Head of PE Faculty for both boys and girls - the first female in Nottinghamshire to achieve this. Val went on to become Deputy Head at Redhill School in Arnold from where she retired due to spinal problems in 1998. After recuperation from four major spinal operations she returned to teaching male prisoners, initially as a volunteer in Nottingham Prison. She was soon offered a contract and continued to teach literacy and numeracy plus Art for a further 5 years.

Since joining her local Rotary Club (Sherwood Sunrisers in Nottingham) some 19 years ago as a founder member, Val's great desire to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally has blossomed. She has held many posts of responsibility, including all committee chairmanships, as well as serving as President during 2001 - 2002.

Not satisfied with that, Val went on to progress through numerous different positions, both within her Midlands based Rotary District and nationally. Val was hugely proud to serve as District Governor during 2010 - 2011, breaking no less than 58 years of male domination and becoming the first female to do so!

Val's achievements within Rotary International have received recognition on many occasions. However, her voluntary activities also extend to other walks of life, including schools and charitable work, both in the UK and abroad.

The crowning glory of Val's illustrious track record of service is her most recent Rotary Award, "Service above Self", from Rotary International Directors for outstanding service, not only in Rotary service but in life in general. Val is only the third female to receive the award in the UK.

Val's husband, Terry Leivers, comments, 'Personally, I know exactly how Denis Thatcher felt!!'

Tony Mellor – District Press Officer

Peter Marsh Photography 2013



SOUTHWELL RACES



The Southwell Races event, held on Friday 19th April, proved once again to be an enjoyable evening with six of the seven races sponsored for Polio Eradication. The crowd seemed larger than last year but, in fact, we sold only half

as many tickets due to a club Charter Dinner on the same evening and District Assembly being held on the following morning. However, a useful £4,785, including a 15 minute bucket collection of £300, has been sent to Polio Eradication.

Terry Leivers – Sherwood Sunrisers

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

In a pulsating final of District 1220's 10 pin bowling tournament, Hucknall Rotary Club overcame a gallant effort by Bretby RC to be crowned District Champions 2012/13. The final was staged at AFM Bowling Centre, Ilkeston. Bretby started off strongly as Hucknall struggled to find their rhythm and took an early lead.

However, the Hucknall team, comprising of Ashley Maddock (Captain), Stuart Whitehead, Neil South, Jack Gray and Kevin Rostance, managed to strike back and established a lead of 49 points by the end of the first half. Hucknall consolidated their lead in the second period finishing with a total score of 1,114 and running out worthy champions. En route to the final they had beaten Trent Bridge, Alfreton, Arnold & Mapperley, Carlton and Sherwood Sunrisers and now, after beating Bretby, were presented with the Champions Trophy by District Governor Dave Ashley.



Ian G Young – Hucknall



District Governor's Message ...

As I write this article there are 33 days left of this Rotary year. What an eventful year it has been as we have all done our best to achieve "Peace through Service" the theme given to us by the International President Sakuji Tanaka.

At the start of the year I asked clubs to consider devoting some of their energy and resources to helping their local communities. More or less without exception, as I have gone round the clubs, they have been doing just that, carrying out numerous local projects and helping local charities. As well as that however they have not forgotten our wider international community and I have heard about a really wide variety of international projects being undertaken (often through Gail our District International Coordinator who has kept me well informed).

At the District level I have been very pleased with the outstanding quantity and quality of work done by the various District Officers and members of the District Team. Throughout the year I have tried to acknowledge this at every opportunity. These are ordinary club Rotarians who have agreed to devote additional time and effort into making the District what it is. My apologies for not being able to mention everyone individually but space will not permit it. During the year we have launched the District Business Initiative – collaboration between Membership and MPRC aimed at giving clubs the material they need to improve their contacts with their local business community. It has been observed almost from the start by officers of RIBI and is soon to be developed further at National level, my thanks particularly to David Pedlar and Noel Harrison for developing this.

The first clubs in the District have now undertaken the Visioning Programme, organised by the Membership Team, under Noel Harrison. Hopefully those clubs taking part will see the benefits in terms of their programmes and membership over the next five years.

We have also made great strides this year in the use of Social Media. At the recent District Assembly the newly introduced session about this was extremely well attended. We have now also introduced a Facebook facility for new Rotarians; thanks to Rtn Ian Young for all his efforts.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rtn William Saunders, Burton upon Trent, for initiating the England-wide football competition at St. George's Park, Burton. The RIBI menu of opportunities for youngsters was sadly lacking in sporting opportunities and this goes some way to redress the balance. Hopefully it will become a national event.

At the national level the year has also been interesting. You will no doubt recall the somewhat rushed proposals for re-districting which at the eleventh hour were changed and a more structured approach has now been adopted. In addition, the proposals to change the governance of RIBI from the General Council to a Board did not receive the necessary two thirds majority at the Council on Legislation and so the General Council will now continue. A lot of work is taking place behind the scenes to make this body more efficient and less bogged down with detail.

Finally may I say, on behalf of Gail and me, what a tremendous year this has been for us. We have carried out some 350 engagements during the year, many a full day's duration. We have without exception found that the warmth of our reception by clubs could not have been bettered. I have given the job 100% and feel confident that I can pass stewardship of the District onto DGE Peter confident that it is in a really good shape and looking forward to helping him to "Engage Rotary – Change Lives".

Dave Ashley

Editorial ..



The sharp-eyed readers amongst you will have noticed that the header on the front cover of this edition of Rotary Review has changed. Instead of the slogan 'humanity in motion' with RIBI's insistence on the use of lower case, we have adopted the new phrase 'We're for communities, locally and globally'.

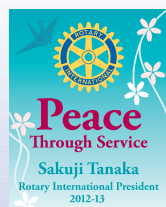
This strapline was strongly promoted by the Membership, PR and Communications (MPRC) Committee at the recent District Assembly; personally, it is a slogan that I am very comfortable with. As Rotarians, we are all involved in working on projects which benefit our local communities and District 1220 rightly can be proud of its efforts supporting Aquabox, Polio Eradication and the Indian Village Project.

The message from the District Assembly was that all clubs should adopt the new phrase and place it alongside the RI roundel on their letterheads; if nothing else, it will extend the life of their ink cartridges! For those clubs running websites, there is a very effective video clip with the theme 'We're for communities' which can be downloaded.

Members often ask what do they get for their annual subscription to RIBI. This newly developed Rotary promotion tool is one of the more successful and useful items to come to us from Alcester. If you need any help or support adopting the new strapline, do contact David Pedlar, Chair of MPRC, d.pedlar@ntlworld.com

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AMBER VALLEY

Easter Egg Hunt Success

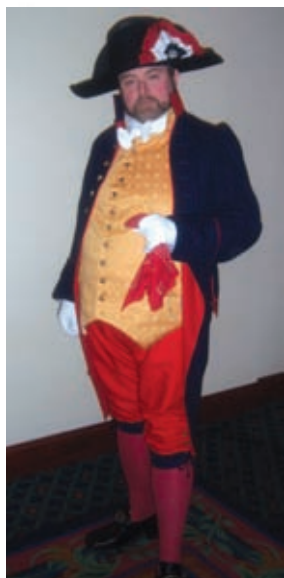


Amber Valley Rotary Club organized an Easter Egg Hunt at Derby Garden Centre, Little Eaton, on Good Friday 29th March and Saturday 30th March. Children visiting the garden centre who successfully found a hidden egg, were entered into a draw to win a giant egg, which was donated by 'U-DUIT' of Church Street, Ripley.

The photograph shows the Rotary Bunny who helped encourage children visiting Derby Garden Centre to hunt for the hidden eggs. The Rotary Bunny presented the giant egg to the winner, Tye Ralph of Mackworth House Farm, Mackworth.

The event raised £533, which will help support the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Home at Skegness and other Rotary charities.

Andrew Loades



BRETBY

At their 10th annual St George's Day Dinner with Entertainment held at The Pavilion, Branston Golf & Country Club on Monday April 22nd, members of the Rotary Club of Bretby and their guests were entertained by an organ-grinder, an academic and a town crier.

Pre-Dinner drinks were accompanied by traditional organ-grinder Patrick Cooke whilst the traditional toast to 'England and St. George' was delivered by Professor Nigel Ratcliffe, Chairman of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS trust.

Following the success of last year's powerful presentation of King Henry VIII, John White, Principal Interpreter of 'Select Society' was this year invited to return in the role of a Town Crier of the Regency period (see picture) to lead the rapt audience through a series of 'Patriotic Pronouncements - a Romp through the Regency!' - a highly entertaining and interactive talk which was very well received. The evening concluded with a rendition of the National Anthem, accompanied at the piano by Mrs Clare Carpenter.

This annual event is used to raise funds for the Rotary Club of Bretby's Charity Fund, from which disbursements are made to a range of local, national and international charitable causes such as Burton YMCA, Kids Out, AquaBox and ShelterBox and Polio Plus, the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. The evening raised a total of £2,500 and organiser Colin Brockington expressed his gratitude to all those had made it possible.

Peter Ball



BELPER AND DUFFIELD

We're for communities, locally and globally

This is the time of the year when members of our club don their hi-vis jackets and move into some of the local primary schools to take pupils from years 5 and 6 through cycle proficiency training.

The 'Smart Rider' scheme was started by Derbyshire County Council a few years ago and we have supported it by getting some of our members qualified as certified trainers with approval to take groups of pupils onto the public highway and teach the young cyclists how to conduct themselves safely on the busy roads. Members and friends who are not qualified are welcome to come along and help, particularly acting as 'spotters' for traffic on the public roads.

We usually hold six sessions, two on the school premises while demonstrating the basic procedures and then onto the public highway to allow the pupils to practise their newly acquired skills. All the young cyclists receive a certificate from DCC and the club presents them with a special 'Smart Rider' badge.

John Scotney

BOLSOVER

Changing the Boring Image of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Bolsover has recently held its 33th Charter (birthday bash); this event followed a year of fun and fund raising events including a Beer Festival, Brass Band Concerts, Bazooka firing and clay pigeon shooting. Our Charter, held in April was a Bollywood evening complete with dancers, music, curries and a red shirt worn by the President and designed by a Mumbai fashion guru.

Leigh Holland briefly and warmly welcomed all guests and dignitaries to the Ringwood Hotel, Brimington. Short responses and formal and informal replies were made during the evening to the President's theme of informality, fun, and service to the community. The Banquet that followed was prepared by Ishmail and his team and was generally viewed as a tribute to Indian cuisine. Bollywood dancing and Indian dance instruction was given to those brave enough to take to the floor; District Governor Dave Ashley was seen dancing the night away along with many others giving their interpretation of how Bollywood dancing should be done. The Red Shirt was also observed pirouetting along with an attendance of the sari clad Nisha and members of "Aim to Dance" and the evening continued with the Apna Sound Disco with Ashay boogying the night away. Carriages, elephants and Tuk-Tuks took the revelers away to their homes after 11.00pm.

Mick Reed



BULWELL AND BASFORD

President David and Community & Vocational Chairman Graham Hayes were delighted to present bikes to local primary schools in memory of Rotarian George Bagshaw, who inaugurated the scheme. Primary Schools that have benefited are Mornington, Horsendale, Hemphill Hall, Heathfield, Old Basford and Bulwell St Marys.

The bikes will be used in a variety of different ways, some going as raffle prizes to raise funds, others going as attendance prizes but all going to help the schools. The scheme is an excellent way of raising the profile of the club and putting something back into the community.

Graham Hayes



CHESTERFIELD

A Rotarian has been recognized for long service in a surprise presentation. Jim Boden of the Rotary Club of Chesterfield, and former long-standing proprietor of Chesterfield's well-known Boden's Fish Restaurant until his retirement in 1986, was honoured at the club's meeting held at the Olde House on Friday 19 April 2013. District Governor Dave Ashley presented Jim with a special 55 year badge, long service certificate and special letters of recognition for 55 years of Rotary Service from Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and District 1220. Jim first joined the Rotary Club of Chesterfield on 18 April 1958.

Geoff Mitchell

In the picture from left to right:- President Jim Haggarty, Rotarian Jim Boden, District Governor Dave Ashley.



CHURCH WILNE

As we move towards the end of another Rotary year Church Wilne can reflect on many club activities in 2013 with members enjoying a Clay Pigeon Shoot, a visit by many to Duxford Air Museum (see photo), Club Charter Anniversary at the Littleover Lodge and a visit to Prague at the end of April.

Mick Barker was made a Paul Harris Fellow in April in recognition of his outstanding support of the Club's Christmas float, the Club Committees and over the past 7 years helped to ensure the success of the Club's Charity Horse Ride which so far has raised £20,700.

Plans are progressing well for the Annual Charity Horse ride on Sunday 8th September. Major sponsors will ensure that all entry fees will go to this year's Charity which is the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance. Full details are on the club's web site www.churchwilnerotary.org.uk. It is hoped that this year's event will raise £5,000.

Ray Terry



HOPE VALLEY

Eye Level

It's said that a picture's worth a 1000 words - and what a picture. So good that it was judged to be the winning entry in the seniors section (14 -17 year olds) of this year's District 1220 RIBI Young Photographer competition. This was Hope Valley's first foray into the Young Photographer competition, and we knew that Sam Davis was in with a chance when Valley Rotarian PDG John Craike, who'd organised previous RIBI Young Photographer competitions at a national level thought, that Sam was a potential winner. So, young Sam will be able to add a District 1220 certificate and £50 prize to the certificate and £25 value prize awarded by our club to his photographic CV.

But all of our highlights over the past six months won't diminish the loss of a fine Hope Valley Rotarian - Ian Charles PHF, who died on March 25th. Ian was an astonishingly effective Rotarian, and was always kind, gentle and unassuming, with a wicked sense of humour. Ian was a prime-mover in organising collection and despatch of 100 bikes, to be converted into three wheeler wheelchair bikes for disabled in India and 500 bikes to help Africa children in remote villages get to school. His legacy lives on with this and many other projects he carried out with fellow Hope Valley Rotarians.

Ian Ord



ILKESTON

The Rotary Club of Ilkeston recently donated £500 to Chaucer school to set up a special room for children who are experiencing learning and behavioural difficulties. The room is used by staff to provide special surroundings that will help the child with his/her studies and settling down problems. The room has already achieved excellent results. Pictured is Senior Vice-President Elaine Minnighan visiting the school to see how the Rotary Club can help further. Already the Club has asked Rotarian Alan Chambers to oversee the maintenance of all electrical equipment - Alan is a fully qualified electrician and has most kindly agreed to help out. Members of the teaching staff, Louise Henshaw and Angela Brown (pictured) thanked the Rotary Club during the visit for their support in the project. This is the second school for which the Rotary Club of Ilkeston has contributed funding to assist children in their education.

Mike Perry

HUCKNALL

Last November, 250 athletes competed in the renowned Rotary Disabled Sports Team Championships in Coventry as Rotary did its bit to find the paralympians of the future.

The elated team from Hucknall was crowned overall winners after taking gold in the men's weights and triathlon and podium finishes in other events. They defeated the outgoing champions South Yorks & Lincs who were aiming for a hat-trick of victories after winning in 2010 & 2011. The Rotary Club of Hucknall has entered a team for the last 23 years and this year's team, comprising of young athletes from Portland College, was the first one to take top honours.

The annual sports competition, organised and sponsored by the five Rotary clubs in Coventry and supported by clubs across England, saw hundreds of spectators packing out the Xcel Leisure Centre in Canley. The ten teams of competitors, who have physical and learning disabilities, came from Avon, Coventry, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hucknall, Leicestershire, Rugby, South Yorkshire/ Lincolnshire, Wakefield, and Warwickshire,

Now in its 31st year, the Championships featured 13 disciplines: new age curling, table tennis, table tennis for those with learning disabilities, rifle shooting, boccia team, boccia individual, darts, male weight lifting, female weight lifting, team pit stop, swimming, triathlon and the slalom.

The Xcel Leisure Centre in Canley, which opened in June 2008, is part of the South West Coventry regeneration scheme and largely administered by local Rotarians. The £9m centre has been hailed as the 'flagship' for the regeneration scheme that has been designed with the needs of the local community in mind. It is one of three that make up the Coventry Sports Foundation, a charity where direction provided by Coventry Rotarian Directors has created superb facilities, not just sport, in underprivileged areas of the City.

Ian Young





Commissioner Paddy Tipping in action, watched by President Mike Lee and PDG Roger Pursey (left).

KIRKBY

Star Speakers

In a move to recruit new members, Kirkby Rotary Club has introduced its Star Speaker programme. By featuring a series of high profile speakers, Rotarians can invite their guests to enjoy a club meeting of special interest, at the same time to experience Rotary fellowship and hopefully consider becoming a member.

Kirkby launched the programme on May 14th at Coxmoor Golf Club with Paddy Tipping, the new Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner, as the Star Speaker.

Mr Tipping described his various aims for the county, including standing up for Notts police in obtaining fair funding from central government, getting more uniformed officers on the streets, cutting administrative costs and reducing anti-social behaviour and domestic violence. "I want to become the people's commissioner," he said, "by listening to residents".

In giving the vote of thanks, President Mike Lee said to the Commissioner: "You have given us an informative and honest insight into your role and the improvements you have on your agenda. I'm sure everyone here will be grateful for this opportunity to hear them first hand."

Asha Khemka OBE, Principal of West Notts College, is the Kirkby club's second high profile speaker, at the club's meeting on June 18th. Future such events are posted on the club's website. To book a place, please contact the club secretary, PDG Roger Pursey, 07955 221230 or rogerpursey@gmail.com

The reaction at the end of the first Star Speaker meeting was encouraging, with several guests showing signs of joining. Watch this space!

Ron Walker



LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS

Big Breakfast Gets Bigger!

Dawnbreakers Rotary Club improved on last year's Big Breakfast event with over 100 guests sitting down to enjoy a full English Breakfast this year. The event was held at the Gateway Centre in picturesque Dale Abbey on the 11th May and Breakfasts were served from 8.00am until 12.00 midday.

It was a great team effort with the club providing waiter/waitress service with hot and cold drinks and food cooked on the premises by our team of chefs. District Governor Dave Ashley and many other Rotarians, friends and family members came to enjoy a good fry up at this excellent venue.

At the end of the day approximately £800 was raised and a donation will be made to local Ilkeston Food Bank which is part of Arena Community Church. Many thanks to all those people who helped on the day and came to support us; we will be looking forward to holding our third Big Breakfast due to popular demand. If you would like to know more about Dawnbreakers please visit our website at: www.longeatondawnbreakers.org

Simon Davey



MANSFIELD

'Kindly leave the stage!

Mansfield Rotary Club recently welcomed David Derby to one of its meetings. He gave a light hearted and informative talk to its members about music hall entertainers. His talk entitled "Kindly Leave the Stage" was illustrated with caricatures that he had drawn himself and presented in a fast paced music hall style that was thoroughly entertaining.

Stewart Rickersey



NEWARK CASTLE

In March, President Foreman of the Rotary Club of Newark Castle presented a Karaoke Machine and DVD packs to the Newark Pod. This organisation offers opportunities for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities and these gifts will help develop self-confidence and many social skills.

Celia Smallwood



RETFORD

Retford's busy programme includes two special annual events – the Swimathon (now in 26th year) and the Charity Ball (now in 4th year). The hard work of Retford Rotarians in organising these events enables the general public of all ages to support a whole range of charities locally.

Many teams from schools, organisation and businesses took part in the March 2013 Swimathon (lasting from 1.30.p.m. to 8.30.p.m. on a Saturday), and pledged over £8,500 to local charities such as Canine Partners (supports disabled people), Teenage Cancer, Children with Leukaemia, Cystic Fibrosis, IVF Research, Cancer Research, Help for Heroes, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

This year's November Charity Ball, with 308 enthusiastic guests, raised a fantastic £13,555. The theme of 'Thunderball' from the James Bond movie proved very successful. In March, the money was presented to Retford's Bassetlaw Hospice for sorely needed equipment which will greatly benefit patients.

Both these projects required planning and organisation spread over the whole year. The organisation of the Swimathon was led by Rotarians Rosalind and Richard Cable, supported on the day by an army of fellow Club members. A large special Club Committee planned and ran the Charity Ball, led by Rotarian Hilary Zaccaria.

These two projects are in addition to a very full and busy normal Club programme of charity and social events over the year.

Terry Dunmore



SWADLINCOTE

Time for a Spring Clean

Members of The Rotary Club of Swadlincote have taken to areas of the town not reached by the local council during Saturday 9th March 2013 as part of a "Spring Clean" litter picking quest. We managed to collect 25 bags worth of rubbish in two-and-a-half hours, with items including bottles, cans, plastic bags, a football, an uneaten burger in a bun and even nappies.

Tony Gardner



TRENT BRIDGE

'Know Your Blood Pressure' Day

Despite the clash with the District Assembly, Trent Bridge again managed to organise a KYBP Day and attend the Assembly!

Thanks to the three nurses, who were on duty for five hours, and the co-operation of Morrison's at Clifton, who provided a location for the tests, 132

checks were made. As a result, there were 17 recommendations for a routine follow-up by a GP within a month, and 9 for an urgent follow-up.

This was another excellent example of the Rotary Club partnering an organisation to the benefit of the local community.

Chris Hind



WARSOP, SHIREBROOK AND DISTRICT

The Rotary Club of Warsop, Shirebrook and District held their Annual Band Concert at the John Fretwell Centre

recently. This year's entertainment was the RAF Cranwell College Band. The event made a total of £2400 and a raffle prize which they donated which included visits around the RAF base should have added to the amount at the Sportsmen's Evening on Friday 26th April. The monies raised went to the RAF Benevolent fund.

Steve Garner



WIRKSWORTH

This year our charity walk around Carsington Water, the Carsington Circle, was raising funds for CANCER RESEARCH UK and although the weather was a substantial improvement on last year we still needed the gazebo to shelter from the elements and everyone was well wrapped up. There were nearly 50 walkers and the sponsorship totalled over £1,000. There were medals for the hardy walkers who completed the event and a sense of achievement for all concerned. Our thanks go to all who supported us.

David Udall



WORKSOP DUKERIES

Daffodils bloom again in Tesco

One of the founder members of Worksop Dukeries, Ken Stubbs, with his wife, Shirley, 'rattling tins' at Tesco in Worksop – and doesn't he make a lovely daffodil? Certainly the public seemed to agree. Ken and colleagues raised a magnificent £1164 over 2 days for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Pauline Crawshaw



WOLLATON PARK

The 13th Annual Schools Music Festival took place on Thursday 18th April at Fernwood School. This year four choirs took part and they gave a most enthusiastic performance to a "full house" of Parents and Grandparents. The programme contained a wide range of music with songs from the Musical's and well known TV shows. Fernwood Junior opened with a rousing medley of songs and they were followed by Nottingham Girls Academy who gave a polished performance of "soul" songs. Newcomers, Rosslyn Park PS sang enthusiastically and they were followed by the Young Voices of Fearnwood School.

We were also entertained with several piano recitals by young musicians from Fernwood and James Hollis's solo saxophone performance was memorable.

Paul Irons did splendid work as compere and the concert ended with all the children joining together and singing in a grand finale.

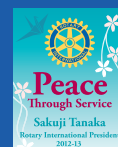
President Mike presented the school choirs with a cheque and each child was given one of our new WPRC pencils as a souvenir. Special thanks must go to all those teachers and children who took part in the Concert, not forgetting the stage production team. Finally, a big thank you to all those Rotarians who gave their time and energy to make the evening so successful and enjoyable.

John Dornan

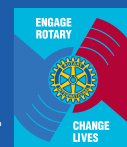
DISTRICT HANDOVER LUNCH

Come and join DG Dave Ashley and DGE Peter Moralee at the District Handover Lunch to be held at the Novotel, Long Eaton on Sunday 30th June, 12.00 for 12.45 pm.

Various awards will be presented to clubs and individuals and the incoming District Team will be introduced.



Cost - £16, cheques to Dave Ashley by 18th June.



THE HOSPICE TO HOSPICE WALK

Back in October 2012 I was really moved by a joint presentation by Rainbows and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospices at our District Conference. I decided it would be a good idea to launch a sponsored walk from one hospice to the other – a distance of about 70 miles and I set a target of raising £5,000.

I didn't realise what an impact the idea would have. Not only did Clubs support the walk financially, they came along and "walked the walk". Four Rotarians and a soon to be Rotarian formed the nucleus of the walkers - myself, Andy Ledbetter, Kevin Brown, Phil Stone and Owen Briggs walked the four days from Sheffield to Loughborough. In addition, about a further 25 Rotarians and partners joined in as and when they could.

We also had a cycle ride on the last day by my two sons in law, Craig and Chris, Chris's brother John and Neil Woodward of theirs who rode from Belper to Bluebell Wood and then on to Rainbows, a total of 107 miles contributing a lot to the nature of the event and to the money raised. The cyclists managed to arrive at Rainbows at exactly the same time as the walkers, adding greatly to that moment.

We chose a really warm weekend with the sun shining for the full four days. This added to the atmosphere of the walk and made it very enjoyable – despite the blisters! The two hospices did us proud with Bluebell Wood laying on a brilliant send off and Rainbows out in force to meet us as

we arrived. Thanks to Gail, Carey Toplass (partner of Owen) and Sean Murphy for manning the support car.

There were several memorable moments during the walk such as crossing the River Trent at Long Eaton in a small inflatable, saving several miles of walking. It was worth it just to see the look of horror on Owen's face as he made the crossing. The river crossing came shortly after we all enjoyed breakfast at Cafe Zing in Long Eaton where the owner had opened up on a Bank Holiday especially for us. A full English has never tasted so good.

Arriving at the Temple Hotel in Matlock Bath at lunchtime on day two was also memorable, if only for the fact that after a hard 12 miles or so that included climbing two very steep hills out of Chesterfield, the hotel is at the top of what seemed like a small mountain. Still the beer was cold and the presentation of cheques by Wirksworth and others made up for it.

As we arrived in Belper, at the end of day two, my family turned out in force in support with my daughter Nicola, two grand-daughters and a few friends meeting us to walk the last couple of miles with banners, balloons and making lots of noise we walked to the Strutt Club where my club had laid on a reception for us. I was really ready for a sit down and something to eat. The following morning we were joined by my daughter, Sarah and my other two grandchildren who walked out of Belper with us.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way whatsoever in this venture. The camaraderie and bringing clubs together in fellowship throughout the walk was excellent. We have collected over £5,000 and there is still more money to come in. Thank you all.

Dave Ashley – DG



What is missing from yoUR Conference, if you have not already registered? Yes, UR!

You are all invited to what will be a great weekend of fun and fellowship in sunny Scarborough from Friday 4th October to Sunday 6th October 2013. There will be interesting and inspiring speakers together with first class entertainment. District Conference has always been well supported and if you have not been before come along this year; you will enjoy the whole weekend. Conference need not be an expensive weekend as Scarborough has a wide range of quality hotels at all price levels. There are a large number of Rotarians who have attended and enjoyed coming to Conference over many years. Please encourage everyone in your Club to join you this year; they will not be disappointed.



Michael Portillo will be the speaker at the lunch on Saturday. He is a journalist, broadcaster and former politician and Cabinet Minister. He will be talking about his life, the TV programmes about Great Railway Journeys in Britain and Europe and as patron of the Charity DebRA.

As you would expect, Michael is an accomplished speaker and one not to be missed. Book now! If you have already registered and would wish to attend the lunch, please send a cheque for £10 per person to Colin Brockington (Bretby).

Richard Digance

Many people sing, play guitar and tell stories but not many have supported Steve Martin, Robin Williams or played a guitar duet with Brian May of Queen; Richard Digance has.

It was Dennis Norden on the ITV programme '30 years of Comedy' who said that Richard trod a unique and dangerous path, telling stories like no other without taking the obvious tried and tested gag route. It's on stage Richard is most comfortable, with original material and just a guitar. No gimmicks, just one man with a treasure chest of stories collected over 40 years in the music and entertainment industry.



John Evans

Well known to many in District 1220, John's performance exudes professionalism and his warm style coupled with a great personality has won him many plaudits from audiences and peers alike. Priding himself on clean humour with a gift for outstanding timing John is the ideal choice for mixed audiences. His stand up style gained national recognition on Granada TV's The Comedians and other TV shows He will be appearing during the two sets performed by The Sensations on Friday evening.



The Sensations

They are a top quality band performing music from the 60's to now. With superb musicians and both male and female lead vocals they move effortlessly through a range of styles; in short, something for everyone.

The show is completely choreographed and staged with powerful vocal harmonies and costume changes, so whether you choose to dance the night away or simply sit back and enjoy the show on Friday evening, you can be assured that an evening with The Sensations is one not to be missed!



That'll Be The Day

Prepare yourself for a party on Saturday evening as the nation's longest running rock 'n' roll variety show returns to our Conference. They were a huge hit in 2011 and will be again this year with a brand new show. Now in its 27th year of touring continuously in the UK and Europe, this hugely entertaining rock 'n' roll spectacular features an all new line up of knock-out hits from the 1950's, 60's and 70's. The first half of the programme for the evening will be a cabaret featuring lots of new zany comedy routines. The second half will be non-stop dancing – so be prepared!



Peter Moralée, District Governor 2013/2014, looks forward to welcoming you at our District Conference which will be held in sunny Scarborough in October this year.

See you there!

David Curtis – Conference Director

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our main sponsors, St James's Place Wealth Management. Please visit their stand in the Rotary Showcase.

Michael McQueen

Michael is an Australian born speaker, social researcher and bestselling author who is flying in from 'down under' to speak at our Conference. He gave a first class presentation at the Rotary International Convention held in New Orleans and has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in the business such as Bill Gates and Dolly Parton. He has been recognised as a Certified

Speaking Professional, and honour by only the top 1% of speakers worldwide. An amazing inspirational and motivational speaker – not to be missed!



Geoff Mackey

Brought up on a small family farm in the bandit country of South Armagh, N. Ireland, he read biology in Liverpool and followed by a doctorate studying the strategic business value of social networks. Today Geoff is an executive Director at BASF plc.

Geoff is a benefactor to the Foundation, GSE scholar and Past Rotaract Chairman GB&I; he was awarded a Paul

Harris Fellowship in 2004 and in 2005 was honoured to receive an RI Service Above Self Award - one of only 150 awarded worldwide each year. Words to describe Geoff's life include 'full' and 'varied' and he is a truly exceptional and entertaining speaker.



Besides the two fantastic speakers mentioned above, other speakers will talk about a wide range of subjects including the Environment, a former, young homeless person who turned her life around with the help of the Princes Trust, the building of a hospital in Nepal following the earthquake there in 2005 and much, much more.

You can look forward to some great entertainment, all of which has been carefully selected for your enjoyment. Watch out for news of further developments on Conference sessions and entertainment.



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THE NATIONAL ROTARY FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Burton Rotary Cup is a football competition, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Burton upon Trent, for young people from the Rotary Districts of England.

The matches will be played at St Georges Park, the new National Football Training Centre at Rangemore, near Burton upon Trent in the Needwood Forest on Sunday 4 August 2013 and the cup will be presented by the Rotary Club of Burton upon Trent.

More information from the Rotary Club of Burton



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