



# Rotary Review

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**Pupils from Kirkby in Ashfield  
Primary Schools, support the  
Rotary World Polio Day.**

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# 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**

## Music in the Gardens – 2017

Once again Rotarians in District 1220 organised the biggest event run by Rotary in the UK - **Music in the Gardens** - a 3-day music festival held annually in the Sheffield Botanical Gardens.

A Rotary company was formed some years back with Directors from the 4 main Rotary Clubs involved in the organisation of the event viz. Abbeydale, Rotherham Sitwell, Sheffield and Wortley. The Directors are, however, greatly indebted to Rotarians from many other District Clubs who come along each evening to undertake stewarding duties etc.

The acts taking part this year included 10cc and The Bootleg Beatles, with as usual on the Sunday evening, "Last Night in the Gardens", with a local brass band and the Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, ending with a magnificent firework display.

A sum of over £25,000 was raised this year with donations being made to the Sheffield Botanical Gardens Trust, a local children's charity called Roundabout, Neurocare and to two charities close to all Rotarians hearts – our own Rotary Foundation, in this its centenary year, and to Aquabox, that magnificent organisation based around the Rotary Club of Wirksworth.



Plans are now well under way for the 2018 event and the dates have been fixed, Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July. Get these dates in your diary – now!

**Alex. F. Ritchie – Abbeydale**

Music in the Gardens





## The Editor writes .....



Nearly half of the 69 clubs in District 1220 responded to our request for items to publish in this edition of **Rotary Review** so it really does give a very comprehensive insight in to our very own **People in Action** (see article on page 11). Apart from **Club Roundabout**, which contains general news from many of the clubs, there were three themes covered. The most widely celebrated event was **World Polio Day** on 24th October and there is a double page spread describing the many activities that took place in our District. Another spread describes the many ways our clubs get involved with local **Schools**, presenting books, organising exhibitions and carrying out 'Mock Interviews'. The final theme presents the work of two clubs who, individually, have cooperated with Rotary Clubs overseas to implement **Major Projects** involving struggling communities in India and South Africa.

Recently, I was asked by a visitor to my home 'What does Rotary do, exactly?' Despite my 20+ years in Rotary, I really struggled to give a sufficiently concise answer without boring him. This last week, while assembling the material for this edition, I think I have found the solution – give him a copy of **Rotary Review**! We print 2500 copies of this magazine but I am sure we would all hope that it is read by at least 5000 people. Please help – pass it on to a friend or colleague.

**John Scotney – District Editor**

## Aquabox Update



The recent hurricane season has hit Aquabox hard and the volunteer packers and filter assemblers have been pulling out all the stops to build up and replenish stocks to be dispatched. Within the last month 200 Aquaboxes and several Community Filters were dispatched to Nepal.

A further 120 Aquafilters and 10 Community filters were airlifted to Dakkar in Bangladesh and a further 500 Aquafilter 'Gold' boxes are due for dispatch as I write.

Last week we dispatched 100 Aquabox 'Golds' to Eritrea and a consignment of Aquafilters and Community Filters have been airlifted to the Caribbean in the wake of the devastating hurricanes.

A huge thank you to all Clubs and individuals for your valued support to help cover the enormous costs, and Aquabox continues to rely on your support.

**Mike Tomlinson – Wirksworth**

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Editorial





## Polio Promotion for World Polio Day

The Centre for Voluntary Service office in the Market Square, Ripley offered us their display window for World Polio Day on 24th October; our grateful thanks to Emma (pictured) and her colleagues for their help and support. Emma produced the A3 panels from material provided by us and these form the information display featured in the centre of the window. After presenting the Polio Education Pack at assembly, one school made polio eradication their summer charity which resulted in a £100 donation.

**Ian Holliday – Amber Valley**



## Local Churches go Purple

To mark World Polio Day on Oct 24th the Rotary Clubs of Bretby and Burton jointly arranged to illuminate five local churches with purple light.

St Modwen's, Burton's parish church, was illuminated for a full week, commencing with an official 'switch-on' by Burton MP Andrew Griffiths on October 22nd. Four other local churches were lit for just the evening of Oct 24th - Riverside Church, Burton, St James, Barton under Needwood, St Mary's, Rolleston on Dove and St Mary's Dunstall.

A post switch-on social in St Modwen's raised funds for both the polio campaign and also Rotary Foundation by holding a cheese & wine party and selling purple crocus brooches

**Peter Ball - Bretby**

## Purple Crocus Planting

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield Scarsdale has teamed up with Ashgate Hospice to plant crocus corms in the grass verge outside of the hospice. Pictured is the Rotary Roundel, which will be left in place until the spring, so the purple crocus plants can grow between them. The initiative is part of efforts to raise money and awareness for the fight to eradicate this crippling and deadly disease from our planet!

**Derrick Willmot – Chesterfield Scarsdale**



**World Polio Day**







## End Polio Now Education Pack

During October the Doncaster St Leger Club has maintained its work with more Doncaster schools utilising its EPN Education pack and planting crocuses. The school pictured is raising funds via a 'name the bear' competition with an EndPolio teddy and they invited club members to visit the school following the work with the pack so that they could demonstrate how much they had learned from the project – and they also arranged a final session with two classes quizzing the Rotarians on their knowledge of polio. Some schools are still in the process of planting crocuses and working through the packs.

**John Chapman – Doncaster St Leger**



## Collecting for Polio

On 24th October 2017 the Rotary Club of Derby South were raising funds for the eradication of polio at PAK Stores Supermarket, Normanton, Derby. We were selling crocus label badges and taking a bucket collection. The attached photo shows the manager of PAK Stores and two Rotarians Dr David Cottier and Michael Guest.

A total of £380 was raised from the local community in Normanton and Bill Gates will make this up to £1141.

**Peter Angus – Derby South**



## Rotarians busy for Polio

October for Kirkby Rotarians was dedicated to polio. The Parish church of St Wilfrid was lit in purple for several nights and the club took the opportunity to unveil its new polio crocus banner. On World Polio Day itself, the Rotarians staffed their stall in Kings Mill Hospital concourse and President Philip followed that with an interview on Millside Radio, the station serving Kings Mill and several local hospitals. And in the foyer of Mansfield Odeon, to coincide with screening of the new release "Breathe", about a British man suffering from polio, Rotarians sold crocus badges and gave information to cinema-goers.

Meanwhile project leader Rotarian Melissa Blythe described the support from local schools as "brilliant". Kirkby Rotary gave slide talks to the assemblies at Greenwood and Annesley Primary Schools, where the pupils and staff wore purple, planted crocuses and sold badges and bulbs. Early November saw fifty children at Kingsway Primary planting 150 bulbs in school grounds, part of their polio effort.

**Ron Walker – Kirkby in Ashfield**



**World Polio Day**



# Chesterfield Senior Schools' Art Exhibition

Talented local art students from eight local senior schools were rewarded with a record attendance at this year's Chesterfield Senior Schools' Art Exhibition, which provided a showcase for over 200 high-quality art exhibits.

Held over the weekend of 7th and 8th October, it was once again jointly organized in conjunction with local schools, by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield and St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Newbold Road, Chesterfield, where the event was held.

All the art students have been presented with a certificate of participation and one student is being presented with the Ian Gordon Art Prize for an Outstanding Exhibit, awarded in memory of Chesterfield Rotarian Ian Gordon who, as an elder of St Andrew's United Reformed Church, was the inspiration for the schools' art exhibition, now in its third year. He sadly passed away just two weeks before this year's exhibition. The award will be presented at the art student's own school on a later date.

The eight participating senior schools were: Brookfield Community School, Hasland Hall Community School, Netherthorpe School, Outwood Academy Newbold, Parkside Community School, Shirebrook Academy, St Mary's Catholic High School, Whittington Green School.

Chesterfield Rotary President Peter Barr, said: "A big thank you to all the talented art students and art teachers from the participating schools who supported them, and to the steady stream of visitors who turned up in record numbers to make the exhibition this year such an outstanding success."



**Geoff Mitchell – Chesterfield**



## The Dictionary4Life Project

The Rotary Club of Doncaster St Leger has contributed once again to the Dictionary4Life project, helping to promote literacy by donating copies of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary to local schools. Rotary has donated over half a million dictionaries over recent years.

President Angela Hartley (right) and Mrs Helen Harrison, Head Teacher (left), are pictured with pupils of Woodfield Primary, one of the recipient schools. The Rotary club has been involved with D4L for several years but the enthusiasm in our local schools remains undimmed. The students pictured were enthusiastic and knowledgeable and aware that dictionaries develop autonomy. If students know how to use a dictionary effectively, hundreds of hours of self-guided study are possible.

**John Chapman – Doncaster St leger**



## Castleton Children's Camps

Children from Sheffield, Retford and Barton upon Humber enjoyed a summer holiday this year at The Rotary Centre in Castleton. The five day long holidays organised and run by the Rotary Club of Sheffield gave 67 young people aged between 8 and 11 an opportunity to enjoy the delights of the Derbyshire countryside.

Those attending the camps were identified by their schools as children who would not normally get a holiday or whose home circumstances were challenging (drug/alcohol dependent parents etc).

This year's programme consisted of day visits to Longshaw for pond dipping, Thornbridge Outdoors for den building, Gulliver's Kingdom and Treak Cliff Cavern. Visits to Gulliver's Kingdom and Treak Cliff Cavern were generously given free-of-charge by their owners. In addition, the children took part games and activities based around The Rotary Centre.

**Melany Holmes – Sheffield**







## Restart a Heart

On the 16th of October Rotarian John Lambert and President Julie Ellis joined members of the ambulance and fire service along with First Responders to assist at South Axholme Academy in the 'Restart a Heart Day'.

138 schools across Yorkshire have signed up to provide their pupils with life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training. 25,000 children across Yorkshire will be taking part in the world's largest event of its kind.

Today, if you suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital in the UK, you have less than a 1 in 10 chance of surviving. In places such as Norway, where CPR is more widely taught, it is as high as 4 in 10.

We had a very interesting and worthwhile morning (and got bacon butties at break too!)

**Carol Walsh - Epworth & Isle of Axholme**



Left to right:  
Saffron Hallam, President  
Julian Hammond and  
Jodie Crooks

## Rotary Awards School Bursaries

The Rotary Club of Matlock provides a bursary scheme for students at Highfields School, Matlock, to help them with the costs of further education. This year we have awarded three bursaries to students who are using the awards to purchase laptop computers and software.

Michael Crowfoot, will study mathematics at Warwick University, Jodie Crooks will study psychology at Newcastle University and Saffron Hallam will study civil and structural engineering at the University of Leeds.

Since the student bursary scheme was started in 2013, 11 bursaries have been awarded to Highfields School students.

**Peter Wigglesworth – Matlock**



## If you go down in the Woods today ...

Newman School is a community school which offers a specialist range of provisions to support children and young people with physical disabilities, medical needs and complex learning needs.

Sitwell Rotary joined forces with Ray Matthews who had a dream to run 75 marathons in 75 days at the age of 75 to raise £75,000 for Newman School. Ray wanted to provide an Adventure Woodland Path and other equipment and activities for the children at Newman School. He managed to raise £35,000 and Sitwell Rotary offered to provide the Adventure Woodland Path, leaving Ray's £35,000 free to be spent

on climbing frames, wheelchair friendly roundabouts and swings.

Two local building companies, Eurovia and Fortem came into the project and. one of the Trainee Managers, Adam Dickinson, who is volunteering on the project, has also set up a crowdfunding page,

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/newmanschool?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=RMJNAdmke](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/newmanschool?utm_id=2&utm_term=RMJNAdmke) should anyone want to donate to this fantastic project.

Rotherham Council has provided their support for the project by carrying out the initial survey and approval of the plans. Money is still being raised through Ray's website [www.rwrr.co.uk](http://www.rwrr.co.uk) again if anyone would like to make a donation to the project. The work will take place during the summer holidays and will make a real difference to the lives of the pupils when they return to school in September.

**Mel Hughes – Rotherham Sitwell**

**Schools**





# Khumbulani Centre

President Chris Bailey of the Rotary Club of Swadlincote was honoured to receive recently a letter from their Twinned Club of Kirstenbosch in South Africa containing a copy of a Certificate of Appreciation from the Khumbulani Centre, Khayelitsha.



The Rotary Clubs of Swadlincote and Kirstenbosch have been twinned since 4th March 2012. In early 1999 both clubs sponsored the design and construction of a children's playground in the South African township of Khayelitsha, located in Capetown. The project was carried out on behalf of Inkamba Labantu, a private organisation devoted to helping the large numbers of very disadvantaged children living in the area, some of whom were orphans or were affected by

HIV/AIDS. The project has been a great success and the playground is used daily.

In 2014 due to great pressure on local resources, the trustees of the Khumbulani Centre, which is adjacent to the playground, initiated the creation of a Daycare Centre. This was intended to care for up to 200 children. The trustees found funding from a foundation in Germany for the design and construction of the basic three storey building, at a cost of approximately R2 million.

Rotary Kirstenbosch was asked to fit out the building. This included desks and chairs, carpeting, blinds, office equipment, cots and mattresses, kitchen equipment, a fully equipped computer room, teaching aids and computer training.

The Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch then partnered with the Clubs of Swadlincote (D1220) and Chichester Priory (D1145) to complete the project. In addition, School Aid, located in Beaconsfield, Bucks, agreed to supply the necessary desks and chairs which they shipped out to Capetown free of charge. The IT Department of the University of Capetown also assisted with the computer installation.

The total cost to Rotary was R350 000 and much of the equipment was donated by South African firms. Financial support from Swadlincote, Chichester Priory, Kirstenbosch and District 9350 meant that the project was fully funded and did not require a Global Grant.

The Centre was formally opened at a colourful ceremony by the Premier of the Western Cape, Ms Hellen Zille, in October 2016.

Over the years we have supported the project when they needed help. We collected 4000 books from the local schools and had them shipped to South Africa. One of our ex Swadlincote Rotarians, Bob Harvey PHF, now lives in South Africa and is a member of Kirstenbosch Rotary. His brother Ted is a member of the Rotary Club of Swadlincote and so we are in regular touch via emails and exchange newsletters.

**Tony Gardner – Swadlincote**





# Warsop Rotary Supports Ambitious New Water Project



For the last three years, the Rotary Club of Warsop, Shirebrook & District has partnered with clubs from three separate countries to contribute to life-changing initiative developing water and land resources in rural India. Here's their story.

The lush, green fields of Warsop are a far cry from the fields surrounding villages in Maharashtra, Western India. Here, the risk of desertification is high and farmers often migrate to nearby towns for work during the dry season, leaving their families behind.

Solving this problem are organisations like the Nandanvan Trust, working directly with local people, educating farmers on improved methods for water collection, storage and irrigation, and helping villages to 'future proof' their agricultural practices. Since 2014, the Rotary Club of Warsop has worked with clubs in Pune (India), Ellwangen (Germany) and Zofingen (Switzerland) to raise funds for the Trust's activities in a particular village in Maharashtra.

During this time, an additional 80 hectares of new fields has been made available for farming 12,500 crop-producing trees such as cashew and custard apple. Thanks to improved irrigation, 75% of these trees are still successfully growing in a climate that used to be scrubland.

The wells surrounding the village were often completely dry before the project began, despite heavy rainfall. Now, a combination of techniques, including digging continuous contour trenches and forming 'rice paddy' style reservoirs, means water is able to be collected effectively during the monsoon season and stored for use.



Families in this area live below the poverty line, on less than US\$1.50 a day. During the dry season, male farmers left wives and children behind to work in cities; women then had to walk for miles each day to fetch clean drinking water. Now there is no migration of farmers during the dry season and they are working together to change how they farm in the future.

Inspired by the direct positive impact that's been made by their funding, a group of International Rotary Clubs is starting work with the award-winning Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR), an NGO working in areas where water poverty is a harsh reality. Warsop's partner club, Zofingen, wants to mobilise 100 International Rotary clubs in 2018 to provide further funds for the WOTR's projects in India and their developing work in Malawi. Working together means we can raise more money, spread the good work of NGOs like the Nandanvan Trust and WOTR further, and benefit the lives of more communities at risk from water poverty and desertification.

Read more about the WOTR's award at <https://goo.gl/rXVSw6>. If you would like to join Warsop and other Rotary Clubs around the world and get your club involved with these very beneficial projects, working in conjunction with the WOTR – contact Warsop Rotary Club Secretary Geoff Snare on [secretary@warsop-rotary.org](mailto:secretary@warsop-rotary.org) or via Facebook [/warsoprotary](https://www.facebook.com/warsoprotary). You can read more about the Maharashtra project at <https://goo.gl/EkpFBS>

**Geoff Snare – Warsop, Shirebrook & District**





## Rotary's best kept secret – Fellowships



Several years ago, whilst on a motorcycle tour, I spotted a bike sporting a Rotary logo and engaged the rider in conversation. How was it, he enquired, that as an obviously keen motorcyclist and a Rotarian I wasn't a member of the Rotary motorcycling fellowship? My answer was I didn't know one existed. Indeed, I didn't know fellowships existed or what they might be like. He provided me a contact for joining and now, ten years later, I find myself the President of the UK Chapter of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR). The IFMR is the second largest fellowship in Rotary International after yachting and boasts over 2000 members worldwide with around 120 based in Great Britain and Ireland.

Membership of our fellowship is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors and their respective partners, who have an interest in motorcycling. Associate memberships are available for retired Rotarians and friends of the chapter. Our Chapter meets up several times a year to share a two/three day hotel break arranged by members in various parts of the country, who then guide the group on rides around their chosen area. The routes are designed to both showcase the locality and provide a pleasurable motorcycling experience. The evenings are characterised by good fellowship and a lively atmosphere. On occasion we venture farther afield enjoying tours across Europe.

To get a fuller picture, take a look at our website - [www.IFMR.org](http://www.IFMR.org) where you will find more information on the worldwide fellowship as well as details of the UK Chapter and its events. Or, if you prefer, you can email me at [rotacyclist@btinternet.com](mailto:rotacyclist@btinternet.com).

If motorcycling isn't your thing, then try taking a look at Fellowships on the RI website; there are over 60 to consider providing a great way to enjoy your interests with Rotary fellowship.

**David Biggs – Church Wilne**



## Dovedale Dipper Delight

On a beautiful day in August, 355 people, of all ages and abilities, took part in the 15th Dovedale Dipper Challenge, running or walking over the full 26 mile course or the shorter 15 mile option.

This year, a record 155 runners took part in the event and the winning times were astonishing when the terrain of the route is considered. The first runner to complete the 26 mile run, Stephen Shanks, from Bingham, did it in 3 hours 48 minutes and the fastest walker of the 26 mile route, Miss F. Cooke, finished in 5 hours 6 minutes, with an average walking speed of over 5 miles an hour!

All the funds raised, amounting to £4,500, have been donated to The Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

The Dovedale Dipper is organized by the Rotary Club of Matlock, with help from Matlock Inner Wheel.

**Peter Wigglesworth – Matlock**

## Rotarian Mike Storr tops £12,000 for Asthma U.K.



Mike is a very active Rotarian - not only was he 2016/7 President of Carlton Rotary Club and District 1220 Competitions Co-ordinator but he is extremely busy doing his whimsical 'Masters of Mirth' talk to organisations within 50 mile radius of his home in Burton Joyce Nottingham - Rotary, Probus, WI, TWG & U3A.

Mike is a lifetime asthmatic and has been doing these talks for around 4 years to raise money for his preferred charity Asthma UK. With over 200 talks under his belt and over £12,000 raised, Mike is not stopping yet as he has a further 70 bookings in his diary already taking him

through to March 2019! He takes no expenses or fees for his appearances, he is just happy to be alive and able to support Asthma UK.

There are four different presentations: 'Masters of Mirth' tells his audience how Music Hall began, a little of the life of the comics and the story tellers of the period WW1 up to the 1950's and then a sample of their acts. And for those clubs who have heard this talk, he has a second talk on the stocks after many requests - 'Masters of Mirth: The Sequel'.

'Connexions' a fast moving, humorous quiz game played by teams of 3 or 4 and 'Spoof Stock Exchange Game' where everyone has the chance to dabble with shares in 10 fictitious companies; prices go up and down in hilarious stories about each company and the winning team is the one with the most money after 6 periods of trading (This game is only suitable for clubs with membership of 25 or more).

**Mike Storr – Carlton**





# District Governor's Message ...

My fellow Rotarians, as I write this article for our District Magazine, I have found that within District 1220 we have just over 2000 men and women who are dedicated to doing good in this world, and it is my honour and privilege to call you my friends.

Well what has been happening? I have of today completed 57 Club visits and 10 Charters, I have attended several meetings both within District and at RIBI. As a District we held a very successful Conference in Llandudno and I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Conference Team for all the hard work they put in to bring the Conference to fruition. I would also like to thank all those Rotarians and partners who attended and supported what is now perhaps the biggest District Conference in RIBI.

Within our District, we are now heading for what is usually one of the busiest periods of the year for most Club's fundraising, with the Santa Sleigh and associated Christmas Collections. I particularly like this season of the year, as it gives us a chance to get out and about amongst the general public and showcase what we are doing, while spreading a little cheer. Many Clubs also have Christmas Carol Services and Margaret and I shall be attending several of these but, can I please take this opportunity to remind you of the Annual Inner Wheel – Rotary Carol Service to be held this year at Trent College on the 17th of December at 2.00pm; can I please ask that as many of you who possibly can, come along and support this annual joint event.

On the Polio front, it was wonderful to have been informed of the many buildings that were illuminated in purple, and for those who were



involved in making this happen; please accept my thanks and congratulations. It is also pleasing to hear that Nigeria has now gone over 12 months without a reported case meaning we are getting closer to eradicating this dreadful disease from our world for ever.

Within our District we have some serious celebrations to come. Both the Rotary Club of Nottingham and the Rotary Club of Derby celebrate their 100th "Birthdays", please if you can help by supporting their Charters or their joint event to be held later in the year at Elvaston Castle. I would like to record my thanks to Nottingham City Council for sponsoring a recent event "100 Years of Rotary in Nottingham" which was a most enjoyable evening at City Hall.

We also have a new Satellite Club within our District, inaugurated by the Rotary Club of Derby; dare I hope that we could see some more?

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the kind, warm and generous hospitality which has been shown to Margaret and I as we have visited Clubs for Meetings, Charters and Social Events and we are enjoying meeting so many wonderful people!

**Yours in Rotary  
Michael**



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## People of Action

During this year several people have asked if I can explain the phrase "People of Action"; it is often to be found in both RI and RIBI publications and e-mails, so perhaps to try and explain in a few words I see this as:

There are opportunities all around us, in fact everywhere we look we can see an opportunity.

We see potential in the most unexpected of places and, when we share our ideas with others, we know that they will see it too. We see new perspectives; we find unique skills and take action in the communities all around the world that we call home.

When Rotarians come together, that's when real change happens, supplying fresh water, building schools, fighting disease, feeding the hungry or providing lifesaving equipment to those who need it most.

We turn what we see into what we have done – ROTARIANS ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION!  
**Michael**

## Ashover Classic Car & Bike Show 2017



There was another good attendance for this year's Ashover Classic Car & Bike Show held at Rectory Fields, Ashover, on Sunday 23 July 2017. Hundreds turned out for the show which is organised jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Chesterfield, Chesterfield Scarsdale, Clay Cross and Matlock. The event raises thousands for local charities.

Best car was a 1935 Derby Bentley Park Ward Drophead 3 1/2 litre owned by John Wilkes from Wingerworth. Best bike was a 1937 1000cc Ariel Square Four owned by Peter Kirkman from Matlock. Trophies were presented to the two winners by Clay Cross Rotary President Sally Jackson. We wish to thank everyone who supported the event.

**Geoff Mitchell – Chesterfield**

**People of Action • Ashover Show**

**District Governor's Message**



## AMBER VALLEY

This summer, Rotary – Amber Valley organised their second Horsetrek, was made possible by farmer Bill Dilks and his colleagues in the Shottle and Alport areas, who very generously allowed the ride to take place across their land. Over 140 horses and their riders enjoyed the varied countryside, with some easy and some challenging terrain, which also enabled them to see views of our Derbyshire countryside not normally open to riders. Club Members acted as Marshals along the route and the more inaccessible areas and an emergency response cover was provided by Peak 4x4 Response to ensure all the riders completed the 15mile course safely.

Almost £3,000 was raised and a presentation supper was organised recently at The Bull Shed near Shottle, where the generous farmers were thanked by the Club. Cheques for £1,000 each were presented by President Geraldine Stamp, to Bill Dilks, representing RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution), Simon Ashton of Peak 4x4 Response and to Cancer Research.

**Andrew Loades**



## BAKEWELL

### Quiz for mercy ships

The evening of Friday 3rd November saw a packed Medway Centre as Rotary Bakewell held its latest Annual Quiz Night. A record number of teams, with some turning up unexpectedly on the night, exercised 'the little grey cells' with the quiz questions set by Quizmaster extraordinaire John Kelcey, ably assisted by his wife Sue.

In excess of £750 profit was raised and this will be donated to 'Mercy Ships'. This international charity currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing humanitarian aid including free health care and community development in the world's poorest areas. Mercy Ships are crewed by volunteers and rely heavily on Rotary Clubs for funding to maintain their invaluable service. Rotary Bakewell is proud to have been able to contribute much needed funds to this wonderful cause.

**Roz Adamson**



## ASHBOURNE

On a glorious Sunday in July over 100 horses and their riders enjoyed the un-interrupted ride of 15 or 20 miles around the tracks and fields of Carsington thanks to the Rotary Club of Ashbourne.

This was the annual horse ride raising money for the air ambulance, water aid and other charities when some £1,400 in total was raised and will be handed over soon.

The Club are very grateful to all the entrants and it is good to know how much it is appreciated that such a long ride can be achieved without dismounting.

Thanks go to Rotarian Peter Oldfield and Severn Trent plus other local land owners that made the route possible.

Also taking place at Owslow Farm on the same day was a gathering of Vizsla dog owners which raised £376 for Vizsla Rescue, so the grand total is a lot of money. And a lot of fun was had by man and beast.

**Cliff Lewer**





## BELPER AND DUFFIELD

### Pride Awards Presentation Luncheon

The Pride Awards celebrate the bravery shown in facing up to extreme personal difficulties and challenges by local youngsters and the seven pupils had been nominated by their schools. In addition to guests DG Michael Longdon, local MP Pauline Latham and Belper Town Mayor, Councillor Peter Hurst we were honoured to have BBC Weather Presenter Lucy Martin to present the Awards.

Each sponsor from the pupil's school presented a short account of the particular problem their pupil was going through and how their courage and resilience had led to them meeting the challenge.



Lucy then described how although she was born without her right hand and forearm, it had never prevented her from achieving what she wanted from life. She had enjoyed dancing, swimming and cycling as a child and went on to Durham University to study Geography and eventually joined the BBC to learn about weather presenting. She congratulated all the pupils on receiving their awards and had a special word of thanks for all the families and the staff at the schools for their continuing support.

John Scotney



## CARLTON

### Rotary project prepares Sixth Form students for world of work!

Members of the Rotary Club of Carlton have delivered a 'mock interview' project for Sixth Formers at the Carlton le Willows Academy, Nottingham.

The students firstly honed their CV and letter writing skills by responding to a specially designed recruitment ad for a fictitious worldwide conglomerate. They were then interviewed by the team of Rotarians, all of whom are highly experienced former businessmen.

Performance critiques were provided and personalised assistance given to each applicant. The day culminated with a de-brief and formal presentation, offering the benefit of many years of experience of interviewing for staff.

Mike Storr, President of Carlton Rotary Club and organiser of the project, said that he is absolutely sure the students will have gained crucial knowledge of how to conduct themselves with confidence when they find themselves faced with 'real life' interviews. The students had initially been nervous at the prospect of being interviewed by experienced professionals. However, they all said how rewarding and invaluable the day had been.

Tony Mellor

## BRETBY



The Club's key project for 2017/2018 is to help with the renovation and refurbishment of a town centre warehouse in order to create a new facility for a variety of community groups.

The warehouse in Burton upon Trent is directly attached to two other buildings run by the Riverside Church which are already used by a variety of community groups and small businesses. However funding for many of the organisations has ceased over the last two years and there are now no facilities left in Burton for young people.

Working closely with representatives from the Riverside Church (who have already raised £12k towards the project), Bretby Rotary have applied for a Rotary District grant to raise a minimum of £5k towards the cost of the electrical works as well as providing manpower on site.

Andrew Smart



Belper & Duffield  
Bretby • Carlton





### CHURCH WILNE

Thousands of pounds were raised for charity when the cast of 'Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story' musical 'rocked (n' rolled) the house' at the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton. The show was performed by Amici Productions, an amateur group of talented individuals led by our President Adrian Perkins to raise funds for both local & international causes.

President Adrian along with 'Buddy' (Rob Holsman) presented Kevin Curtis from The Cannan Trust with a cheque for £1440, raised from the Gala Night. The revenue from the rest of the week has raised more than £8000 for Rotary causes. Adrian was proud to have worked with so many talented people in putting the show together, saying "A lot of other people will benefit thanks to the generosity of the audience".

The show had sell-out audiences throughout the week, with the Gala performance on Thursday night, the anniversary of Buddy's birthday. This was a red-carpet event with a 50's car on show, photographer capturing everyone on arrival as they enjoyed canapes and prosecco provided by the Church Wilne Inner Wheel who ran the raffle in aid of their charity 'Action for Children'.

**Ray Terry**

**Castle Donington  
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### CASTLE DONINGTON

In conjunction with Age UK, Rotary in Castle Donington has provided help and assistance with digital technology to the older generation who may not be confident in using their mobile phone, tablet or laptop.

The six Monday morning sessions ran from 10:00 to 12:00, light relief is provided by tea and biscuits, both trainees and trainers feel washed out at the end of the two hour session!

Assistance has been given on Microsoft, Apple and Android systems, phones, tablets and laptops. The topics have ranged far and wide, from setting up emails, using Facetime and Skype to keep in touch with families, finding historical and genealogical information about family history, bus timetables, local information, and problem solving on a particularly awkward laptop.

The cost of the session is funded partially by Rotary in Castle Donington and by Age UK, who are funded in turn from the Big Lottery Fund. More sessions are scheduled to meet the increasing demand not only from Castle Donington, but from the local villages.

**Eric Woodward**



### CHESTERFIELD

#### Recognition for new Satellite Club

Members of the recently formed Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield have significantly contributed to a prestigious award presented each year to only one club in Rotary District 1220, which covers 69 Rotary clubs throughout Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and parts of Lincolnshire. The Gordon Taylor Trophy for the Best Club in District 1220 has been presented to Chesterfield Rotary Club by District Governor Michael Longdon, not only for its varied programme of charitable events, but mainly for being the first club to set up a thriving satellite club of busy younger business people in the town. Chesterfield President Peter Barr shared the success with satellite club members at their July monthly meeting held at Brampton Manor. For more details about the Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield, contact Secretary Rachel Trueman 07792 719 238.

**Geoff Mitchell**







## DERBY SOUTH

Every year in November Rotarians throughout Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire assist the Royal British Legion in selling poppies. This picture shows members of the Rotary Club of Derby South at the Silk Mill display. The Club assists at the Asda Sinfen and Aldi (near the Royal Hospital) stores and in 2016 the local collection was over £22,000 with about £2000 from Rotary Club members. The Club President also lays a wreath at St. Peter's C of E Church, Littleover on Remembrance Sunday. President Peter Angus and his wife went to the Tower of London last year, saw the ocean of poppies and Peter decided he would like to have a photograph taken at the Silk Mill display in Derby.



(1948), Derby South (1973), Derby Mercia (1983) and Derby Daybreak (1999). Derby South went on to spawn Etwall and Hilton in 1987 and Melbourne spawned Castle Donington in 1974.

Appropriately in our centenary year we have just inaugurated a new Satellite Group at a ceremony led by President Pat Zadora and witnessed by several guests, including PDG Steve Lawes, Derwent AG John Carr, District Membership officer Colin Fox. The group was presented with a porcelain bowl handmade in Wirksworth (presented by Pam Fraser) and a pennant from Long Eaton Dawnbreakers (presented by Lynn Martin).

**Richard Benfield**



## CLAY CROSS

Following a recent donation made by Clay Cross Rotary to Matlock Artability, we were invited to visit them at work in June. They are a voluntary group which gives people with a disability the opportunity to learn to paint, or refresh their painting skills in a friendly environment. We felt that a small representation would be less disruptive and less intimidating for the "Artists".

The photograph shows President Neil Greotorex, far right, Dr. Cheryle Berry, current District International Team Co-ordinator and Ray Mountain Past President and PR Officer. We feel that Rotary could help other communities to introduce an 'Artability' programme -- something Clay Cross Rotary will be pursuing

**Ray Mountain**

**Don Cliffe**

## DERBY

Rotary in Derby was inspired through a talk on 'The Rotary Movement' to sixteen business men of the town on the 4th December, 1917.

The inaugural meeting of the Interim Club was held on the 19th December 1917 and election to the 'British Association of Rotary Clubs' followed on the 1st April, 1918, the formal date of birth of the Derby Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Derby has always played an active part in the life of the city lending particularly enthusiastic support in the early years to the Rotary Boys' Camp (now the Toc H Camp for under-privileged girls and boys) the Derby War Memorial Village for disabled ex-servicemen and the Derby Civic Society.

The Club has significantly assisted the extension of the Rotary Movement by fostering new clubs at Ripley (1925), Belper (1930), Ashbourne (1947), Wirksworth







## ETWALL AND HILTON

### Welcome to Ruby – the Rotary Horse

Members of Etwall & Hilton Rotary Club were proud to officially present Ruby – the Rotary horse – to Scropton Riding for the Disabled Centre recently. Scropton RDA was the chosen charity of Colin Clark, our President last year and we have supported Scropton RDA throughout the year.

We knew they were in need of a new horse to help more able riders progress further and take part in galas and competitions. It will improve their personal well-being and physical skills, and be of benefit to the wider community. The Club successfully applied for a matching Grant from District Foundation funds, matched it with money from our Christmas Tree sale last year and were able to buy Ruby for Scropton RDA. There is a plaque on Ruby's stable acknowledging the Club's gift. Several of our members attended the Riding Centre recently to meet Ruby and see how she is settling in. A few of us were even able to ride Ruby! Fortunately, she has a lovely nature and was very patient with us all! Ruby is settling in well and we are hopeful that she will have a long and happy life there. We are so pleased to have been able to support this amazing charity.

**Kathryn Caple**

## DONCASTER ST LEGER



The Doncaster St Leger Club organised a visit to Brussels and the EEC in October and in addition to visits to Waterloo, EEC buildings, and Ghent the party had a meeting and discussion with Linda McAvan (MEP for Yorkshire & the Humber) and her German colleague. Linda who had visited the club early in her career as an MEP has also supported us with the End Polio campaign. She is Chairman of the EU's International Development Committee and regularly meets with the UN's Polio Eradication Team and Rotary International. She is an enthusiastic and long-term supporter of the End Polio Now campaign having launched a photo exhibition with UNICEF a couple of years ago and urged the Commission's written declaration in support of the global efforts to eradicate the crippling disease.

**John Chapman**



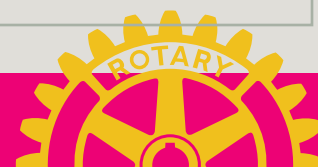
## EPWORTH AND ISLE OF AXHOLME

The Rotary Club was very pleased to be asked, once again, to run the tombola at the recent Festival of the Plough. There were plenty of items to choose from this year, especially on the children's tombola where no-one went away empty handed.

We were very grateful for the assistance of Kyle who stayed and helped on the stall all day and we would like to thank him for his efforts; a young Rotarian in the making perhaps?

This year we made around £320 for the Festival Charities.

**Carol Walsh**







## HUCKNALL

Our Annual Over-73s tea party was attended by 92 Senior Citizens. The Inner Wheel Club of Hucknall helped with the preparation and delivery of the food; unfortunately veteran organiser Brenda Ward was unable to attend due to illness, 'get well soon Brenda'.

The Entertainment Duo ~ Comedian, Singers Councillors Kevin & Son Phil Rostance were a great treat for all present and was followed by a game of Bingo; the prizes were donated by Janet Archer of Hucknall SpecSavers and Jan Lees of Tesco Extra Hucknall.. Fifteen plant table decorations were given away to the oldest persons in receding order, 92 to 86 years. this time. Thank you to the Hucknall Central Methodist church for their hall and all the facilities they provide.

**Robert Copley**

## ILKESTON



Members of the Cantelupe Companion Club enjoyed a trip to Skegness on Wednesday 6th September, courtesy of Ilkeston Rotary Club. They took in the fairground, the arcades and the pier during their visit and the odd summer shower did not dampen their spirits. They dined on 'Chip shop alley', did a bit of souvenir shopping and savoured the floral displays of the pleasure gardens before making their homeward journey. "A jolly time was had by all of us," quipped a member of the group, "not just by the resort's famous Jolly Fisherman!"

**Phil Stone**



## LONG EATON

The Annual Free Family Fun Day, organised by the Rotary Club of Long Eaton Interactors, was held at West Park in Long Eaton on August 16th. Over 1,500 people attended the event which was a huge success where families were able to come along and all the activities were free. Eurocamp donated a Week's holiday as a free raffle draw prize and the Novotel Hotel donated an overnight stay and meal with a bottle of wine for two people.

The Free Family Fun Day will be taking place again in August 2018 so put the date in your diaries!

**Barbara James**







## MARKET RASEN

In conjunction with Radio Lincolnshire and the L.I.V.E.S. group, a CPR training day was organised teaching some 65 participants the techniques required to give CPR.

A golf day at the Market Rasen Golf Club raised £3,500 for the Lincolnshire/Notts Air Ambulance with support from the Rotary Club of Lincoln.

Recently, our very enjoyable Harvest Supper in the Tennyson D'Eyncourt village Hall raised £350 to buy Christmas presents for all children attending our planned Carol Concert which will be held in the Market Rasen's Methodist Chapel. We normally have some 400 attendees, and a lot of press coverage arising from the event.

**David Mason**



## MATLOCK

Through fundraising at various local events, Matlock Rotary Club has donated £2,500 to the Greenaway Workshop at Darley Dale. Originally set up by the Club in 1981, Greenaway Workshop provides employment opportunities for adults with long term health conditions, matching their abilities to the jobs available in the workshop. It provides therapeutic work repairing chairs and printing for up to 20 adults with varying needs, mainly living in the Derbyshire Dales area.

For further information about Greenaway Workshop visit [greenawayworkshop.org.uk](http://greenawayworkshop.org.uk)

President Julian Hammond said "It is great to be giving financial assistance to Greenaway Workshop, as it provides such a valuable service to the community. Our support will help the Workshop buy new printing equipment."

**Peter Wigglesworth**



## RETFORD

St Giles is a school for children with special needs in Retford. The Friends of St Giles School contacted the Club with a request to help them with their project to purchase an iPad and case for all 100 pupils at the school. The iPads are useful as teaching aids but also help many pupils to overcome some of their communication difficulties. The Club is very fortunate in having the Percy Laws Legacy that can be tapped for such requests. The money from this bequest is administered by a committee and this team was pleased to help this ambitious programme by buying 5 iPads with protective covers. Rotarian Adrian Sumner went along to St Giles School to present The Friends of St Giles with a cheque for £1,600 and at the same time, he was delighted to hand over an iPad to pupil Sally.

**Neil Grayston**







## RIPLEY

The Club's Annual Bill Barber Concert held at the Palmer Morewood Club, Alfreton was hailed as a great success with over one hundred and thirty guests attending. The concert, named in memory of Rtn Bill Barber, provides a night out for local people who are not able to get out as much as they would like. They are picked up from their homes, taken to the concert, entertained by local artists, served refreshments in the interval and taken home afterwards.

Compère for the evening was Rtn Stuart Rice who thanked the artists, the Brian Scott Sound, Dave Grant (ex Paper Lace guitar vocalist) and Alice North Saxophonist. The club is also grateful to the Community Transport Drivers, the Ripley and Alfreton RAF Cadets and the Palmer-Morewood Club for their help in making it a very successful evening.

**Stuart Rice**

## WIRKSWORTH

They're off!



John Buckley and his brother Geoff set off with their family on a trip from Middleton Top to Parsley Hay to mark the 50th anniversary of the last steam train to do this journey; a train which was driven by their father, Sam. John and Geoff, both octogenarians, are shown in their Trampers which they hired for the event from the Countryside service of Derbyshire County Council. They have

received £1,400, with more coming, in sponsorship which will be donated to Aquabox., the project which John has supported and been a keen worker for many years.

**David Udall**



## WOLLATON PARK

This year saw the club manning the 6 mile drinks station at the now famous Nottingham Robin Hood Marathon and Half Marathon run for the 13th time. All the 9000 or so runners pass through Wollaton Park presenting us with the perfect opportunity for fun, fellowship and community service right on our own doorstep. Starting at 08.00 hrs setting up 14 tables and opening and then handing out water pouches to most of the runners is, to say the least a challenging process for us, but always enjoyed by the 20 or so enthusiastic volunteers from the club. The sponsors make a generous contribution to our charity funds and as loyal and regular participants we make a valuable contribution to the organisers in return.

**Chris Powell**





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