



# Rotary Review

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District 1220



Laura Harmer and  
Dave Dennis have  
a break during the  
Shore-2-Sherwood  
Cycle challenge

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Photo: Louise Mills



# DISTRICT 1220 ROTARY SHOP

A service provided by the District for all Clubs and individual Rotarians



The Rotary Shop is a service provided by District 1220 for all the clubs and Rotarians.

The profits from the shop are returned to the district funds.

Jeremy Holmes, from the Sheffield club, runs the shop on the district's behalf and is willing to help clubs with the supply of lapel badges, new members packs, stickers, clothing, Hi-Vis items etc.

One club in the district wanted to have polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets with the new masterbrand logo and their club name on them, so Jeremy supplied them with garments of each size for a mass try on at their club meeting and an order was then placed for over 30 garments. He is willing to do this for your club as well.

The next big sales event for the shop will be at the District Conference so please come along and see the wide range of items that our district shop can supply to you and your club.

**Jeremy Holmes - 0114 281 3001**  
**jeremy@pigi.org.uk**



Have you been wondering how to kick-start a social media presence for your club?

Advice and lots of useful videos on getting started can be found on our new District 1220 Facebook page.....

[www.facebook.com/NewsAround1220](http://www.facebook.com/NewsAround1220)

Please 'like' the page whilst you are there!

## The Editor writes .....



This edition of **Rotary Review** brings to a close the Rotary Year 2016/17. Thanks to the efforts of all those correspondents in their clubs we are able to see what varied, challenging and generous projects Rotarians in District 1220 have been involved with. There are also some indications of what is in store for the next Rotary year; I particularly want to draw your attention to page 7 and the exciting programme for the District Conference at Llandudno at the end of September.

Both incoming DG Michael Longden (page 10) and outgoing DG Colin Gell (page 11) have referred to the Membership crisis in this District. While some of the clubs have been very successful in recruiting new members, sadly we have lost a number of members, resulting in a net fall in membership. Members can help to arrest this trend by making more of their friends and colleagues aware of what Rotary is about and what it can do for their community. One way of doing this is to pass on your copy of Rotary Review when you and your family have read it.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the things we get up to in District 1220 and that it helps you to get a new initiative started at your Club. Also, if you are successful in some new venture, you will share it with everybody in the Christmas 2017 edition of **Rotary Review**?

**John Scotney – District Editor**

## Cyclists complete Shore-2-Sherwood 24 hour challenge



Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping joins the riders at a drinks stop in Collingham on Sunday morning making sure the weary riders are well hydrated for the final push.

The 200 mile ride to raise money for Cancer Research was held over the weekend of the 20th and 21st May 2017. It started at Robin Hood's Bay, wound its way over the North Yorkshire Moors down to the Humber Bridge, through Lincolnshire and finished at the South Forest Leisure Centre in Edwinstowe.

Rotarian Laura Harmer who had spent nine months organising the ride, and was also one of the five riders, said 'I would like to thank all those who took part in the ride, including fellow Rotarians, our sponsors and all the people that have made a donation to the ride. It is hoped that over £3,000 will have been raised for a very worthy cause.'

The four other riders who completed the 200 mile ride were colleagues of Laura with the Nottingham Police. Another four riders joined the ride at Collingham for the final 50 miles, including Tim Wildgust, President of the Sherwood Forest Rotary Club supporting his wife, Karen, following her diagnosis of cancer in 2016.

**Laura Harmer – Sherwood Forest**

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Editorial





# A District 1220 Club was there – before the Royal Family!

In March 2016 Prince Harry visited the earthquake zones in Nepal and funded the building of a broken school. The Rotary Club of Dronfield was there a full year before him, just three days after the earthquake, with money 'on the ground' by using existing secure contacts.

The earthquake struck in April 2015 and immediately Dronfield club members began collecting; within three days, the club had sent £6,000 to Nepal. This was spent on tarpaulins, field dressings and food by the end of the week. The club was fortunate in having well-trying, existing links and a bank account connecting Dronfield with their sister club in Nepal, the Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail. However, it was clear that apart from immediate disaster relief funds, there would be a massive need for funds to support the rebuilding of homes and schools. The club took the plunge and built a school!

During a visit to Pokhara, Nepal in 2011 by Dronfield Rotarian David Lumb, a retired teacher, he noticed the small number of older students still studying in village schools. Most poor students over eleven drift away from the classroom to work as porters, labourers and farm workers to contribute to the family income; this cycle of deprivation had to be broken to enable poor but able youngsters the chance of at least secondary school education. With immediate support from the local Rotary Club, who provided a Coordinator, Binod Koirala, the Fishtail Fund took off and now has no fewer than 50 students from the Pokhara district on its books.

It was decided to rebuild one of the many schools devastated by the earthquake. The secondary school at Prithvi Rupa was chosen as the building had been condemned by the Nepalese Government. Since 2011 over £26,000 has been sent to Nepal to fund these poor but bright youngsters.

Fundraising has been a model of community involvement. Coordinated by the club's International Committee, the town of Dronfield pulled together, ranging from a collecting tin in the post office (£27.59 to date!) to the local secondary school providing £5,000 to pay for the school roof. A total of £45,000 has now been achieved and the new school is almost complete, built on a new and safer site. An opening ceremony is planned in Pokhara for all those who have contributed, including a group of Dronfield students who are now corresponding with pen-friends in the Prithvi Rupa School.

Members of the Dronfield Club have already visited Pokhara several times at their own expense and British money is being channelled across using the secure bank account which remains free from Government interference and corruption. A magnificent contribution came as support from the Rotary Benevolent Fund, which operates from Rotary UK Headquarters in Alcester.



Pokhara's Past President Tej Bahadur Gurung says that 'The Fishtail Fund is a real model of international collaboration between two clubs separated by six thousand miles, but with common intent. Dronfield's commitment is fundraising, ours is prudent spending, based on real need, free from corruption and interference.'

The Fishtail Fund is named after the 'Fishtail Mountain', Machapuchre, which looms over the town of Pokhara and whose bifurcated peaks resemble a vertical fish's tail.

For further information visit [www.fishtailfund.com](http://www.fishtailfund.com); a short film can be watched on <https://youtu.be/GfGFZgk4glQ>.

**David Lumb - Dronfield**

## A Student's Story: Sangita Devkota

Sangita's family are very poor and the family of five live in one room of a relative's house. Father Khim Lal works away in India as a toilet attendant; mother Manisha works as a domestic servant in a wealthy person's house. One of Sangita's legs is shorter than the other. She said: 'Sometimes I get problem to get stationeries and books. My mother supports me for study but also she lacks money and can't provide me while I need them. I passed grade 8, securing 82.5% and hope to get good result this year as well. I want to be a doctor in future.' (English is Sangita's third language!)

Sangita showed her intelligence and application from the very start. Supported by the Fishtail Fund since 2011, she has flourished ever since. Her exam grades never dipped below 80%. Now she is the Fund's first graduate, as a maternity nurse about to start work and support her family.





# Kids Aid Tanzania

## The Busisi Pre-School in Tanzania

A number of Rotary Clubs in District 1220, supported by a Foundation Grant from the District and donations from individual Rotarians, have funded a new Pre-School for 50 children in Busisi, a rural area in north-west Tanzania. The Rotary Club of Ilkeston learned of the need from the Derby-based Charity Kids Aid Tanzania (KAT) which has been the focus of its international giving for the past nine years. The Charity was invited to display its activities and needs on the Club's stall at the Rotary Showcase, held at Derby University in 2016. A number of Rotarians said to Elaine Minnighan, the Club's International Officer, that the Pre-School would make a good District project.



to come and give more information, making donations or holding fundraising events. Elaine, accompanied by her husband, also raised money by undertaking a sponsored climb of Sydney Harbour Bridge whilst on holiday in Australia.

Building the pre-school, which has two classrooms, toilets and a small office, and the head teacher's house, began in December 2016 and was completed in April this year when the

children moved in. The Foundation Grant was then drawn down to provide school furniture, access to mains water, solar-powered electricity and fencing. Rotary's contribution to the funding is recognized by a plaque on the external wall of the school. The photograph shows the plaque being held by Elaine and Colin McArdle of Kids Aid Tanzania, before being taken out to Tanzania in May

A video of the new pre-school can be found on KAT's website [www.kidsaidtanzania.org.uk](http://www.kidsaidtanzania.org.uk).

**Dr Colin McArdle – Kids Aid Tanzania**

Kids Aid Tanzania had already bought a plot of land, paid for a teacher to be trained and, because of local demand, a temporary pre-school attended by 30 children had been established in an insecure, rundown, rented building for the past two years.

Elaine, with the support of her Club, obtained approval from the District Governor and the District International Committee to circulate all District 1220 Clubs inviting them to participate in the project and she applied for a grant from the District Foundation team.

A joint presentation was made by Elaine and KAT at last year's District Assembly and she promoted the project at the District's Scarborough Conference. Many clubs responded by inviting Elaine

'This story illustrates the ability of Rotary to enable an individual Rotarian to cause a difference which, when supported by Rotarians, makes a difference. Elaine has carried out a great job of publicizing the Kids Aid Tanzania school project and her colleagues at Ilkeston Rotary Club, along with the District Clubs have risen to the challenge to help, supported with the additional funding from Rotary Foundation.'

**John Cavey - District Foundation Chair**

**THANKYOU  
ROTARY DISTRICT 1220**



**Kids Aid Tanzania**





# The Purple Crocus – a Flower of Hope?



Newark - Planting Crocus

Earlier in the year we saw a succession of winter bulbs coming to life and flowering; aconites and snowdrops then cream crocus followed by the vibrant purple coloured crocus. Did you know that the purple crocus has a special significance for Rotarians in District 1220?

Poliomyelitis, a relatively widespread disease in the early/mid 1900's, attacks the central nervous system in young people and can cause paralysis; in extreme cases it resulted in respiratory failure and the affected patients were only kept alive using mechanical devices called iron lungs. Other childhood diseases such as measles and diphtheria had been largely eliminated using vaccination but it took until 1955 before Salk developed an effective vaccine against polio. Subsequently, an oral vaccine was produced by Sabin in 1960 and the ease with which this could be administered led to a vaccination programme being rolled out world-wide. This was so effective that the World Health Organisation declared the Americas polio free in 1994 and Western Europe in 2002.

Rotary International made a major commitment in 1985, when it launched its PolioPlus initiative, to completely eliminate polio throughout the world. Since then, hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised by Rotary clubs and with matching funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a massive programme coordinated by the WHO has been carried out in those areas of the world where polio was still endemic. By 2002, more than two thousand million children in 122 countries had been immunised and the programme has continued so that now there are only a handful of polio cases known in the world. It has just been announced that there have been no new cases notified since March 2017! Work continues with local immunisation programmes to make the world really 'polio free'. We are nearly there!



Belper and Duffield



Newark - In Bloom



Chesterfield Scarsdale

What have purple crocus to do with this story? One of the major areas for vaccination was the Indian continent and over the last few years there have been a number of National Immunisation Days when volunteers, including Rotarians from the UK, have treated millions of children with the oral vaccine. To identify those children who have received the vaccine, they have a finger dipped in purple ink. Rotarians in the UK have adopted the purple crocus to recognise this fact and have used the image to help in their fundraising for PolioPlus. Clubs obtained a quantity of purple crocus bulbs last autumn and distributed them to local schools and gardening groups to plant out to remind local communities of the PolioPlus project.

The accompanying photographs show some of the plantings in bloom.

John Scotney – Belper and Duffield





# Rotary District 1220 CONFERENCE – LLANDUDNO

## 29th September to 1st October, 2017



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

Fellow Rotarians

### Have you registered?

Remember that we are holding the price until mid August at £40 per person.

So what will you getting for the £40?

The Gala dinner we have managed to keep to £35 per person. The entertainment is open to all but entrance will be limited initially to those dining and then open to other delegates after the meal. Don't forget the Golf Competition as well, only £40.

We have listened to you from previous Conferences and note that you wish to learn what is going on in Rotary, so we have arranged speakers that will tell you what is happening and at the same time amuse you. We will also have one or two other speakers to entertain you and share their stories.

#### Speakers include:

Barney Callaghan, a Rotarian from Northern Ireland, a past DG who is amusing but hard hitting about the future of Rotary. Rtn Dave Ellis, many of you will remember David's talk about Membership three years ago; he now has a new thought provoking talk for you.

We have the CEO from Kids Out - Gordon Moulds - an initiative that Rotary is very much involved with. There will be updates on District Initiatives and Projects that are currently being undertaken. We also have PDG Molly Youd and her daughter Fiona who have a great story to tell on setting up a new club for younger people.

Finally, we have been fortunate to get Past President of Rotaract UK Louise Moss to come and talk to you about Rotaract.

Non Rotary Speakers are Andy Cope, an Inspirational Speaker who has spoken at several Charters around the country. Children's Air Ambulance, Canine Partners and their national speaker Malcolm Wells MBE plus a demonstration on Stage, Geoff Miller, past England Cricketer and Test Selector.

We have also listened to you regarding the Rotary Showcase where we hope you will enjoy the interactive stalls this year, including the Flight Simulator of the Children's Air Ambulance, Heartbeat and their defibrillator training. Prostate Cancer charity will be having a stall. District Projects will be in evidence.

So, what do we want from you – simple to enjoy yourselves – come along and meet like-minded Rotarians from around the District. The RIBI President Denis Spiller will also be there for you to chat to.

**So, come on, now is the time to register.**

#### BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

Let your hair down on Friday Night with a very casual dress or Jeans and Checked Shirts, while we Hoe Down to Two Left Feet.

After you have eaten your fill at the Gala Diner on Saturday Evening we will dance the night away to one of the UKs best Event Bands ROLLACOASTER.

All in all, we have a weekend of Fun Fellowship and Friendship arranged.

To those who have not been to a Conference before - come along and try it. To those of you who used to come but no longer do – come this year and enjoy the fellowship. There are Hotels and Guest Houses in abundance in Llandudno to suit all pockets so cost should not be an issue.

**Steve Lawes and the Conference Team**



Register  
Today  
Online

[www.1220conference2017.co.uk](http://www.1220conference2017.co.uk)



District Conference



# Rotary and Wheelpower

One of the many charities supported by Rotarians nationwide is Wheelpower, a national charity providing sporting facilities and opportunities to transform the lives of disabled children and adults.



The charity's 2017 Wheels Challenge started at the R.I.B.I. Conference in Manchester, with events taking place at the twelve specialist spinal injuries units throughout the UK and Northern Ireland. The Challenge ended at Stoke Mandeville at the end of April.

One of the Units involved is at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield and has patients attending for treatment from Yorkshire, the East Midlands and East Anglia.

As part of the Challenge, the charity has donated sports equipment to each of the 12 units and on 10th April, Assistant Governor Dr Cheryle Berry was asked to make a presentation of such equipment to the Sheffield Unit.

After the presentation, she and accompanying Sheffield Rotarians, were invited to take part in a rough and tumble wheelchair game called Elephant Ball - not something they might wish to repeat!

For more information about the charity, its web address is -

[www.wheelpower.org.uk](http://www.wheelpower.org.uk)

**Cheryle Berry**  
District Governor Elect

# The Rotary Centre – Castleton, Derbyshire



The Centre is owned and operated by the Rotary Club of Sheffield through the Sheffield Rotary Charity and the management committee is made up from members of the club.

The Centre is hired out all the year around to groups, for example schools, youth groups, church groups, walking groups and Scouts.

The income generated from the hirers pays all the day to day running costs and also covers the cost of the Children's Camps that the club runs at the centre during the first 2 or 3 weeks of the school summer holidays.

The Sheffield club ran its first holiday for disadvantaged children in 1920 and these holidays have been run every year since, so we are claiming the 'longest running Rotary Club project in the world', as this year's will be the 97th in a row!

There is quite a story about the Centre and the holidays, and we are able to give a talk to clubs about this.

You all know that there have been a lot of discussions about the Centre over the last two years but we are pleased to say that this is all now sorted and we are carrying on with this fantastic facility and project run by the Sheffield Club.

Have a look at our website [www.rotarycentrecastleton.co.uk](http://www.rotarycentrecastleton.co.uk) for further details.

**Jeremy Holmes - Centre Manager**

Rotary & Wheelpower

The Rotary Centre





# The Roadshow is Ready to Roll!



As Rotary membership continues to decline it is important that traditional methods of recruitment are complemented with new initiatives. Disconnection with the working population has been one of the problems for clubs with an aging membership.

The Business Partnership (BP), conceived in this District, has helped clubs re-engage with the working population and demonstrate Rotary in action through voluntary work on projects. Whether or not your club has already seen the benefit of the BP initiative and helped identify prospective new members from the business community and the recipients of the voluntary work, such as the teaching profession and local community organisations, there is still a need to provide more information about Rotary and take another step towards converting interested people into Rotarians.

The Roadshow is another initiative, conceived in District 1220, designed to help clubs in their membership development programme. It is a complete package from helping clubs identify and invite suitable people through to delivering a professional presentation, engaging the invited audience in discussion and offering a follow up procedure to make the whole exercise fulfil its objective. A small team of members have pooled their experience with membership, marketing and the Business Partnership to create the Roadshow.

One thing has become increasingly evident and that is that today's business people have precious little spare time but what time they do have they are keen to use doing practical good in the community. The Roadshow reflects that by focusing on getting people involved in Rotary projects.

The Roadshow is ready to go and the team, which includes Cheryl Berry (Clay Cross) and Graham Hayes (Wollaton Park), would very much hope that during the 2017-18 year an event could be organised in each of the District Groups. We encourage members and clubs to ask for more detailed information on this exciting new initiative by contacting Colin Fox, District Membership Chairman or David Pedlar, whose details are in the front of the 2017-18 District 1220 Directory.

**David Pedlar – District Marketing and Media**

# Visioning - "Moving Forward"

What's in a Name? To some, Visioning is a strange name but it is about moving forward, the future of your club and it may help if....

- you and fellow members need re-energising
- your club needs a boost
- help is needed with making plans
- you'd like to know what your club may look like in 5 years time



**Visioning in Action at Rotherham Sitwell**

Would you like all your members to have a say? Do you have ideas to share?

Maybe your club has already held a "Visioning Event" and could use a little help in moving forward?

Did you know there is a "Support Team" of trained and experienced enthusiasts that can provide a facility to achieve all of these and more?

Made up of volunteers from a range of District 1220 clubs your "Visioning Team" is available to come to your club to help you all together find the answers to today's issues such as how to engage your community, identify exciting projects, efficiently run the club and, possibly, achieve membership growth!

Want to know more?



**Contact Team Leader Ian Holliday  
(Amber Valley)**

**The Roadshow is ready to roll**

**Visioning - Moving Forward**





# Rotary Young Chef realises his dream



Around 2005, young Adam Jones was a little nervous but hopeful, as he prepared food on stage at the Rotary District Conference in Scarborough. Adam was one of our Young Chefs, supported by the Rotary Club of Amber Valley – and the judges liked what he had prepared. According to Adam's mum, Jane, he had always been interested in food and from the age of seven started to develop a passion for getting involved in the kitchen.

When he left school, Adam then went on to study at the University of Derby's Buxton Campus. The campus has excellent facilities to train in the hospitality industry, but Adam felt he was not spending enough time where he really wanted to be – in the kitchen.

Adam was taken under the wing of the Chef at The Dog Inn, Pentrich as an apprentice. His hard work paid off when he was appointed Sous Chef at the Red Lion at Bagthorpe, whilst being only 19. He also gained experience at the White Hart at Moorwood Moor. He then moved onto the Fahrenheit Bar & Grill at the Genting Club in Sheffield, before becoming Head Chef there at the age of 24. The Fahrenheit is one of the Genting Club's Premier Dining Group of restaurants. This has enabled Adam to spread his wings and exercise his talents by being very much involved in the development of new innovative dishes and menus for the Premier Dining Group.

Adam is still passionate about food and ambitious to achieve more in his chosen field – and this is great news, as the UK has transitioned from a place where our food was scorned, into being World Class in food innovation and expertise. It is highly likely we will hear more about Adam Jones and his achievements in the future.

Rotary can really help young people with a passion to realise their dreams!

**Andrew Loades - Amber Valley**

**Rotary Young Chef**

**District 1220 Assembly**

# District 1220 Assembly April 2nd 2017

Margaret and I attended the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego in January when we heard our Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley announce that his theme for our year would be:



## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Rotary is unique, but what makes Rotary unique? To my mind it is our passion and perseverance. The projects we undertake that do not fail and are sustainable, our network of 35,000 Clubs worldwide and our membership of 1.22 million like-minded Rotarians. It is the Community Service on a Global Platform, it is our commitment to the community, our fellowship and friendship. It is our honesty, our trustworthiness and our unselfishness which makes Rotary Special. We need to offer service with an impact, we need to observe, engage and 'Make a Difference'.

President Elect Ian has encouraged us to look seriously at the '6 areas of focuses, namely Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention/Treatment, Water/Sanitation, Maternal/Child Health, Basic Education/Literacy and Economic/Community Development.

Without doubt, one of the main challenges facing Rotary worldwide is Membership and we are asked to start new Clubs, Satellite Clubs, Rotaract and Interact and to continue to enhance our Public Image and Awareness. We need to grow our Clubs; within our District we have a population in excess of 4 million people and we only have just over 2,000 members; where are we going wrong? We will be holding a Membership Seminar at the Post Mill Centre in South Normanton, on Saturday the 7th of October. Please put this date into your diaries as a not to be missed event!

I would like to make mention of the Rotary Young Leaders Award. RYLA is one of our flagship Youth Programmes; it is a wonderful adventurous programme held within our District at Buxton and Castleton. Youth is our future, you the Clubs have a wonderful opportunity to offer these potential future Rotarians the chance to experience Rotary now, and you also have an opportunity to meet potential new members in these students' parents, grandparents and carers.

In the words of Rotary International President Ian Riseley and Rotary International Britain & Ireland President Denis Spiller, let us Embrace Change, Accept the Challenges that we have been set and –

**GO FORTH AND MULTIPLY – and – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Michael Longden – DG Elect**





# District Governor's Message...

## Fellow Rotarians

As I approach the end of my year as District Governor for District 1220, it is time to reflect on what has happened and my thoughts for the future.

The year started with John Germs theme of "Work Hard/Have Fun". I have continued to be amazed at the variety and breadth of the activities undertaken by the Clubs in 1220. All around the District, Clubs are organising car rallies, pedal car rallies, frog races, fundraising concerts. For youth, we have had RYLA, the youth competitions, Children of Courage, painting competitions; the list goes on and on.

At the beginning of the year I encouraged everyone to support Polio eradication and I am pleased to see that giving this year is higher than last year. You have supported "Inch" incredibly such that I have been able to send over £4,000 to Foundation. Anni's development of the "polio bells" enabled, through your support, a further £1,400. Thank you all for your generosity. At 28th May, we have only seen 5 declared cases of Polio in the world and none since the end of February. We may be "Almost there", but we must continue to support until we cross the finish line.

However, we have continued to battle with the perennial problem of membership. We have recruited well during the year, but we will have lost more members than we gained. At the start of the year, I challenged every Club to help by maintaining their membership numbers over the year and to support the creation of a Satellite club within each AG group. We now have 3 Satellite groups up and running, although there is scope for many more. They are our future. They are not only attracting new members to join them, but also



creating opportunities for new members into the existing clubs. This is not the whole picture, we do have some very strong and growing clubs within the District and they continue to recruit.

Are there any ideas I can distill from everything I have seen?

Firstly, Rotary is still needed in the 21st Century world, as much as it has ever been; it just needs to be relevant. Rotary is a very simple concept of men and women working together and having fun together to help wherever help is needed.

Secondly, Rotary has very few rules. Rules restrict how we work and interface. We need to relax and enjoy life. Ask yourselves two simple questions. Do we need to have a speaker? Do we need a meal?

Thirdly, different generations have different norms. Smart casual can mean anything from jeans and t-shirt to sports coat and tie, dependent upon your generation.

Fourthly, a club who work together plays together. Rotary is about enjoying life. We are all Rotary so consider working and playing with other clubs, you will make a much bigger impact.

So finally, I encourage everyone to make your Rotary simple, in the words of John Germ,

Work hard/have fun!

I hope you all have had a great Rotary year and are looking forward to another one next year. My thanks to everyone who has supported me this year, especially, my own club, the Rotary Club of Carlton.

Yours in Rotary

Colin



## Portrait of a Special Rotarian

Very occasionally we encounter a person who genuinely puts the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" as their guiding principal and Past District Governor Lionel Howard who died earlier this year was one of those people. Fifty years in Rotary was a significant milestone achieved by Lionel that started in 1966 when he joined the Rotary Club of Kirkby in Ashfield.

His Rotary career saw him take on many positions at club, district and national level. He was President of Kirkby in Ashfield and was also the District Secretary from 1976 to 1979 long before computer technology made life a bit easier. For a period of time he was a member of the Rotary Club of St. Pancras in London whilst working in the capital. On his return to Nottingham he joined Wollaton Park and became its President in 1993-94. In 1989 he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

After some soul searching Lionel decided to put himself forward to become District Governor, a three year commitment, which he fulfilled in 2008-09. Many of us in Wollaton Park were made aware of how much time, effort and commitment the role of District Governor really requires but for Lionel that was just another stepping stone to new challenges. He was co-opted onto the RIBI Constitutions Committee and became the District Resilience Officer.

The Rotary Club of Wollaton Park was very blessed to have Lionel Howard as a member and he will be sorely missed.

David Pedlar

Obituary - PDG Lionel Howard

District Governor's Message



## AMBER VALLEY

### Major project at Alfreton Park Community Special School

Rotary Amber Valley has supported Alfreton Park Community Special School for several years. Recently, we were able to help the school again by improving access to the wonderful new hydrotherapy pool that has been installed at the school. As all the pupils have some degree of disability, accessing the pool was difficult and presented staff with a challenge.

Rotary Amber Valley presented the school with a cheque for £4,156, which has enabled the fitting of two changing room hoists at the new hydrotherapy complex. Head Teacher Cheryl Smart said "The hydrotherapy pool is a great benefit for many of our pupils; with these hoists we are able to transfer pupils from the changing room and into the pool. Additionally, the staff are at much less risk of lifting injuries." A plaque will be placed on the wall of the Hydrotherapy Pool in memory of Rotarians Malcolm Corbishley and Keith Ottewell, who had links with the school and who passed away in the previous year.

Andrew Loades



## BAKEWELL

### breaks its stroke awareness record

On Monday 24th April, Rotary Bakewell, as part of the National Stroke Awareness campaign, organised free blood pressure checks at Bakewell Agricultural Centre. 180 people accessed the service, beating the previous record of 165. Blood pressure checks were carried out by local medical staff (nurses and consultants) to whom Rotary Bakewell send their sincere thanks. Another very welcome addition to the service offered was refreshment provided throughout the day, free of charge, by Martin Nuttall of the Farmers Feast café at the Agricultural Centre.

High blood pressure is an extremely serious health matter and Rotary Bakewell is proud to play its part in raising awareness of this issue.



## BELPER AND DUFFIELD

### Walk for Life - 100 Miles

Belper Town Mayor, Councillor Gary Spendlove told me he was thinking about doing a "bit of a sponsored walk" and asked if I would be prepared to get involved with its organisation. One hundred plus miles, taking in Belper, Wirksworth, Cromford, Matlock, Darley Dale, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Nottingham, Derby and back to Belper. From the beginning the main objective of this walk was to raise awareness of the need for people to sign up to the organ donor register. I was to recruit Rotary Clubs along the route to get involved and to join in with the walk. Sunday, 29th January saw the first day of the walk with about 50 people, many being dressed in the obligatory pink top, a feature of the walk for the whole seven days.



The media were at the start with press, radio and television taking an interest in the event.

Over the course of the seven days the walkers were joined by quite a number of Rotary Clubs, including Amber Valley, Wirksworth, Matlock, Chesterfield Scarsdale and Mansfield. Gary was surprised and delighted by the number of Rotarians who turned out to support the walk. Sponsorship monies are still coming in, but at the last count it was about £3,000. The true test of the success of the walk however will come when the number of organ donors signing up to the Donor Register is calculated.

Dave Ashley







## CHESTERFIELD

### Satellite Club Quiz Night

The first ever Charity Quiz Night organised by the recently-formed Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield has raised £630 to be shared by three local charities:- Ashgate Hospicecare, Sheffield Children's Hospital and Wirksworth-based Rotary Aquabox, which is a leading provider of clean water and other humanitarian aid to disasters around the World. The first winner of the new Challenge Trophy was 'The Fab Five'. The fun event, supported by around 100 people, was held at the Fox & Goose on Thursday 17 November 2016 and was organised by Paul Davies of the Satellite Club.

**Geoff Mitchell**



## CHURCH WILNE

The Club continues to enjoy many varied social activities including an indoor bowls evening, the bi-monthly Curry nights and a visit to the BBC studios in Nottingham. The recent 32nd Charter Anniversary at the Trent Lock Golf and Country Club was a great success and three Paul Harris awards were made to Gary Dundas, Graham Markwell and Tony Beenham.

The photograph shows the Club's Annual Senior Citizens party held at Spondon in May and over 80 guests enjoyed good food, drinks, entertainment and dancing with the support of a few Rotarians!

Looking forward, on Sunday 10th September the Charity Horse Ride takes place with proceeds again going to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and Treetops Hospice Care. Last year the Horse Ride raised over £10,000 for those charities.

**Ray Terry**

## CLAY CROSS

Members of Clay Cross Rotary joined the Clay Cross Kenning Park Community Group on the "National Great British Spring Clean Event" week ending 4th March this year. We collected 16 bags of general litter as well as enjoying the fellowship and the joint event.

**Ray Mountain**







## DONCASTER

### Rotary Young Citizen Award

More than 50 nominations from clubs across Britain and Ireland for the Rotary Young Citizen Awards were sent in for consideration and the winners received their awards on stage at the RIBI conference on Saturday 8th April in Manchester.

One of the winners was Abbey Booker, who was nominated by the Rotary Club of Doncaster and the Rotary Club of Doncaster St Leger. Abbey is an inspirational young teenager who was taken into care four years ago. Seeing that urgent revisions were necessary to the system, she now works with young people and the authorities to change and improve the experiences of children in care. It was also the 10th anniversary of the awards, and some previous winners attended and talked about how they have progressed through the years.

**Alicia Reade**



## DONCASTER ST LEGER

During the Spring Half-Term, the Rotary Club of Doncaster St Leger funded two fantastic comic masterclasses through the Doncaster Book Award scheme at The Point, Arts Centre in Doncaster. Kev F Sutherland led the classes from 19 schools and the Home Education community in his own inimitable style, mixing instruction on drawing techniques with zany humour and creating an amazingly positive atmosphere wherein even the less confident artist felt able to have a go. Using a huge range of comics and graphic novels the imaginations of the young people came to life on the page as with Kevin's guidance they created and developed their own characters. By the end of each session, the children had created a comic in which all their characters' adventures were included and which also featured pen portraits of each child, done by Kevin on the back. The sessions flew by, as the young people were absolutely engrossed in what they were doing. Kevin is a comedian and comic strip creator who has drawn for a number of publications and produced shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

**John Chapman**



Dronfield and Sindelfingen Rotarians and their wives at the meeting.

## DRONFIELD

In June 2016 several members of the Rotary Club of Dronfield went to the Strassenfest in our twin town of Sindelfingen, where they met with the Rotary Club there. In September two members of the Sindelfingen Club came to Dronfield as part of the Citizens Exchange run by the Town Twinning Federation and, as a result, the two Clubs decided to formalise a twinning arrangement.

At the end of November five Dronfield Rotarians and their wives went to Sindelfingen for the Christmas markets and to formalise the twinning of the two Clubs at a meeting in the Restaurant Platzhirsch in Böblingen. Both Clubs have agreed to work together on projects of benefit to both communities as well as working on international projects – particularly in the developing world.

The Sindelfingen Club organised a visit round the Mercedes car factory in Sindelfingen; it employs 36,000 people – a few more than the population of Dronfield! The group also visited an art gallery and Christmas markets in Stuttgart and Esslingen.

**Liz Hepworth**







## MANSFIELD

### Mansfield Rotary Young Chef

Samuel Hicking, a 14 year old pupil at the Brunts Academy, is the winner of Rotary District 1220 Young Chef Competition. The final, which was held at Ashfield School, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, brought together seven pupils from across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. They had to prepare a three course dinner and dress a table for two within two hours and with just £15 for ingredients. The next stage is the regional finals at Mansfield's The Samworth Church Academy

**Mike Neville**



## HUCKNALL

The Rotary Club of Hucknall along with the Hilltoppers Golf Society raised over £7,000 to purchase six brand new sports wheelchairs for Portland College Sports Department. In order to raise the money needed, several events were held including a garden party and a golf day.

The specialized wheelchairs now allow for a more inclusive experience within the College's sports department. In order to make sure the new wheelchairs were suitable, representatives from both groups were invited to play a few matches against the students! Rotarian John Hill is pictured shooting for the hoop.

**Ian Young**



## LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS

After 600 hours of members' time over 18 months, Dawnbreakers have taken an overgrown wasteland of an allotment and turned it into a wonderful, safe and fully accessible environment to be enjoyed by various local community groups with disabilities. The cost of £6000 was met from external grants, fund raising and a matching grant from District 1220. Through the Business Partnership we also had help from the players at Long Eaton Rugby Club and the staff of Rolls Royce PLC. Truly, Rotary in Action!

**Paul Burrows**







## NOTTINGHAM

The Rotary Club of Nottingham is busy preparing for its 100th centenary in 2018. It received its charter in 1918, the same year as Derby and two years after Leicester, from its mother club Edinburgh. Since then it has been responsible for 10 daughter clubs, 16 Grand-daughter clubs, 9 Great-grand-daughter clubs and one Great -great grand-daughter club, Sherwood Sunrisers.

A number of events and visitors are planned including a visit from the RI President. Nottingham want to make it a family affair and incoming President Paul Jones is hoping to run a Frog Race fund raising evening with each of the daughter clubs for the End Polio campaign. There will also be a big day out at Elvaston Castle in conjunction with the Derby Club on the 16th June 2018.

**James Thornhill**



## MATLOCK

Since 1997, Matlock Rotary Club has been brewing mulled wine for the Matlock Victorian Christmas Market. It is made to a secret recipe but includes wine, cider, spices and orange juice. After all these years brewing, it is a drink of special perfection and is much enjoyed by visitors to the Victorian Christmas Market.

Matlock Rotary Club has a corner pitch in the same place every year and visitors from far and wide seek out a cup of mulled wine, before and after shopping in the market.

The regular customers and the Rotary Club helpers ensure that the stall is kept busy throughout the three days of the market and the proceeds, this year £2,600 was raised, go to local good causes..

President Diane Blount of the Club said "I would like to thank the public for their great support and thank those who provided help. It has been another great success taking part in the Matlock Victorian Christmas Market and we look forward to returning in 2017."

**Peter Wigglesworth**



## NEWARK AND NEWARK CASTLE

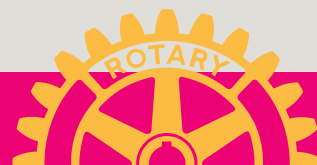
The two Clubs joined forces to help a local organisation, the special school Orchard School of Newark. The Friends of Orchard School were desperate for a new mini bus but needed to raise £17,000 to buy one. They had raised £13,000 but were still £4,000 short.

Following an appeal in the local press, Keith Elliott, chairman of the community services committee of Newark Rotary Club, obtained the unanimous support of both Newark and Newark Castle Clubs to help out. Each Club decided to donate a sum of £1,000, helping the Orchard School to smash their target.

President Rita Crowe of Newark Rotary and President Caroline Rossin of Newark Castle Rotary visited the Orchard School to present the money. This is another example of the two Rotary Clubs of Newark coming together to support local causes and to make a real difference in their community.

**Paula Hurst**

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## RETTFORD

### Global Grant

If you want to see pure joy, give a small child a picture book to read or a climbing frame to swing on. The Club's Global Grant provided these and more as part of the project to help educate 400 children in crèches and preschools in the Drakensberg Mountains of KwaZulu Natal (KZN), South Africa.

The final report for the Grant is now with the Rotary Foundation for review but this is not the end of the project by any means. Ensuring the resources are used effectively over time is more difficult but will be achieved in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Benoni Aurora, our partner club in South Africa, and the hardworking, dedicated friends at The Cavern Berg Resort who organised the work in this remote area. The Club has helped to feed the children for over 15 years. Frequent visits are made by club members, families and friends to witness the great progress being made and, of course, to renew friendships. The £27,000 Grant was used to buy play equipment, books (in both isiZulu and English), safe toilets and academic training for the teachers. Possibly the biggest impact longer term will be the formal qualifications gained by 9 teachers; they qualified in subjects concerning Early Childhood Development. To make sure the theory became practice, two teachers have received training as mentors and a schedule of visits to the 13 preschools and crèches is in force to help ensure the equipment and learning is put to effective use and support is available if needed.

**Terry Dunmore**



## RIPLEY

The Rotary Club of Ripley's Christmas Carol Concert, held at the Wood Street Church Ripley, was hailed as a great success, with members of the community coming along to listen to the children from Ripley St John's Primary School choir who entertained the audience with a variety of Christmas themed songs.

The evening also included young musician Alice North playing her saxophone, the Brian Scott Sound, who sang classic Christmas songs; the organist for the evening was Tony Wright who played carols for the community singing, Rotarian Marie Jackson read a Christmas story and compere for the evening was Rotarian Stuart Rice. The children had a surprise visit from Santa who gave all the children a small gift and refreshments were served by church members in aid of church funds.

**Stuart Rice**

## ROTHERHAM SITWELL



The Rotary Club of Rotherham Sitwell has been rewarded by the prestigious Duke of York's Community Initiative. Four Rotarians had the pleasure of receiving the award from the Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew Coombe in April and three Rotarians will be visiting St James Palace at London in May to meet HRH the Duke of York.

Rotherham Sitwell is only the third Rotary club to achieve this prestigious award and has already encouraged another local club to apply. Any club working on projects in the Yorkshire community is encouraged to apply for this award to increase the profile of Rotary.

If a club is active, the application is easy; Rotherham Sitwell had difficulty listing all the projects they had been involved in. The main one for the judging panel was the Christmas Floats and the magical experience presented to children and adults alike at Christmas each year.

Good publicity was gained from press releases generated by the Duke of York Community Awards scheme and the Club is now able to display the logo on all of their literature. Rotherham Sitwell would encourage as many clubs as possible to apply and get the public recognition you deserve. Do not be afraid to shout about your achievements and emphasise your good work. Follow the link: [www.thedukeofyorkscommunityinitiative.org.uk](http://www.thedukeofyorkscommunityinitiative.org.uk) for further details.

**Melanie Hughes**





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## SUTTON IN ASHFIELD

At their meeting on December 5th, the Rotary Club of Sutton in Ashfield was proud to present one of their longest serving supporters, Mavis Lester, with an honorary Paul Harris Fellowship. Over the last ten years, Mavis from Kirkby in Ashfield has filled hundreds of Rotary Shoe Boxes largely at her own expense even including the £1 transport cost. In presenting the award to Mavis, who came along to the meeting on the pretext of listening to her daughter address the Club, President Trevor Carter described how whole rooms of her house were given over to collecting items for the shoe boxes. Mavis was thrilled to receive the award but insisted that she only did it because she loved doing it.

**John Kirkland**

## WOLLATON PARK

### Call My Bluff Wine Tasting

Although we had fewer attending this year than in previous years we succeeded in having lots of fun whilst raising a handsome sum for our chosen charities. Once again the difficulty of identifying wines, exacerbated by the opinions of other 'know it all' team members and the convincing lies of the panel proved too much for most teams. We had just one winner this time correctly guessing three out of the five wines. Two teams got them all wrong!

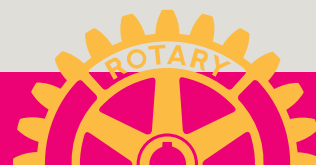
Our deceiving panel this year consisted of Chris O'Brien, Martin Miles and Graham Hayes and their brilliant, ingenious contributions to the evening was reflected in the generosity of the donations received from all attendees. The cash donations, bar sales and coin rolling for the champagne (well done Glen Taylor) raised a further £347 to supplement the proceeds from the ticket sales, making a total of £1044 to be shared between Cancer Research UK (Beeston Branch) and the Stroke Unit at The City Hospital.

**Chris Powell**



I would like to record my thanks to the staff at Majestic Wines, Nottingham for their help in assisting in the choice of wines and the bottle of champagne and also a huge thanks to Martin and Pam Miles for not only undertaking the provision and serving of the excellent buffet but also to 'Cuts Both Ways' for their sponsorship of it.

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## Inner Wheel and Rotary working together

The Children of Hope Community Village in Kerala, India, were recently overjoyed to receive their new Football Kit and proudly posed for their Team Photographs. Thanks to the very generous donation from the Inner Wheel Club of Alfreton they were able to play for the first time in football boots and proper shorts and shirts instead of bare feet and range of different coloured T shirts and bottoms. Hope Community Village is an orphanage for orphaned and destitute children set up by John Veitch PHF in 1995. His vision was for the children to be loved and cared for in a family atmosphere with Housemothers in their own homes within a village setting. ( [www.hopeindia.org](http://www.hopeindia.org) )

Dr Cheryle Berry, of the Rotary Club of Clay Cross, gave a talk to the Inner Wheel Club of Alfreton about the work she does on her visits to Hope Community Village each year. She teaches First Aid to the housemothers and older children in English and the local dialect, Malayalam. She showed photographs of the children and explained how keen they were about playing football, particularly the girls; it was very good for their general health and for mixing with other children. She was delighted when the Inner Wheel Club of Alfreton contacted her to say they wanted to sponsor the Football Kit. They were all delighted and sent a huge 'Thank You' to Alfreton Inner Wheel.

**Cheryle Berry – Clay Cross**



## District Quiz

After five heats during February and March in which 66 teams took part, the final was held at the Proact Stadium, Chesterfield on Wednesday 5th April when the top 15 teams did battle for the "Ben Green Memorial Trophy" (an inveterate quizzer sadly missed by Bretby) The picture shows Quizmaster Mike Storr (Carlton) and District Governor Colin Gell with the victorious Newark team. The runners up were Beeston followed by Bretby.

**Mike Storr**  
**District Competition Coordinator**



## DOVEDALE DIPPER Sunday August 6th 2017

The Dovedale Dipper is a 27 mile circular run or walk, or shorter 15 mile run /ramble through the

beautiful Derbyshire Peak District National Park. Trophies are awarded to the fastest finishers to the 27 mile and 15 mile event. Refreshments, all included in the entry fee, are available at the 6 in-route checkpoints and after the event, at Hartington Village Hall.

This year the proceeds from the 15th Dovedale Dipper will support the UK RNLI Lifeboats Charity.

We accept entries on the day although it is a great help if people use the online booking service - that greatly helps with our catering and organisation.

You can enter online by finding us on Facebook and clicking the sign up button, or through the Matlock Rotary website.

If you would rather enter by post then download an entry form from our website and send it, with the entry fee, to Paul Edwards, 21 Summer Lane, Wirksworth. DE4 4EB

**Terry Fox - Matlock**



## Eco-Greenhouse At Woodfield Primary School

Eco-greenhouses are made from a wooden frame but with recycled bottles acting as windows. Woodfield Primary School has been successful in securing the support of IKEA and the Rotary Club of Doncaster St Leger to construct an eco-greenhouse in its quad area.

Woodfield Primary School is an inclusive and nurturing school that is proud of the development of its quad over the years to provide pupils with a haven of tranquillity and the opportunity for them to develop their love and interest in gardening. The school applied for an IKEA environmental grant with a Dragon's Den style presentation about the partnership with the Rotary Club and outlined their wish to construct an eco-greenhouse, building on their good work already evident in the quad with its focus on sustainability and recycling. The school is delighted that the project has brought all partners together in creating the child-friendly recycled greenhouse made out of 1,300 plastic bottles collected by the children.

**John Chapman - Doncaster St Leger**

Class Teacher, Emma Townner, with some of the pupils

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