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District Conference



## The Editor writes .....



Another six months has passed since the last edition of your District Magazine and you now have the opportunity to be reminded of all the activities, projects and celebrations the clubs of District 1220 have been involved in whilst **'Making a Difference.'**

It was appropriate that on the occasion of two groups of clubs being involved in Tree Planting Projects that Rtn Jim Gostick reminded us about the District Millennium Project in planting the Rotary Wood.

2017/18 has been a special year for the Rotary Clubs of Derby and Nottingham who celebrated 100 years of being Chartered and you can see what they got up to on pages 6 and 7.

Clubs across the District are constantly interacting with local schools and you can read about a selection of these activities in the seven reports on pages 8 and 9.

DG Michael Longdon thanks all the Rotarians and their colleagues for their unstinting support in his 'Message' on page 11 and incoming DG Cheryle Berry, in her Message, forges a link into the new Rotary Year.

The Club Roundabout pages give clubs the opportunity to tell us all about the many ways they have interpreted DG Michael's bidding at last year's District Assembly to carry out the three F's – Fun, Fellowship and Fund Raising.

The final page contains accounts of our Rotary Young Leaders Awards schemes operating at Castleton and Buxton. Please read these reports and get your Club to sponsor a candidate.

So, another cracking six months of **Rotary in Action in District 1220**; but don't be shy, read this magazine and then pass it on to a friend or leave it in a surgery waiting room. Who knows whose life we might touch .....

John Scotney – District Editor

## End Polio Now Campaign



The Rotary Club of Matlock recently teamed up with McDonald's on Bakewell Road, Matlock to plant 2000 crocus corms. Just before Easter, the crocuses provided a wonderful display of purple in the McDonald's roadside garden.

Peter Wigglesworth - Matlock

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Editorial



# Rotary Wood – District 1220 Millennium Project



In August 1998 Melvin Flint, a member of the Mansfield Club, arranged a meeting with members of several Clubs in the District to explain his idea to plant a woodland as project for the Millennium. He had already found a suitable site of 25 acres at the Thoresby Colliery that had been purchased and partially restored by Nottinghamshire County Council and that they were willing to make it available for Rotary to plant. Sherwood Forest Trust was also willing to provide expertise and materials for the project with Rotarians providing the funding and undertaking the actual tree planting.

His idea was enthusiastically received by District and the organising committee was eventually composed of some 14 members from 11 different Clubs and met fairly regularly for nearly 3 years. Melvin was in the chair and Lionel Howard took on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, with other members carrying out roles as required.

Planting commenced in National Tree Week on 28th November 1998 with over 200 Rotarians family and friends turning out on the foulest day imaginable; we were all soaked to the skin.

Sherwood Forest Trust, in addition to carrying out the fencing and supplying the 10,000 trees, undertook the long term management of the site at an estimated cost of £55,000. Clubs around the District were invited to make a contribution to the costs and eventually 25 gave £100 each. Numerous other fund raising efforts were made but it was obvious that a very major source of funds would be required to meet the target.

The author of this article was very aware of the availability of funds from the newly introduced Landfill Tax whereby 10% of the money raised could be made available for local good causes. Global Environmental Trust owned all of Nottinghamshire's waste management facilities and application was made to them for 60% of the total cost of the project. This was approved up to a total of £35,250.



Planting of trees continued during the winters of 1999 and 2000 with many Rotarians contributing, wearing full winter gear, and armed with just a spade to push into the wet ground, wriggle around, pop in the foot high 'whips' and heel in. The 'take' success rate for all this effort was around 95%, not bad for a bunch of volunteers! One tree, a certified clone

from the Major Oak was planted at a ceremony by the Sheriff of Nottingham and other dignitaries on a thoroughly wet 13th November 1999; it is now a vigorous 6m+ tall specimen.

Finally seats were installed at the top of the site and a plinth constructed by PDG Lionel Howard, Alan Clough and myself with a plate on top showing directions to various places, now totally obscured by the trees, with a plate on the side naming clubs that had specifically contributed to the project.

In 2002 Rotary Wood received the RIBI Annual Environmental Award and a brief unveiling ceremony was held at the site when RIBI President Tony De Angelis made his annual visit.

It is now 20 years since the first trees were planted and it is well worth a visit to see what was achieved through Rotarians working together. To find the site, park at the new Alders pub at the side of the Ollerton roundabout on the A614/A616 junction, walk about ½ mile through the Sherwood Heath, keeping to the left footpaths, arriving at a lane with an electricity substation at the beginning. Cross the lane to the start of Rotary Wood, up a fairly steep gradient and follow a circular path clockwise to the open area at the top, where the plinth is located. On the way down is the Sheriff's tree on the left. The total distance is about 1.66 miles.

Should anyone want any further information on the project I will be pleased to help.

Jim Gostick - Bingham and Radcliffe



# National tree plant challenge comes to Swanwick



Five local rotary clubs worked together with local children in March to plant over 200 trees as part of a new community woodland at Swanwick. This planting is part of a national Rotary Great Britain & Ireland 'Challenge' to plant a tree for each Rotary member in the UK. With over 50,000 members this will have a significant positive impact on our environment whilst developing and creating useful openspaces for everyone to enjoy.

In an unusual joint venture, all five Rotary clubs based in Amber Valley worked together and also in partnership with Swanwick Primary School year 4 children and Valley CIDS Turner Community Farm where the community plantation is being established.

Some 50 people turned out to plant over 200 trees on a site which has been surveyed by the children from Swanwick Primary year 4 with help of Rotarian John Stamp who says, "Its marvellous working with the year 4 children. It was a bitterly cold day but the children were very enthusiastic; using a surveyor's wheel, large tapes and children as markers, they measured the field site to draw up a planting plan back in the classroom. They were due to come back to the site to put in the tree stakes ready for people to plant but the snow defeated them." (Trees for each child have been held back to be planted in more clement weather.)

Valleys CIDS, a local charity supporting young people, operate Turner Farm as an alternative education centre for young people. Phil Pierce of Valley CIDS said, "Valley CIDS are really pleased the 30+ acres at Turners Farm will eventually be completely planted as a community woodland with footpaths, glades and open spaces to be enjoyed by people from Swanwick and the surrounding area."

**John Stamp - Amber Valley**

# Four clubs in tree planting project



*Members of the Rotary Clubs of Carlton, Mapperley & Arnold, Nottingham and Sherwood Sunriser's.*

The Rotary Clubs of Carlton, Mapperley & Arnold, Nottingham and Sherwood Sunriser's planted trees at the newly created Gedling Country Park following Rotary International President Ian Risely's challenge to every Rotary member throughout the world to plant at least one tree to help change the environment for the better by Earth Day on the 22nd April 2018. Rotary has secured the valuable help of the Woodland Trust by supplying trees at cost as well as giving advice to ensure the saplings have the best chance of survival.

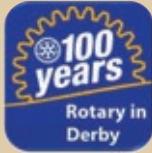
Gedling Country Park is 580 acres of open space, footpaths and wildlife with stunning views over the surrounding area with space to enjoy the outdoors, nature and wildness. The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed in late 2014 to help develop and maintain the new country park, situated on the site of the old Gedling Colliery. Its aim is to enhance its habitat, flora and fauna and to serve as an active means of communication and co-operation between all users.

In association with the Friends of Gedling Country Park, the Four Rotary Clubs planted in the region of two hundred and fifty whips, all indigenous trees, including Oak, Hornbeam and Wild Cherry. Many visitors to the Country Park on the day welcomed the tree planning and thanked the Rotarians for what we were doing.

**David Curtis – Mapperley & Arnold**

**National Tree Planting  
Local Clubs Projects**





# ROTARY CLUB OF DERBY

## Celebrating 100 Years of 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE'



We set out in our CENTENARY YEAR to celebrate 100 years of 'Making a Difference'. We kicked off the year with a magnificence Concert at Derby Cathedral with Opera Babe Karen England and The Dalesmen and Derventio Choirs filling the evening air with the sound of beautiful voices.



### On World Polio Day, 2017

The Council House, Riverlights, The Quad and Derby University were bathed in purple and Derby Royal Hospital lit up the Florence Nightingale Clock. 19 schools across Derby and Derby University planted a total of 15,000 purple crocus corms. The Rt Hon Dame Margaret Becket attended our Club meeting to hear first-hand what progress had been made in Rotary's fight to eradicate Polio. This Rotary year our club will have raised more than £2,500 for the Polio campaign.

The Mayor of Derby Cllr John Whitby became an honorary member this year and wielded the City's Ceremonial Spade at the Centennial Tree Planting in the Derby Arboretum

### Centenary Charter

President Pat Zadora welcomed over two hundred guests who attended the Derby centenary charter on 12th April at Pride Park Stadium. RIBI President Denis Spiller attended together with District Governor Michael Longdon, our Honorary Member the Mayor of Derby and Lord Lieutenant Willie Tucker.

Centenary

...and most important of all we are on target to deliver on both of our Centenary Projects. These are both three year projects which started in 2015...

### Derby Arboretum



There are three phases to this project which has the overall aim of revitalising the Arboretum for the local community. The first was to re-form and strengthen the Friends of Derby Arboretum. Once this had been done, Phase 2 began which was to encourage people back into the Arboretum with festivals, a community garden and working with the Parks Department to achieve Green Flag status.

As phase two progressed



the major and third phase of the project could commence, that of acquiring and refurbishing the delapidated old bowling Pavilion, known as the Joseph Strutt Building. As soon as the negotiations with the City Council for a long lease are completed, it is Rotary's ambition to refurbish the building. It is hoped that the majority of the work will be delivered by the end of June as originally planned.



# Nottingham Rotary Club Celebrates 100th Birthday in Style



## Empowering Girls in remote Ghana

Our International Centenary project also has three phases, with each phase taking place in a different village. The club had already been working with a charity known as Village by Village and with their help a scheme to mentor teenage girls in remote villages in Ghana was devised. We can now announce that the target of over a hundred girls remaining in education has been achieved. All three villages now have a Girls' Club and a girls' football team which are used as the focus for life education as well as mainstream education.

In November 2017 the three Girls Clubs came together for a 'Girls Day Out'. Many activities took place including a football competition between the three clubs; they made a large banner of their handprints and sent it to the Derby club.

This project has cost £17,451 over three years and has been supported by two District Grants, one for Village 2 and the other for Village 3.

**... we now look forward to our joint event with Nottingham on June 16th - A Family Extravaganza ... (see page 19)**

At the beginning of the year we promised our members 'A Ride to Remember' during our CENTENARY YEAR and these projects and events together with our usual service projects and fundraising events have certainly made it that – we have already raised more funds for our charities than ever before, put in almost 4,000 volunteer hours, completed 14 projects and almost all of our members have participated in service delivery. A truly STAND-OUT year!

**Richard Benfield – Derby**

More than 250 Rotarians and their guests from 45 Clubs celebrated the Centenary Charter at Nottingham at the Belfrey Hotel on Friday 23rd February. RI President Ian Riseley and RIBI President Dennis Spiller joined the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham and their Ladies and District Governor Michael Longdon. President Paul Jones said it was particularly pleasing to have all of Nottingham's 10 daughter clubs and many of the grand-daughter clubs represented as were their sister clubs from overseas.



The theme of working with other clubs and particularly daughter clubs has been pursued throughout Paul's year with joint fund raising, Dragon Racing evenings and a multi club approach to Nottingham's Children of Courage event. It culminates with a joint project with Derby to celebrate both clubs' Centenary with a Family Extravaganza at the Elvaston Castle Showground on June 16th. (full details in the advert on the inside cover).

**Geof Bosworth – Nottingham**

**Centenary**



# Duke of York Community Award



This award recognises organisations which have projects of real value to the community and it has been awarded this year to the Rotary Club of Abbeydale for their work in serving the community throughout Sheffield; it was presented at a ceremony at Sheffield Cathedral on the 25th April by Prince Andrew.

The club is the home of Sheffield Young Artists Exhibition and competition. All Sheffield children from 5 to 18 – including the visually impaired– have the opportunity, through their schools, to exhibit their work; this year there were 1092 paintings exhibited at Ponds Forge International Sports venue. The prize winners were entertained in Sheffield Town Hall by Lord Mayor Anne Murphy and she was also on hand to present the prizes at the official opening on 27th April.

We collect and erect display panels, set up all those paintings and we were very grateful for the help by volunteers from Sheffield Vulcan Rotary club. Our real reward is the joy on the faces of the children as they proudly take parents and grandparents round the Exhibition to see their paintings. Selections of their work are also exhibited at other venues around the city and a separate showing of 6th form art is coupled with an art-in-careers section.

The award is to the club for all its activities but we based the main plank of the application on the Art Project.

**Keith Tomlinson - Abbeydale**

## Music Festival Success

Early March 2018 saw the 18th Castle Donington Music Festival run successfully. The musicians played during the day in front of our adjudicator, Rowan Cozens, with the winners of each section performing in the evening gala concert.



The evening concert opened with the Castle Donington Community Orchestra after which Orchard Primary school entertained us with two pieces of singing and actions. In total there were 20 performances in the evening with musicians aged from 5 to 18 years old.

The winner of the Oliver Walton Most Promising Musician Award was Matei Cojocaru and the overall Rotary Rose Bowl winner was Alexander Anderson who performed the Rachmaninoff Prelude in G sharp Op 32 No 12. The runners up were Abigail Smith and Hannah Herlihy-Starr.

In conclusion adjudicator Rowan Cozens said "This event has seen talented young people sharing and developing their ideas. It is good that, in these days of austerity in schools, we can get so many good musicians performing at such a high level at an event like this."

**Eric Woodward – Castle Donnington**

## Special Rotary Art Prize

Congratulations to Chloe Allison of Parkside Community School who has been presented by Chesterfield Rotary President Peter Barr with the special Ian Gordon Rotary Art Prize for her outstanding exhibit at the 2017 Chesterfield Senior Schools Art Exhibition.



The presentation took place at the School's GCSE Awards night, held in the presence of the Mayor of Chesterfield, Cllr Maureen Davenport, in November 2017. This special Rotary Award of a certificate and £50 art voucher was being awarded in memory of the late Rotarian Ian Gordon, who provided the inspiration for the annual senior school's art exhibition, now in its third year.

Chloe's work was described by independent adjudicator and Chesterfield artist Lynne Evans as "An outstanding piece of work with a textured/layered view of Chesterfield and the Spire. The Art Department is commended for challenging Parkside art students with its Urban View project."

**Geoff Mitchell – Chesterfield**

## Working with Schools



## Chesterfield Schools Public Speaking Competition



The winner of the Annual Public Speaking Competition for local secondary schools this year was Beverlyn Agyemang of St Mary's Catholic High School with her thought - provoking talk entitled 'Who Am I'. The event was organised for the 52nd consecutive year by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield and was held as part of the club's weekly meeting at the Olde House, Newbold on Friday 23 March 2018. Following a high - quality competition, President Peter Barr presented the cup and certificates to winner Beverlyn Agyemang (St Mary's) and the two runners-up, Matthew Perryman (Whittington Green) and Anton Causey (St Mary's).

Geoff Mitchell - Chesterfield

## RIBI Peace Conference



Rotarian Dr Lis Rodgers took two pupils, Joe and Lewis, together with their teacher, Emma Hamilton, from the Sir Thomas Wharton Academy in Doncaster to the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland International Peace & Conflict Resolution Conference in Coventry on 24th February. The young people were sponsored by the club.

A fascinating day was had by all with the highlight being an inspirational presentation by Dr Shirin Ebadi, 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate, an Iranian judge now living in exile. The young delegates got to meet her in the breakout session.

John Chapman - Doncaster St Leger

## Musical partnerships



The Rotary Clubs of Doncaster St Leger and Rotherham celebrated the centenary of the Rotary Foundation by presenting 'Musical Partnerships' at Hill House School on Tuesday 27th February 2018. It was an evening of scintillating piano playing by internationally renowned concert pianists Benjamin Frith and Heidi Rolfe

with proceeds of the concert going to the End Polio campaign. The concert was preceded by a Master Class given at the school by Ben Frith. The concert took place during the 'Beast from the East' weather period but despite this the audience braved snow and freezing conditions to enjoy a truly memorable concert organised by Jack Cusworth and Michael Sumption.

John Chapman – Doncaster St Leger

## Musical partnerships Junior School Art Competition



This is the third year the club have organised this Art Competition. It is open to all the Junior Schools in Radcliffe/Bingham/Cotgrave and the villages in the Vale. The theme this year was Earth, Sea or Sky with prizes being awarded to the winners in each of two categories ie years 3/4 and years 5/6. Six schools took part with 159 entries and again standards were high. All the Art work was

exhibited at the Annual Art and Craft Fair organised by the Rotary Clubs of Vale of Belvoir and Bingham and Radcliffe. Below is a picture of the two winners, Sophie Cane (right) and Fleur Keightley, being presented with their framed winning artwork by Barrie Cooper the Mayor of Rushcliffe, together with Adrian Cresswell, Club President.

Chris Netherwood – Vale of Belvoir

## Working with Schools



## Paul Harris Fellows Lunch



Sunday 29th April was the occasion for some 140 Paul Harris Fellows and their partners to gather for their Annual Lunch at the Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton. The meal was accompanied by the constant buzz of conversation as the company chatted over the meal and it took a firm District Governor to introduce the Guest Speaker, Rtn Donna Wallbank, PHF, President Elect of RIBI 2019/20.

She told us about her Rotary Journey, joining the local Club in Wales where she had set up her hairdressing business. Within three years she was Club President and then progressed into activities in District before becoming District Governor and then moving into RIBI based activities. Throughout this process, she was always very conscious of 'The Family of Rotary'; the progression from Rotakids to Interactors to Rotaractors and then into a Rotary Club, itself affiliated to Rotary International and over a million members scattered around the world.

She concluded by referring to her Mission Statement as an incoming President of RIBI:-

'I am privileged and honoured to have the opportunity to serve as President in 2019/20. I will endeavour to encourage others to join us, in whatever means they are able, to help Rotary provide service in our domestic and international communities but importantly to showcase how Rotary involvement is 'fun' whilst achieving something good in the world.'

**John Scotney – District Editor**



## Family Fun Day Saturday, 19th May 2018

We had been planning to hold our first ever Carnival on The Parks Estate in Belper since late in 2016. Venue booked; acts booked; charity stalls booked; musical entertainment booked - what could possibly go wrong?



Well, now you mention it ... Early in 2018 it was announced there was to be a Royal Wedding on the same day, which incidentally was also the day chosen by the football authorities to hold the FA Cup Final. It was by then much too late to change our date so we delivered flyers to all the houses on the estate, followed shortly before the event with a free programme containing a lucky number that could give the holder of the winning number a £200 voucher towards a holiday of their choice. That only left the weather to worry about.

Happily the weather turned out great and so did the crowds. It was estimated that well over 400 people, mainly from our target area, the Parks Estate, were at the "Family Fun Day" at any one time with lots of people coming and going over the four hours of the event.

We must have got something right:-

'I just want to say what an amazing job you all did for the Carnival on Parks Field. Everyone who took part in the shows – well done to you all, you were fab! I

hope that you will carry on this Carnival every year and adding to it to make it bigger and better. Thank you for a fab day.'

Kemma (Facebook)

**Dave Ashley - Belper and Duffield**

## Miscellaneous News



## District Governor Elect ...

# District Governor's Message ...

I would like to start this DG Report by saying how immensely grateful I have been for the warm welcome which I have received when I have visited the Rotary Clubs within District 1220; I would also on behalf of Margaret and myself like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome and generosity which we have received when we have attended Club Charters and Presidents Celebration Dinners.

This year has rushed by; in fact, after returning from San Diego, I really do not know where the time has gone. Through the pages of our District Magazine I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the time and effort you have put in to "Making A Difference" this year; the support I have received from everyone has been very much appreciated. It has been a privilege and an honour to have worked with you all during this year.

I have made 69 Club visits, attended 54 Charters and Celebrations and I have also had the great pleasure of attending other meetings and social and fund raising events, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have also been privileged to have presented 24 PHF's and 3 Sapphire Pins.

By the time you read this, Margaret and I will have returned from our



"Rotary Purple4Polio Grand Tour" a trip visiting 25 check points throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain and covering a distance in total of 2,378 Miles and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all those Clubs and Individuals who have sponsored us. Every penny of the sponsorship will go to RFUK for our Campaign to End Polio.

So all that remains for me to say is - Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to be your District Governor!

Michael



ps... I think it is appropriate to publish a couple of Paul Harris' quotes.



"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

The second appeared in the Rotary Magazine in 1945 and somehow seems quite appropriate for now as well as then?

"I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. There are just as many new things done as ever there were. Kaleidoscopic changes are

taking place, many of them without our will. Even to hang on to the fringe of this fast-changing world is about all most of us can do. Rotary simply must continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress"

Michael



Joining my local Rotary Club, Clay Cross, eight years ago, opened up a whole new World of opportunities for me to help others whilst enjoying Fellowship and Fun. It was one of the best things I have ever done. As I write this piece for the District Magazine I am sheltering from a Tropical Storm in Kerala, Southern India. I am here teaching First Aid to Children and their Housemothers in an Orphanage called Hope Community Village. My own Club and other Rotary Clubs have helped to make a tremendous difference to these Children's Lives by donating Funds and Time.

While I am here I will be visiting the Rotary Club of Aroor Satellite City near Alleppey. This Club and my own Club have applied for a Rotary Global Grant to build a Health Clinic to benefit many Mothers and Children. All over the World there are 1.2 Million Rotarians working in their local Communities and in Partnership with other Countries on a vast range of Projects. Just ask yourself this simple Question. " What would it be like without Rotary?" There are so many things that would not happen. We have a priceless Legacy of Service and need to recruit more Rotarians to maintain this.

I hope we can hold Rotary Days in our Communities to Showcase our work and forge Partnerships. Young People are our Future Rotarians. I would love to see Rotakids Groups starting and more Interact Groups. It is an honour to be able to serve as your incoming District Governor. I am full of admiration for all the work that you do and promise my full support. Please invite me to your Events. I will thoroughly enjoy joining you all. Our Rotary International Theme for the Year is "Be the Inspiration". Together we could inspire people of all ages and from all Communities to join us and make a better World.

Dr Cheryle Berry MBE

District Governor's Message

District Governor Elect's Message





President Brian Bates, Mr David Winder and Rtn Tony McMichael.

## ASHBOURNE

Proceeds from the November 'Olde Time Music' Concert presented by the Rotary Club of Ashbourne and the receipt of a legacy for water associated projects led to a cheque for £2,800 being presented by the President to Mr David Winder, an ambassador for Water Aid.

Mr Winder has worked for Water Aid in USA and has led projects to provide clean water in Nicaragua and other South American states. He set out some of the shocking facts in the world today:

- 650 million people have no access to clean safe water,
- 2 billion people have no sanitation facilities (of which 450 million in India defecate in the open),
- Half of all children who die in the world do so due to dirty water and the diseases it carries.

Water Aid, which is supported by utility companies in the UK, works to provide sustainable systems for water and sanitation providing simple-to-maintain wells and latrines.

**Cliff Lewer**

## ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF CHESTERFIELD

Charity Quiz Night raises  
£1,000



The second annual Charity Quiz Night, arranged by the Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield, raised a record £1,000 for local charities. The winning team, led by Rotarian Alison Hankey, received the coveted Rotary Satellite Club Challenge Trophy, which was presented by Satellite Club chairman Peter Blant. The event, attended by over 100 local business people, Rotarians and Inner Wheel members, was held at the Fox & Goose on Thursday 16 November 2017. It was organised by Rotarian Paul Davies.

**Geoff Mitchell**



## BELPER AND DUFFIELD

The club was delighted when President David Pipe was able to present their Certificate of Incorporation to the newly formed Rotary Interacter Group at the Ecclesbourne School, Duffield in April. The teacher leading the group, Ceri Hughes has really brought out the best in these youngsters; she quietly keeps a low profile while encouraging them to suggest ideas and things to do, which they quickly embrace and carry out because they thought of it! Rtn Gail Ashley is acting as their Mentor and regularly joins them at their weekly meetings after school. I accompanied Gail to a meeting a few weeks ago when they had organised a Litter Pick around the town. Before going off on the Litter Pick, they organise a cake stall to raise some money and volunteered to make a presentation about it to the whole school at Assembly that week. Very impressive – plenty of fun, fellowship and fundraising there!

**John Scotney**

**Ashbourne \* Belper & Duffield  
Chesterfield**





## CHURCH WILNE

The cast of the musical "Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story" came back together to help the club raise much needed restoration funds for St Mary's Church in Draycott. Over £2,000 was raised on the night and they will be back supporting the club next March.

Work in the community continues at a pace with members helping "Draycott in Bloom." A special visit was made to the Royal Derby Hospital by President Adrian dressed as the Easter Bunny, along with friends Louise and Helen, when they gave out mini eggs to staff and patients.

The club is now promoting awareness of Rotary with "Purple 4 Polio pens" when the public can donate £1 for a pen. Many clubs within the Soar group have also taken up this project using the pens to raise funds and awareness of Polio.

The year continues at a pace with events such as the annual senior citizens party, three outside visits booked and a pilot Classic Car event will take place on 25th June.

**Ray Terry**



## CHESTERFIELD

### Burns Night Celebration

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield held its 21st Annual Burns Night Celebration at the Olde House, Newbold, on Tuesday 23 January 2018, when past-president Jim Savage addressed the haggis. This was followed by a traditional meal of haggis and neeps, the playing of bagpipes by Pipe Major Tom Varley and music from Brian Freeman on keyboards. A Roll-A-Coin competition and an auction raised £120 for local charity Hope Springs Recovery Centre, which supports those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction in Chesterfield.

**Geoff Mitchell**

## DONCASTER AND ST LEGER

Doncaster Rotary Clubs have been organising 'Know Your Blood Pressure' events since 2003 in a variety of sites across the Borough; thousands of people have been checked and these events have without doubt saved some people from strokes.

This year the St Leger and Doncaster clubs carried out free BP checks on football fans at the Keepmoat Stadium on 5th May. St Leger Vice President and retired GP Ian Kerr who co-ordinated the event on the day was supported by club colleague Dr Rosie Hamlin, Dr Alex Kerr and Rotarians from St Leger and Doncaster clubs. Several couples attended and in particular Dads and Grandads were persuaded by children or grandchildren to be screened. Some 20% of those screened had mid to moderately raised blood pressure and were advised to attend their GP within a month, with a few having significantly raised blood pressure and advised to attend their GP practice within a week for urgent follow up.

**John Chapman – Doncaster St Leger**



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## MAPPERLEY AND ARNOLD

A Band Concert held at Woodborough Village Hall raised over £1,000 towards the cost of sending deserving teenagers from our area, and via our twinned Club, Midden Betuwe Valburg, Holland, on an Outward Bound course at Aberdovey, Snowdonia, Wales. Ten Dutch students from Pantarijn School, Holland joined the 13 UK students. The students from Holland are classed as not academic, needing to learn the skills required for living and employment; the UK students are coming from a range of young carers, ear foundation cochlea implant students and students recommended by local schools who might need a boost in their education. This year, at the end of the course, three UK students were recommended by the instructors as suitable to attend follow up, more intense courses. To this end the Club has been joined by Nottingham Outward Bound Trust in sponsoring these three students on the courses later this year.

**David Curtis**



## EPWORTH AND ISLE OF AXHOLME

The Rotary Club hosted their Annual Tea Party for the Senior Citizens of the Isle of Axholme. Entertainment was provided by local choir, Take Note, who sang a selection of songs from the musicals. Sandwiches and cakes were made by the Rotarians to give a real homemade tea for our guests. Transport was provided by Rotarians for those residents who were unable to get to the event. Local Scouts joined Rotarians in helping to serve the guests who also enjoyed mixing with the youngsters. This annual community event has become a firm favourite with Rotarians and local residents of the Isle of Axholme.

**Carol Walsh**



## LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS

The Club had a fantastic response from the public to their appeal for old tools and other equipment. Working with the charity, Tools with a Mission, the tools collected will be refurbished and sent to Africa where they will allow people to learn new trades and to become financially self-sufficient. In just over 2 months and following appeals via both the media and Facebook, over 6 tonnes of tools have already been despatched.

**Paul Burrows**

**Epworth & Isle of Axholme  
Mapperley • Long Eaton**





## MATLOCK

Matlock Rotary Club took part in a day's collecting during January at Matlock Sainsbury's on behalf of the local branch of AgeUK. It was a Sunday and Sainsbury's proved to be quite busy as £314 was collected. The funds raised were given to Shirley Shaw, Chair of the Matlock branch of AgeUK and will be used towards the cost of giving out food hampers over Christmas 2018.

AgeUK, with help from Matlock Rotary Club, every year arrange for food parcels to be given to elderly people in the Matlock area and last year 48 food parcels were distributed to those in greatest need. The food parcels are greatly appreciated and it is also a way of keeping in touch with vulnerable elderly people over the Christmas period.

**Peter Wigglesworth**



## RIPLEY

The Rotary Club of Ripley held their Annual Christmas Carol Concert at the Methodist Church, Wood Street, Ripley. The evening entertainment was enjoyed by a large number of people from the community and provided by the Choir from the St John's Primary School, Ripley, the Brian Scott Sound, Paul Rose, Rotarian Marie Jackson, who gave a Christmas reading, and Church Organist Tony Wright who played for community carol singing. Refreshments were served by the Church members in aid of church funds and a raffle was held to raise money for community charities; the compere for the evening was Rotarian Stuart Rice.

**Stuart Rice**



participating teams, including Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, Breast Cancer, Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, Dogs Helping Kids, Macmillan Cancer Support, Cavendish Cancer Care, Weston Park Hospital, Winston's Wish and Firefly Cancer Awareness and Support. Some 300 swimmers participated in this increasingly popular community event, made possible by the very professional help and support given to The Rotary Club organisers by Mr Simon Ferrarelli the Leisure Centre Facilities Manager, Nicola Boswell and the excellent team of staff.

## RETFORD

On Saturday 10th March the Rotary Club of Retford held its 31st Annual Charity Swimathon at the Retford Leisure Centre. The event, supported by BPL Retford Leisure Centre, was opened at 1.30pm by the Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, Cllr. Madelaine Richardson. Once again a tremendous community effort resulted in excess of £12,000 being pledged for local organisations and charities.

This year the Rotary Club's share of the money raised will support the Guildford Rotary Eye Project, which aims to establish specialist eye surgery hospitals providing free eye care to those in poverty in the developing world. The Club is also donating locally to support young carers and to local charities and organisations chosen by the

**Neil Grayston**



**Matlock  
Retford • Ripley**



## WIRKSWORTH

The Rotary Club of Wirksworth celebrated their 70th Charter Anniversary in April at Matlock Golf Club. The event was well attended and guests included District Governor Michael and his wife, Margaret along with other guests from around the District.

After a hearty meal and a good old catch-up with friends, President Kath Bishell awarded the well-deserved Paul Harris Sapphire pin to our esteemed club secretary, Norman Laud. Norman has been a member of Wirksworth Rotary for 41 years and has served as President in the past. He is currently serving as a most efficient secretary, a post he has held for a number of years – "too many to remember", according to the man himself!

Following the formalities President Kath and her husband Stuart took to the floor to the sounds of the sixties, provided by local tribute band "Timewarp". I think it can be said that A Jolly Good Time was had by all.

**Ruth Fantom**

## WOLLATON PARK



The 18th Annual Schools Music Festival took place at The Fernwood School on Thursday 15th March.

The Fernwood School Jazz Band started with an appropriately titled version of In the Mood. Fernwood Primary Lower School choir were next up finishing brightly with a mash up of Let It Be and Don't Stop Believing. Fernwood School returned with a trumpet ensemble and two pieces including Gershwin's Nice Work If You Can Get It. Brocklewood Primary School enthusiastically performed three pieces ending with an animated rendition of Fight Song. Nottingham Girls Academy Harmony Choir wowed the audience with a varied selection of four pieces performed, as ever, with quality and polish. Fernwood Primary Upper School choir were all action with One and A Million and Touch the Sky before joining forces with the lower school choir for a Gospel Medley. Certificates and cheques of £80 for each group of performers, the proceeds from ticket sales and advertising, were handed to each school by Paul Irons. The evening was brought to a rousing climax with all the choirs bringing together over 130 voices to sing, and provide all the actions, to the motivational song Power In Me.

The thunderous applause said everything about the success of this annual event for which everyone can be justly proud.

**David Pedlar**



## VALE OF BELVOIR

Some four years ago the Rotary Club of the Vale of Belvoir volunteered to create a Memory or Sensory Garden for the Church Farm Nursing Home in Cotgrave, who specialise in dementia care.

The garden was such a success that the club considered what more it could do to help people suffering from memory impairment. The answer was to create a Memory Café that meets at All Saint's Church, Cotgrave. Having just celebrated its third birthday the Café has grown to over 40 members. All meetings include audio visual material taken from old newsreels and YouTube intended to remind people of the major things that have happened in their lifetime with related quizzes, anagram games and sing-songs to encourage everyone to get involved in some way. The Café meets once a month with a different theme for each meeting, including topics such as springtime, wash day, musicals and films.

Many of the Memory Café presentations are subsequently repeated at the Dove Cottage Hospice, an independent organisation offering high quality palliative day care to those living in our Vale of Belvoir area.

**Denis Bacon**

**Wirksworth • Wollaton Park  
Vale of Belvoir**



## First Visit to RYLA, White Hall

Friday 11th - As all the students were sitting in the lounge on arrival anxiety was in the air. After dinner the evening was filled with ice-breaker exercises and the start of team building out in the lovely grounds. Lights out by 11pm went well.

Saturday - the fun really started! I joined in with team A and I could see there were some potential leaders among them. Seeing them brave all the challenges - scaling a cliff face, abseiling down a viaduct, raft building - and how they all helped and supported each other was great to see. Each in turn was given leadership responsibility which they willingly accepted.

Sunday - the last day. There was still time for me to watch my team working out in the grounds carrying out their final exercises of the course. An amazing time with fantastic students who over the course of a weekend came out of their shells, faced personal fears and learned something about team work and leadership and through it all had a good time, making friends for life!

Can't wait for the next one!

**James Kerry – Belper and Duffield**



## RYLA at White Hall

Over a weekend in May 35 youngsters aged up to 15 years enjoyed a wide range of activities at the White Hall Outdoor Pursuits Centre near Buxton. The youngsters had been nominated by clubs across the District and further afield and the activities on offer ranged from abseiling, caving, rock climbing, mountain biking, zip wiring and raft building to develop youngsters in areas such as team building, self-awareness, and leadership.

At the end of each day the youngsters completed a "Reflections" feedback form that required them to look back over the day, consider their own actions and those of others and to contemplate how these actions affected the group dynamic, them personally and others around them etc. Whilst the youngsters (and the Centre staff and attending Rotarians) had lots of fun this was no holiday! My personal thanks go to all those Rotarians who came along to White Hall to assist and to the staff at White Hall who, as always, were absolutely great.

**Dave Ashley – Belper and Duffield**

Note - the next RYLA weekend at White Hall, also for 13 – 15 year olds, will be held 23rd to 25th November 2018; any queries to Rtn Dave Ashley, Belper and Duffield. White Hall staff are contemplating making a documentary on the centre, concentrating on accounts of people who went to the centre as children in years gone by. Should any Rotarian recall going there in his or her youth and would be happy to talk about those experiences, please contact Rtn. Dave Ashley.

## RYLA at Castleton

The Rotary Young Leaders Award was successfully run by Rotarians, mainly from the Sheffield Club, for four days from 10th to 13th February 2018 at The Rotary Centre in Castleton, Derbyshire.

Twenty two young people aged between 16 and 17 took part in a wide range of leadership training, building skills and various leadership tasks. They arrived not really knowing each other but left at the end of the four days with new friendships and all agreed that they had learnt a great deal about being a 'leader'.

The young people were asked to go back to their sponsoring Rotary Club and give a short talk about what they got out of the course so hopefully many of you will have heard this. Why not invite one of them to give a talk to your club as well?

We will be running the course again at The Rotary Centre from Saturday 16th to Tuesday 19th February 2019. Book the dates in your diary now! Each club in the district will be offered two places, one for a girl and one for a boy. Details will be available in September.

**Jeremy Holmes – Sheffield**



**RYLA**





## District Young Musician Competition

The District Young Musician Competition was held on 17th April at Samworth Church Academy, despite the snow and ice. Ten musicians from around South Yorkshire and North Notts performed - five singers and five instrumentalists with the standard being very high. The photograph shows the three finalists; from the left, Kira Coombes (voice) runner up, Lydia Messam (voice) winner, Asher Freeman (saxophone) winner.

These three went on to compete in the Regional Final. In a contrast to the District event, the Regional RIBI Young Musician Competition took place in Doncaster on 14th April in warm sunshine. Nine superb musicians competed to give an afternoon of high quality musical entertainment. There were four singers, two violins, a trumpet, a cornet and a saxophone player.

The vocal winner was Susannah Morgan singing in Latin, Italian and French, who was sponsored by Ripon Rotary Club. The instrumental winner was 9 year old Sofia Demetriades who gave an outstanding performance on violin and who was sponsored by Leicester Rotary Club.

The event was supported by the local Rotary Clubs of Doncaster St Leger, Doncaster and Mexborough as well as Rotarians from around District 1220 and DG Michael Longdon presented the prizes and certificates.

The two winners will now perform in the National Final in Edinburgh on 17th May.

**Lis Rodgers – District Youth Coordinator**

## Young Musician Idle Valley Boardwalk Project

## Idle Valley Boardwalk Project



What do you do when your nature reserve is inaccessible for wheelchair users and families with prams for much of the year because of mud? The answer - speak to the local Rotary Club. In this instance, the Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford, a Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust flagship site, did just that. In response, the Rotary Club of Retford rose to the challenge of overseeing the project which involved the financing and construction of a boardwalk across the boggy area that leads on to the reserve.

First of all a working party was set up to help clear the site with several lady members doing their part in this very labour intensive work.

Rtn Jack Anderson and his committee also co-ordinated the financing of the project. With the support of the local press, donations were sought from local people and organisations and a sponsored walk, fashion show/sale, "sponsor a plank" appeal, collections and a fun day at the reserve were all organised. However, it was the successful engagement of several key sponsors that was vital. Rotary Foundation played its part in the form of a District Grant and Nottinghamshire County Council also contributed. This enabled the committee to tap a grant of £11,500 from WREN from their FCC Community Action Fund. This was in the form of match funding towards the total project cost of £24,000. Having a Civil Engineer in the Club in Past President Paul Withers was also a great help in making sure everything was built to a satisfactory standard. In the end, the entire boardwalk was built of plastic, thus eliminating the worries of decay that comes with a wooden structure.

On 28th November President Geraldine Matthews cut the ribbon that officially unveiled the boardwalk in the presence of DG Michael Longdon and representatives from WREN, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and many proud Rotarians.

A willow arch has been constructed along the boardwalk to both complete the project and remove the intimidating prospect of the walk across a very boggy area.

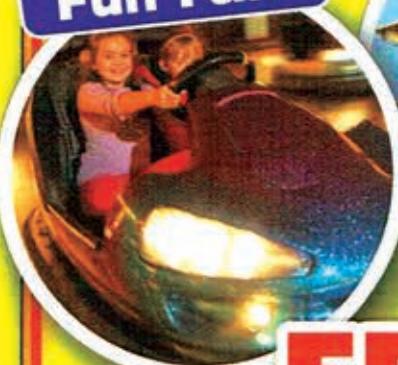
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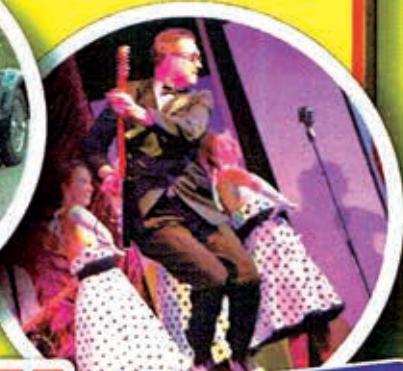
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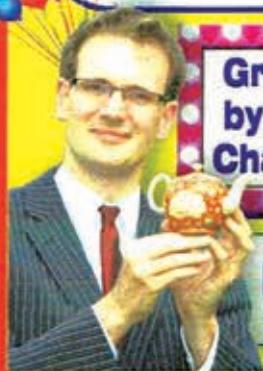
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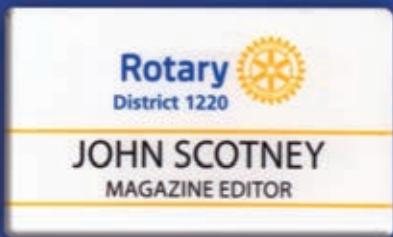


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