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Rotary Review

Rotary Peace Scholar
Sandra Fong from Fiji
helping with the Poppy
Appeal at Notts County FC.
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JUNIOR VERSE SPEAKING COMPETITION

The annual Junior Schools Verse-Speaking Competition was fiercely contested by local youngsters in Chesterfield at the annual event held this year at Hady Junior School. Winner was Emily-Jane Peake of Hady Juniors with her rendition of 'The Crocodile'. Runners-up were Tom Carter of Hady Juniors and Nathan Fletcher of Calow Juniors.

The judges were Rtn Ian Gordon, Inner Wheel President Joan Doody and Inner Wheel Past President Margaret Mitchell; organiser was Rotary Past President David Windle.

Pictured left to right front: Tom Carter, Emily-Jane Peake and Nathan Fletcher. Rear: Ian Gordon, Joan Doody, Margaret Mitchell and David Windle

Geoff Mitchell - Chesterfield

LONG EATON CERTAINLY HAS GOT TALENT!



This year's Long Eaton's Got Talent certainly proved to be a talented event with some exceptional acts taking part from the local community. Organised by the Long Eaton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club, acts were auditioned from the local area with the semi-finals and grand final being held at the Chatsworth Arts Centre on West Gate, Long Eaton.

The acts included singers, dancers, two bands and even an accordion player. The grand final was presented to a full house and after a close series of scores from the judges it was announced that Laura Chapman (singer) was the winner taking home the first prize of £250. In second place was Edgars Cuszinskis, an accomplished and entertaining accordion player and in third place was "I Surrender", a talented young band playing a medley of songs from the 1950's.

The event helped to raise over £1000 for the Chatsworth Arts Centre which will go towards future refurbishment work and a further £250 for Treetops Hospice.

Simon Davey - Long Eaton Dawnbreakers

'BLOOMING MARVELLOUS'

Eco-Interactors from The Long Eaton School were delighted to be awarded joint 1st Prize for 'Best School Garden' in the Erewash in Bloom Gardening competition 2012 at the Awards Ceremony at Morley Hayes. The students and staff have been working hard along with the tree wardens to develop a wonderful wildlife area, pond, wildflower meadow, sensory garden and extensive tree planting project.



Rotarian Barbara James said "We were also recipients of a very special award from the Judges of The East Midlands in Bloom 2012. The award was for 'so effectively promoting a passion amongst the pupils for a sustainable environment.' Dave Bramwell, EBC Head of Green Space and Street Scene, in congratulating the school said "The judges had been so impressed by the students' passion for their environment that they had made this very special award."

Barbara James - Long Eaton

'VALE GOT TALENT'



Our Club has had a busy time as our third Annual 'Vale's Got Talent' competition got into its stride. This year we had more acts than ever and the judges at the Auditions had to select acts to progress through to the semi-finals. The "well-oiled machine" of the VGT committee moved smoothly from one event to the next and we were all relieved

when the programme and finalist's certificates for the Grand Final were printed and ready to go. The event was a ticket sell-out with "standing room only" during the second half. In the end the competition was so close that the judges awarded 4 prizes with 16 year-old singer songwriter, Alice Maciborskj, taking the top prize.

Michael Morris - Vale of Belvoir



District Conference at Southport

5th - 7th October



The venue at Southport was first class, helped by some sunny weather and with many of the delegates being housed in the Ramada, immediately adjacent to the Conference Centre, there was a vital atmosphere about the place. The first joint event, albeit informal, was the entertainment in the Theatre on Friday evening.

Saturday morning saw a prompt start to the Conference proper with welcoming speeches from DG David Ashley, Councillor Kevin Cluskey, District 22 Inner Wheel Chairman Ann Cottee, RI Representative Lynne Deavin and RIBI President John Minhinick. Ian Leech gave a moving presentation about the Lymphoma Association which he so actively supports following the tragic loss of his daughter Melissa. He had brought along the Olympic Torch he carried and some of the delegates were photographed with it during the coffee break which followed the talk on the International Fire and Rescue Team by Neil Fritzsche.

The Second Plenary Session started with Canine Partners demonstrating the many supportive acts dogs can perform to help the disabled, including operating washing machines! We were then reminded of the useful work Life Education is continuing to do in Primary Schools in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Sarah Frankland gave a very eloquent

account of how the award of an Ambassadorial Scholarship sponsored by the Belper Club in the 90's had changed her life and led her to the work in the arts she is now doing. This was followed with a talk by Marianne Knight, a GSE Team Member from 2011 who explained how her experiences in the Team had helped her fundraising for Cerebral Palsy Sport. We then had a video clip from the District Outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar, Rob Avery-Phipps who is spending a year in China before IPDG Gordon McGlone introduced the five incoming Ambassadorial Scholars. We should have the opportunity to meet all of them as they go round the District visiting clubs during the next few months.

The DG's Luncheon followed and after the meal we were treated to an enthusiastic (and exhausting!) talk by Olympic Silver Medallist Dr Alison Mowbray who from being a sporting disaster at school graduated through sheer grit and determination to be a world class rower. Her mantra was 'Try everything!'

Saturday evening's entertainment was a choice between Music and Dancing to Cantata Singers and Revival 60's band or a Night Club Atmosphere with JD & The Impressions and Lily Taylor-Ward. Both venues were well attended and the dance floor was packed with Rotarians and partners until late, attempting to recapture their youth.

Sunday morning opened with the presentation of Trophies and the DG's own club, not surprisingly, was awarded the cup for having the greatest attendance at Conference. The incoming GSE Team from Nepal then introduced themselves to the District as a prelude to visiting many of the clubs in the ensuing weeks. New

Generations District Officer Carolyn Stone reminded Conference of the various projects promoted by the team, particularly the RYLA scheme for leadership development. Finally, there were presentations from Rainbow and Blue Bell Wood Hospices explaining the work that they do.

The final session started with a spot promoting the Scarborough Conference to be held in 2013 and was followed by a moving account of why Sandra Fong from Fiji, had applied to be a Peace Scholar after seeing civil war in her home land. The keynote speaker, Ann Wafula Strike, held the attention of the whole theatre as she described how she had contracted polio at the age of two and how she and her father had battled ignorance, poverty and prejudice so that she could become a teacher. She eventually married a Geordie, came over to Britain and is now a Paralympian wheelchair racer besides working for people with disabilities.

The Conference was brought to a conclusion with a selection of songs by Cantata and the whole Conference Team took a well-deserved bow. I was really impressed with this Conference and feel sure that the combination of Rotary Fellowship and some inspiring speakers will have fired up many of the members present. Well done Dave and the Conference team!

John Scotney - District Editor



SCARBOROUGH CONFERENCE Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October 2013

For those who attended the Southport District Conference, next year's District Governor Peter Moralee and myself gave everyone an insight as to what we can expect to see at next year's Conference in sunny Scarborough.

Last year in Scarborough, on the Friday evening we had the fantastic show starring "That'll be the Day". Well they are going to return, performing cabaret style in the Grand Hall on Saturday night. It will be a brand new show with lots of fun and lots of opportunity for dancing - making for a real party atmosphere.

We are also planning on providing top quality entertainment on Friday night and

a well known speaker at the District Governor's lunch on Saturday. We have already booked Richard Digence, he is an internationally renowned entertainer who will get you all involved!

We are very fortunate in having a couple of inspirational speakers, one who has spoken at the RI International Convention in New Orleans and the other was a speaker at the Bournemouth RIBI Conference. The International Convention speaker is jetting in from Sydney, Australia especially to speak at our Conference, before going on to Gloucestershire to another Rotary Conference a week later.

We are also having some local speakers

including a young carer and a former homeless person who turned her life around with the help of the Princes Trust.

You will be getting regular updates from now on. Please encourage your fellow members and guests to attend next year's Conference, especially newer members and those who have not been recently.

Please come and enjoy YOUR Conference.

David Curtis
Conference Director



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is the largest children's Christmas project in the world, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. The annual shoebox appeal brings a gift to a child in need, packed and wrapped by many churches, schools and workplaces and sent to orphans and vulnerable children living in difficult circumstances overseas. Boxes typically contain toys, toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, pens and paper, puzzle books, gloves, scarves, sweets, etc. These are collected and checked by volunteers and finally loaded onto very large lorries that will take them to parts of the world where children are deprived of the kind of Christmas that most of our children experience.

The Rotary Club of Derby and the Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield have helped with this appeal for many years. Rotarians transport the shoeboxes collected by schools and churches and bring them in their cars to a central warehouse. This year, part of Darley Abbey Mills has kindly been made available as our warehouse by one of our Rotarians, Anthony Attwood. At the time of writing, collections have just begun.

Many schools and churches from South Derbyshire take part and the photographs show the lorry being loaded in December 2011 with 8,000 shoeboxes bound for Romania.

It's amazing what a simple gift-filled shoebox can do for a child in need. It can put a smile on a face. It can make a child feel loved. It can even bring lasting joy into difficult circumstances. If you want to learn more, or to take part, look at the website on: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



John Worthy - Derby

POPPY APPEAL

Rotary District 1220 working Shoulder to Shoulder with the Royal British Legion.

For the second year running the Rotary clubs in District 1220 have worked shoulder to shoulder with the Royal British Legion members for the Poppy Appeal. In October 2011 the Lord Mayor of Nottingham asked PDG Val Leivers if Rotary would help locally as the organiser had been taken ill. As the saying goes, "mighty oaks from little acorns grow" and this is certainly the case with this alliance as the joint venture has spread rapidly throughout RIBI.

This year over 30 clubs have been involved delivering boxes to collection points, staffing stands in supermarkets, shopping malls, football grounds and motorway service stations. A number of local Lord Mayors and the Sheriff of Nottingham gave their practical support collecting with Rotarians.

In the centre of Nottingham and the immediate surrounding area, over 400 Rotarians together with their families and friends have supported the local Royal British Legion branches with their Poppy Appeal collections. This also provided an excellent highly visible opportunity to promote Rotary in the local community and clubs work together as a unit. As a result of our collaboration last year both organisations gained members and the profile of Rotary has certainly risen as a result.

On Sunday 11 November Rotarians laid wreaths throughout the District and a bucket collection took place at the Royal Concert Hall. Rotary Peace Scholar Sandra Fong from Fiji took part in the weekend's activities collecting at Notts County FC and saw her first ever football match! When our two large service organisations work together things really happen and it looks like being a record year again!

Due to the success of working with the Royal British Legion in District 1220 last year in our pilot project it has now expanded to the whole of RIBI. It provides us with a superb platform to raise the profile of Rotary too.

Val Leivers - Past District Governor



Members of the Rotary Club of Swadlincote supported the British Legion by manning a stall in the local Sainsburys for the Poppy Collection on Friday 2nd November. They managed to collect £519 for the Appeal.

Tony Gardner - Swadlincote

DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS FAIR AND DINNER

Thursday 1st November

District International Officer Gail Ashley has spent the last few months organising a special evening, held at the Novotel, Long Eaton, to highlight a number of International projects which merit support by the clubs of District 1220. After a meal together, the club representatives were addressed by speakers from Save the Children and Sand Dams, 'Excellent'. The occasion was preceded by a display of stalls manned by a number of charities which supported International Projects and which were linked to various clubs. These included TradeAid, Aquabox, Jaipur Limb and stalls manned by Burton, Drone Valley, Dronfield and Retford.

The attendance was almost 100 with many of the clubs represented and they were addressed by two speakers after the meal. Eileen Bagshaw is a voluntary worker with Save the Children and she gave a very eloquent account of her visit to Ethiopia to help with a project to provide improved sanitation in isolated communities. The existing facilities are very primitive with the villagers using the open ground around the living compound as toilets; this leads to contaminated drinking water and crops, and disease is rife. The aid agencies are educating the communities to build simple but effective latrines and to encourage them to practice basic hygiene. The aim is that with improved standards of health, the communities become more capable of sustaining themselves and developing into more viable units.

Another approach to improving the quality of life in arid areas of Africa was presented by Richard Barnes from 'Excellent'; this organisation has pioneered the building of 'Sand Dams'. Many of the river courses are dry or only contain a trickle of water for most of the year and then are swollen torrents during a few days of heavy rain. By damming suitable valleys, deposits of sand from the river bed can be trapped behind the barriers when the river is in flood and these deposits absorb the water for use through the ensuing dry season. To be effective, the valley must be excavated down to the bedrock before the substantial dam of stone, concrete and reinforcing steel rods is sufficiently waterproof to retain the water. It is this expertise and support which 'Sand Dams' provide. Once in place, the dam will continue to provide water for many years and help to sustain agriculture. A number of clubs in the District are cooperating to provide the finance for building a dam.

All present agreed that it had been a most interesting evening and that it had stimulated interest in a number of International Projects. Closing, DG Elect Peter Moralee said he certainly planned to hold another International Evening next year.

After the event Gail said, "I would like to thank everyone who attended, stall holders, speakers and Rotarians for their participation in this important event. I am just sorry that Dave and I were not able to be with you but thanks to those who stood in so admirably at the last moment."

John Scotney - District Editor



BURTON ROTARY HELPS SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDREN



A British nursery school owner visiting Cape Town, South Africa was appalled to see and learn about the squalor and crime in some of the townships of the area, and felt that a long-term improvement of the situation would be achieved by educating up-coming generations of children, breaking the cycle of drunkenness, drug addiction, crime and disease. Through Burton Rotary Club he approached Rotary in Cape Town and was introduced to Ikamva Labantu, a South African

charity dedicated to the improvement of the welfare of the South African people with similar long term views on child education. It supports, among other things, nursery schools (crèches) in the townships, and he founded a British charity, The Auntie Foundation, to provide funds to further the work and twin crèches with British nursery schools. (www.theauntiefoundation.org)

The Cape Town Government is keen to improve education, and it provided Ikamva Labantu with options on land, free of charge. A project was planned whereby the funding of a two hundred place school building would be provided by the Auntie Foundation and the equipment for the school would be provided by the Rotary Club of Burton upon Trent supplemented by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.



In the event, the project was superseded by an Early Childhood Development Training and Resource Centre because the National Government decided that all crèches are to be staffed only by accredited practitioners similar to the British NVQ qualification. There is therefore a huge backlog of urgent training to be done, so the nursery school project was put on hold in favour of the Centre. The Centre was built with Auntie Foundation funding and funding for equipment and the training of the first batch of practitioners was provided by the Burton club working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Roggebaai, Cape Town.

The Centre was opened several months ago and the first trainees are pursuing their course. The South Africans are very proud of their Centre which is part of a complex which includes a Parent Centre and an adjacent building for the care of the elderly. With the Centre fully operational, the South African Government gives financial support to the tune of 50% to 75%, and since many of the parents cannot pay school fees, the balance has to be provided by fundraising.

Cyril Ford - Burton upon Trent



DG Elect Peter Moralee, Bishop Paul Butler, Michael Longdon

On Thursday the 1st of November The Rt. Rev'd Paul Butler the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary International District 1220 at its International Fair and Dinner. The Rotary Foundation is a registered charity that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. It is solely supported by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share a better vision of a better world.

The programs which the Rotary Foundation supports include the eradication of polio, educational projects such as Ambassadorial Scholarships and World Peace Scholarships. The Paul Harris Fellowship is presented to those people who through their life make the world a better place to live. The sponsor of the award Rtn Michael Longdon said at the presentation "For those who know him, Bishop Paul is a person living the values of the Paul Harris Fellowship in his humanitarian work and his work to promote world understanding and peace."

Michael Longdon - Assistant Governor Sherwood

ROTARY RECOGNIZE POLICE BRAVERY

On the occasion of their Charter Evening on 2 November, Mansfield Rotary Club presented Diederik Coetzee with a Paul Harris Fellowship. This is the highest accolade that can be given by any Rotary Club and in exceptional circumstances the Award can be given to a citizen of the town in which the Rotary Club is situated, and who has made a significant contribution to the community.

Mansfield Rotary Club, by this award, wished to recognise the remarkable work he had carried out as a police officer in the community. His achievements have been acknowledged nationally and his dedication and commitment to fighting crime in Mansfield has been recognised locally.

Since that time he has been involved in an incident in which he suffered multiple and significant injuries from which he is gradually making a recovery. His courageous fight to regain his health is inspirational.

Paul Bacon -Mansfield



PAUL HARRIS SAPPHIRE PIN PRESENTATION

At the recent Past District Governor's lunch, Immediate Past District Governor Gordon McGlone presented PDG Keith Hammond with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin. The pin is a Rotary award to acknowledge continuing and committed service when a Fellowship has already been presented.

Gordon and the Foundation Committee arranged this in recognition of the tremendous work Keith has put in over the three years Bill Gates Polio Challenge. District 1220 members will recall that over two hundred and fifty thousand pounds was raised and this was in no small way due to Keith's enthusiasm and commitment.

Gordon McGlone - IPDG



Phil Stone, husband of Rotarian Carolyn Stone of the Rotary Club of Ilkeston was awarded a PHF by District Governor David Ashley at the recent District 1220 conference in Southport. His award was for his work for the Ilkeston Club and

District 1220 even though he is not a Rotarian himself. David said in his speech that Phil was the perfect example of our motto 'Service Above Self' for all his help and support throughout the time that Carolyn has been with Rotary. Carolyn said that she couldn't be more proud of her husband and that she couldn't have done all she has in Rotary without his unending support.



Richard Shakespeare (in wheelchair) surrounded by members of the Club and helpers at Trent Lock after completing the 87 mile Canoe Challenge

ROTARY CANOE CHALLENGE

Inspired by the Paralympics, Richard Shakespeare our Junior Vice President, who himself has cerebral palsy, decided to tackle an 87 mile canoe challenge along the waterways of the East Midlands. Several members of the Club offered to help him and we soon had a team of three crews and several support people. They first of all went to instruction and training sessions to find out how to paddle and how to right a capsized Canadian canoe (which came in useful!).

They started on 7th September from Great Haywood and then over the next two days covered the route passing Burton, Newton Solney, Willington and Swarkeston to finish at Trent Lock at 1 pm on Sunday, 9th September, where the Club held a Barbecue.

Members of the team were divided into three canoes with a Rotarian, an experienced canoe club member and a canoe instructor in each one. They

started early each morning and completed 30 or so miles each day before returning home. Fortunately the weather was warm and sunny but the Rotarians, who spend most of their times at desks, found that several muscles in their back and elsewhere were suffering as they hobbled out of the canoes at Trent Lock on the last day. One of the canoes capsized on the last day only 2 miles from the start and the crew had to paddle the remaining distance with wet clothes.

It was warm and sunny weather for the celebration barbecue at Trent Lock. Some 50 members, wives and friends came to watch the finish and welcome the team. The event raised almost £3000, to be given to Mee&Dee, the Derbyshire Air Ambulance, Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre and other Rotary charities.

John Gardam - Etwall and Hilton



District Governor's Message ...

As I write this article and look back over the last four and a half months I am amazed at how quickly the time has gone. What happened to July and August? They seem to be a distant memory already. I have now completed my official visits to the clubs across the District, with the exception of my own Club, Belper and Duffield who I shall be visiting in early January.

I intentionally kept the theme of my talks to the clubs simple. I have talked about the Rotary International theme for this year, "Peace through Service"

and have tried to avoid the temptation of preaching to the converted about membership, Foundation, recruitment or the myriad of other issues that our movement currently faces.

Rotary International is presently embarking on a period of substantial change which will last for several years and will not be without pain and discomfort. Within these shores RIBI is facing a major re-organisation of its management structure with the General Council (on which all 29 District Governors sit for just one year) being abolished and replaced by a Management Board, consisting of just nine elected Rotarians and a number of officers of the association. By the time you receive this magazine the elections for these Board members will have taken place and the new system will be introduced on 1st July 2013.

We also have the RIBI Five Year Membership, Development and Retention Plan, produced to address the stated aim of Rotary International of increasing membership from 1.2 million to 1.3 million by July 2015. This hopefully will help us to stem the dramatic loss of members we have been experiencing recently. You will be seeing more about this over coming months. A part of this plan of course is the issue of Re-Districting, which is proving to be a major talking point, if not somewhat contentious. Once again the vote will have been taken and a decision reached on this by the time you receive this magazine.

The other element of our organisation which is being subjected to change is The Rotary Foundation, our own charity. At a recent District Seminar some 120 Rotarians attended to be briefed on the new grant systems and the replacements for GSE Teams and Ambassadorial Scholars. There was certainly a lot of interest. There will no doubt be further information about this at the District Link Evening scheduled for Wednesday 13th March 2013 at the Civic Centre at Mansfield.

I am sure that by the time you are reading this, we shall all be really busy with our street collections and Santa Sleighs. Just one word of caution though, do not forget to carry out and record a Risk Assessment for each event - it really is important.

Gail and I would like to wish all Rotarians in District 1220 a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Let's come back after the holiday period full of enthusiasm for Rotary and with a desire through our work to create a world full of Peace - "Peace through Service"

Dave Ashley



Editorial

After a nail-biting period during the end of October, I can now relax in the knowledge that once again the Rotarians of District 1220 have plied me with sufficient material to fill sixteen pages of a new edition of Rotary Review! It really is revealing to see what projects our clubs and their members get up to and District owes it to them to publicise their activities as widely as possible. Our print designer, Jon Toft, has also done a great job presenting the material in an interesting and visually pleasing manner to make a magazine I hope you will be proud to share with your family, friends and colleagues. 'Read and Pass On!'

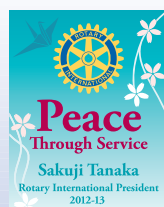
My club, Belper and Duffield, has had the privilege this year to support our fellow member Dave Ashley as District Governor. Amongst other things, it has involved all the members taking turns to escort Dave, and sometimes Gail, on Club Visits and Charter Evenings. It has been interesting to hear at our club meetings reports of these visits and the different approaches to Rotary practiced across the patch. I am sure that our own club service will have benefited from this cross-fertilisation.

As part of this support for Dave, there was also a very good club turn out for the District Conference at Southport. I hope I have captured the atmosphere of that event in my report on page 3, particularly the positive and up-beat messages from several of the inspirational speakers. It is not too early to be thinking of next year's Conference at Scarborough and David Curtis, the next Conference Director, has already taken the opportunity of wetting our appetite.

Once again, I would like to thank all the contributors to this magazine for taking the trouble to sit down and write about their Rotary experiences and sharing them with us.

John Scotney

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ALFRETON

Charity Balloon Race



The Rotary Club of Alfreton was disappointed when the annual Party in the Park at Alfreton was cancelled due to inclement weather in September. They had hoped to sell and release 400 balloons in aid of Alfreton Park Community School's Raise the Roof campaign at the event. As over 300 balloons had been bought before the event, the Club released them the next day with the winning balloon reaching Lowestoft in Suffolk.

The race raised nearly £200 for the School's campaign.
Roger Holroyd



ASHBOURNE

Some months ago Mrs. Trilby Shaw, a well-known local historian, spoke to Ashbourne Rotary Club about her new book giving details of local men who had given their lives fighting for their country in the First World War. During her talk she mentioned that the names of five of these men did not appear on the Ashbourne War Memorial. She told her audience that when the memorial

was built, the families of the men who had died were asked for a guinea to have their names included on the plaque listing the dead. In those straitened times a guinea was a considerable amount of money which some families could not afford, hence the omission.

Our then Rotary President, Mick Avery, expressed the opinion that this situation should be remedied, the club members agreed wholeheartedly and funds were put in place to have a small additional plaque listing the five missing names made and installed on the memorial.

Club members, liaising with the Ashbourne Branch of the British Legion and Ex-serviceman's Club arranged a short ceremony during which President Elect of Ashbourne Rotary Club, Chris Hornblower, unveiled the new plaque. The photo shows Past President Mick Avery beside the memorial with the new plaque below the original

Ken Bayliss



BELPER AND DUFFIELD

A Challenge for Meningitis Research

Michael Needham, grandson of club member Ron Giffin, had meningitis when 18 months old. The disease had left Michael totally deaf in one ear with only partial hearing in the other and his friend had died of the disease in his late teens.

Vaccines have been developed for the Hib and C strains of meningitis and are under development for the B strain. However, much work remains to be done to bring this killer disease (mainly of children) under control, particularly in the developing world. Michael had set himself the challenge of raising £30,000 in 2012 to help this vital research by setting himself monthly physical tasks of absurd, not to say masochistic, difficulty. The following are typical examples:

January - Tough Guy, an assault course of great difficulty through mud and water in freezing conditions with electric shocks administered just for good measure.

June - UK Ironman 70.3, on Exmoor, swimming 2 miles, cycling 56 miles and running a half marathon.

August - the Three Peaks Challenge, climbing Sca Fell, Ben Nevis and Yr Wyddfa in under 24 hours

October - swimming in a pool (is he going soft or something?!!) the full width of the English Channel (21 miles).

Michael has raised £10,000 towards his target and gave details of ways in which his challenge could be supported, including on web site www.one-big-year.org

Martin Drake



BRETTY

On Monday November 12th, the Rotary Clubs of Bretby and Tamworth Anker played their annual challenge match for the 'Tamworth Pig' trophy. The trophy was awarded originally to the winners of an inter-Club Conkers competition, but the event has now expanded to include a total of 7 different pub and indoor games, ranging from bagatelle, shove ha'penny to carpet golf and jenga. As a result there is now a second wooden pig trophy, carved each year by a Tamworth Rotarian, awarded to the best individual Conker player, whilst the original, made of stuffed leather, is awarded to the Club with the highest overall score.

Given the dearth of suitable conkers this year due to the poor summer weather it was just as well that the competition did not rely totally on suitable chestnuts!

The event, which alternates between clubs, took place at the Pavilion, Branston Golf and Country Club and this year Bretby recaptured the trophy from Tamworth with a score of 235 - 227.



President David Smith & RIBI President John Minhinick prepare to plant the tree.

BULWELL AND BASFORD

Monday 10th September saw members of the club assemble at the Hayward House Hospice garden which is set within the grounds of the City Hospital, Nottingham.

RIBI President John Minhinick was in the area and wanted to see the work that we do in keeping the garden tidy. His visit coincided with the Oliver family planting a tree in memory of Bill Oliver who died in the hospice. The family very graciously allowed the club and President John to plant a tree in Bill's honour and it will become part of the garden that comes under our care. The weather was kind to us and after the planting the hospice supplied us with coffee supplemented with Hon Rotarian Marge Benson's biscuits. Afterwards we decamped to the Westminster Hotel where District Officers gave a presentation on Community Social Awareness followed by a light lunch. A very convivial day enjoyed by all.

Graham Hayes



Pictured from left to right: Chesterfield Inner Wheel president Adrienne Handley, DG's wife Gail Ashley, President Jim Haggarty, District 1220 Governor Dave Ashley, President's wife Margaret Haggarty, Pipe Major Tom Varley

Chesterfield Celebrate 90 Years

It's a special year for the Rotary Club of Chesterfield which celebrated its 90th Charter Anniversary at the Ringwood Hall Hotel on Friday 9 November 2012. There was a Scottish twist to the occasion to recognise the Scottish credentials of current President Jim Haggarty, who was piped in to the event attended by over 120 Rotarians and guests, including representatives from nine other Rotary Clubs.

District Governor Dave Ashley brought Rotary greetings and paid tribute to the 90 years of international and local community service provided by the Chesterfield Rotary Club, which has also daughtered the Rotary Clubs of Chesterfield Scarsdale, Dronfield and Bolsover, and over the years has set up seven Probus clubs in the Chesterfield area.

After-dinner entertainment was provided by the Kick 'n' Rush Comedy Skiffle Band from Mansfield.

Geoff Mitchell

CHURCH WILNE

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne held their Annual Charity Horse Ride on Sunday 9th September and provided a unique opportunity to ride through scenic Dale Abbey, Spondon and Ockbrook.

The weather was sunny, warm and dry and 179 riders and horses enjoyed this

special event. The course consisted of bridleways, road and farmland. The full course was over nine miles long, with a shortened course if required, and there were many jumps on the farmland.

This is the 6th time the event has taken place, and amongst the compliments from the riders were comments such as; "It's probably the best cross country event in the Midlands", "The marshals were most helpful and all had a smile for us" and "It's a very safe day for the horses and riders" and "Just loved it". On the day, in addition to the riders; there were over 50 marshals and many members of the Inner Wheel Club of Church Wilne providing food and drink for everyone.

The day raised over £3,500 for the President's chosen charity. The total raised for charity over the six events now totals in excess of £20,000.

The members are looking forward to a full programme in December with its Santa Sleigh over many days and cold evenings

Ray Terry



DERBY SOUTH

Aquabox clears the mud!



Rotarian John Holden invites Anita Manning, TV personality, auctioneer and enthusiastic supporter of Rotary, to sample treated Kedleston Hall lake water.

There was plenty of mud at Kedleston in June but the unique Aquabox safe water system soon cleared it and any other nasties from the Kedleston Hall Lake. The six Rotary clubs of Derby combined their resources to show visitors to the Kedleston Hall Antiques Fair the range of local and international charity projects Rotary volunteers support and Aquabox was a big hit.

Rotarian John Holden of Aquabox explained "We aim to hold 1000 emergency aid boxes. Every box contains over 60 items of humanitarian aid from a cuddly comfort toy to a plastic survival bag. The box itself forms part of the unique Aqua filter system that can produce in excess of 16000 litres of safe drinking water." Aquabox is based in Wirksworth and despatches over 5000 boxes around the world annually.

Rotary Co-ordinator and President of The Rotary Club of Derby Tim Wherly commented "We were able to show visitors international charity projects like Aquabox and Shelter Box alongside our many local projects and sponsorships. Indeed Derby Daybreakers also had a stall at the Fair to raise funds for their particular projects. Despite the unpredictable weather it was great fun and very worthwhile, thanks to the support of all the local Clubs."

John Cavey



DRONE VALLEY

Jazz Lunch 2012

Once again the sound of Jazz music has floated out over Jill and Tony Bethell's gardens at Ramshaw Lodge, Dronfield as The Rotary Club of Drone Valley held its annual Jazz Lunch. This year over 100 people spent a most enjoyable afternoon in the sun with a glass of wine and a nice lunch listening to the Sheffield based New Orleans Strollers Jazz Band. Even the sun came out to help making it the clubs most successful Jazz Lunch yet.

Nearly £1100 was raised from the ticket sales and raffle all of which will go to help fund the DARE Drug Awareness Resistance Education campaign for Year 6 pupils in Dronfield schools.

The club would like to thank all who attended and all who helped particularly Jill and Tony for the use of Ramshaw Lodge Gardens and its facilities.

Paul Scott



ECKINGTON & DISTRICT

Although we are down to four members (is this a record?), we are still active and effective with our efforts. We recently took part with Sheffield clubs in a "Music in the Park" event which raised £15000 of which a share was allocated to our chosen charity, Cancer Care. We are currently rolling out a Bikes4Africa initiative with the intention of organising a bike collection day at a local hotel with the opportunity to promote our club at the same time. We have just had our third theatre social evening which is proving to be a popular event; we invite friends and Rotarians to join with us for dinner followed by a visit to local amateur theatre, Eckington Players, who always put on an entertaining and amusing production. This event enables us to support a local group and at the same time publicise our club.

The highlight of the last 3 months for us was our participation with a local retailer who invited us to join with them in an event where they had the famous TV chef Gino D'Acampo in store; while he was doing his cookery demonstration we were able to run a raffle in aid of the local Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and during his book signing he gratefully encouraged people to donate a sum to our fund raising.

Tony Dungworth



HOPE VALLEY

When a team from Edale Mountain Rescue visited the Rotary Club of Hope Valley, they found that District Governor Elect Peter Moralee was also visiting Hope Valley that evening. Peter wanted to congratulate Hope Valley Rotarians after they'd been awarded District 1220's Environment Award (following their 2011/12 RIBI Rodney Huggins Award) and for donating £4,500 to Western Park's Teenage Cancer Unit - making a total of £12,000 donated by Hope Valley to the Teenage Cancer Unit over the past 3 years.

On seeing our DGE Peter in the audience, rescue team leader Dr. Neil Chapman said that he'd illustrate how a mountain rescue team would stretch an injured person to safety. Then with a twinkle in his eye Neil suggested that our VIP visitor would make an ideal 'rescue candidate'. The team pounced upon our DGE, cocooning Peter in a fluorescent orange sleeping bag, and swiftly strapped Peter into a rescue stretcher (see photograph). Once kidnapped Peter had been freed the rescue team were presented with a cheque for £3,000.

The evening ended with DGE Peter giving an interesting and insightful presentation on Foundation's Future Vision grant plan. But by then the fluorescent orange sleeping bag had disappeared into the back of a mountain rescue Landrover.

Ian Ord



HUCKNALL

AN iconic feature of picturesque Linby has been enhanced - thanks to a helping hand from Hucknall Rotary Club.

Members have assisted Linby Parish Council to build a couple of stone dams in the Docks, the historic section of the River Leen which runs along the village's Main Street. The club's participation in the project came about because it holds its weekly meetings at Linby's Horse and Groom pub.

Club president Ian Young explained: "We wanted to extend our varied community service to the village we meet in." The challenge involved transporting a gigantic stone, cutting it to size and lowering it into the Docks. The bed of the waterway had to be cleared and levelled in readiness for the dams being laid.

The new look of the Docks has already attracted much interest as people stop to watch the water cascade over the stone dams.

Ian Young

ILKESTON



The Rotary Club of Ilkeston hosted a member of a group of Nepalese Rotarians through their Group Study Exchange {GSE} scheme. Nugal Vaidya is a member of the Rotary Club of Mount Everest and leads the team of five Nepalese who are visiting this area. All are studying different aspects of their chosen occupation and in Nugal's case, public-private partnerships working together to set up bus terminals and transport networks. Nugal met Trent Barton management at their Langley Mill base and during the day was taken to the various bus terminals in Nottingham and Derby for an insight into their working operations, In the evening, a presentation was given by the team to local Rotary Clubs.

Mike Perry



MATLOCK

President Peter is keen that the club increases focus on local initiatives. Earlier in the year Usbourne Illustrated Dictionaries were presented to primary school children at two local Matlock Schools and Club members will be on hand at Highfield School to give students career advice in a number of specialist fields. Further initiatives are in process including a student bursary for a local student.

It was the tenth year of the Dovedale Dipper, an event that over the years has raised over £50,000. This year to celebrate the decade, two participants who had completed all ten events were rewarded with a bottle of bubbly. The organisers were especially pleased to congratulate Rotarian Owen Briggs from Ripley who over the ten years has contributed several thousands of pounds in sponsorship at this event; a fantastic achievement and very big thanks to Owen for his incredible support.

Albert Ripamonti

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

At the Rotary Club of Kirkby-in-Ashfield's meeting on October 30th, Keith and Charlotte Hall and their son George were welcomed by President Mike Lee.

Fifteen-year-old George Hall was the guest speaker, describing his experiences on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend in May at the White Hall Adventure Centre near

Buxton; his attendance was sponsored by the Kirkby club. He should have been joined by fellow attendee Sam Maltby who was unfortunately ill, so George very ably winged it alone.

He was very impressed by the buildings, grounds and facilities at White Hall and thought the food was wonderful. Four teams competed in the abseiling, caving, canoeing and raft-building activities. Talking about the abseiling, he said it was the first time he'd jumped off a bridge, although he'd often suggested his dad did so! Caving, too, was a first, George at one time having to be pulled through a hole. George commented on the value of the interaction and discussion with new people, and thanked the club for the opportunity of experiencing the RYLA weekend.

President Elect Peter Whelpton was in turn thanked by President Mike for his work in arranging the sponsorship. Two more youngsters are booked in to the Centre during November.



George Hall with President Elect Peter Whelpton (left) and President Mike Lee.

Ron Walker



LONG EATON

Students and staff from Brackenfield Special School and the Long Eaton School were delighted to be treated to a wonderful day out 'cheering on' the swimmers at the Paralympics in London. The trip, organised as part of Rotary Club of Long Eaton's 'Kids Day Out' and a Long Eaton School's Eco-Interact project, started at 5am on Thursday morning. Both Asda and Tesco had been very generous in providing healthy snacks, fruit and bottled water for the journey and Rotarians from Long Eaton had collected for a meal on the way home.

Barbara James, Eco-Interact Coordinator said "It was a trip of a lifetime. One race, the men's 50 metre backstroke, a male competitor had no arms and only one leg. We all watch with amazement as he went onto to win the race - it didn't matter to us which country he was representing, it only mattered that he win and all of the audience were up on their feet to cheer and clap him on - it was truly humbling and yet awe-inspiring. The noise in the aquatic centre was deafening and exciting, it was really fantastic for all of us to be able to watch first-hand the incredible feats of courage from the paralympians."

Barbara James



RET FORD

Fifteen Club Chefs!

Twelve Retford Rotarians and three Inner Wheel members qualified recently for the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate (Level 2). They were - Rotarians Paul, Teresa Critchley, Mike Davis, Judith and Peter Longden, Andrew Avery, Terry Dunmore, Hilary Zaccaria, Sally Ogle, Stan Balmer, Tony Maskery and Neil Grayston and Inner Wheel members Jan Davis, Margaret Dunmore and Jean Maskery. It was an all-day course with a short exam on the topics covered during the day. All participants were volunteers. Their success means that when food is prepared and handled at the many Club events, someone is able to oversee that aspect of the occasion to make sure everything is done correctly. President Paul said: "It was an enjoyable day and we learnt the basics of safe food catering which should hold the Club in good stead in the future".



NEWARK CASTLE

In July we funded a day out for Young Carers in the Newark and Sherwood area at Lockwell Hill Activity Centre which included archery and an obstacle course, followed by lunch at the White Post in Farnsfield. This is the second year the club has run this event and special thanks go to Rtn Keith Isard for arranging the day and to Rtns David Nicholson and Derek Rossin for their support and help.

The main objectives of providing activities for Young Carers are to give them time from their domestic situation and reduce their feelings of isolation. Fun is the key element but fun with an objective. The day provided young carers from diverse social backgrounds, different schools and areas of Newark the opportunity to meet, thus creating the chance of making new friends. Many keep regular contact with each other to give support or just to have a chat! According to Gordon Clark, a Young Carer Development worker, many of these youngsters are facing new and difficult challenges but they have all benefitted from the day which made them feel more positive and provided them with new friends and a new support network.

Celia Smallwood



The Rotary Club of Ripley and the Midland Railway's Annual Disabled Weekend held at the Midland Railway, Butterley was hailed as a very successful two day event with people coming from all over the country, some as far away as Truro in Cornwall. The event which was free for disabled people and half price for their carers is hosted by the Ripley Rotary Club. With the weather being kind the visitors enjoyed the rides on the steam trains on both days and all the many other attractions.

Stuart Rice



(l-r) Rtn Leonard Gelblum, David Carter Senior Partner, Rtn Peter Moore

NOTTINGHAM

The Rotary Club of Nottingham working in partnership with Nottingham City Council started a Dolly Parton Imagination Library earlier this year. Based at the Bilborough Children's Centre this was the first partnership established in a programme that will extend to cover the whole City. As a contribution towards the national Early Years Intervention initiative, Imagination Libraries send registered children a free book every month from birth until they are five years old. This way it is hoped that Nottingham children's literacy levels can be raised to a more acceptable level.

Initial funding for the project has come from various local public and private charitable funds. The latest large donation of £2,500 has been received from the Nottingham office of St. James's Place Wealth Management. Even though they are a national organisation St. James's Place Foundation Trust ensure that their local offices are able to support good causes. Local Senior Partner David Carter says, "The St. James's Place Foundation is delighted to be able to support this very worthwhile cause. Child literacy is such an important issue for the self-esteem of the individual and the future of the country".

The Rotary Club have been working with various local organisations and hope to be able to announce a major development for the Imagination Library into a deprived inner city area around the turn of the year.

Leonard Gelblum

SHERWOOD SUNRISERS



RIBI President John Minhinick with his wife together with DG Dave Ashley and Gail visited NGY Myplace /Base 51 along with President Kevin of Sherwood Sunrisers and a number of members of the Club to see the new Base 51 headquarters.

Base 51 recognizes the challenges facing young people particularly those, for example, who experience relationship breakdown in their families, find school difficult, have been in care, are a young parent or homeless.

A "wrap round" service in one centre enables young people to work through these issues, make the transition to adulthood and contribute positively to their local community. Base 51 is in the city centre and is well used by young people from all areas of the city and walks of life. Sherwood Sunrisers have for many years provided regular donations of food parcels that are given to young homeless who are being helped by Base51 to start life afresh. Each parcel contains 16 items of basic food that in total can be bought for less than the cost of a bottle of wine! That will allow the young people to have a couple of days of hot food and drinks, when often they have nothing else. President John is seen with 7 parcels that were presented to Base 51 by Sherwood Sunrisers on the day of his visit.

John Bray



STAPLEFORD AND SANDIACRE

At our recent 50th Anniversary Charter dinner we were delighted to recognize 50 years of service by founder member and Past President Warwick Groves. President Paul Clements presented Warwick with an RI service recognition certificate which is now proudly displayed on a wall at his home. The presence of many other past members made for a memorable evening and we were all appreciative of the kind greetings brought by DG Gordon and the splendid entertainment provided by guest speaker Peter Slack. Now for the next 50 years!

Keith Earnshaw



From Left to Right - Kiki De'Leggs (Liane Shore) Sigmund Froid (Tim Wildgust) Herr Cutt (Tony Crowson) Dee Sypher (Karen Wildgust) Guard E Lou (Malcolm Bevan) Ivan Ego (John Richards) Heidi Evidence (Laura Harmer)

SHERWOOD FOREST

Murder on the Disorientated Express

To a much appreciative audience members of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest acted out Murder on the Disorientated Express their 5th Murder Mystery production in Ollerton Village Hall on Saturday 27th October 2012,

The play was set by Guard E Lou (Malcolm Bevan) who in his very French accent held up the Disorientated Express travelling from Istanbul to Constantinople while he investigated the untimely death of the famous rocket inventor Werner Von Black who had been discovered dead in his sleeping compartment. The audience were led along by a maze of intrigue and speculation, clues and red herrings and plenty of humour. After being served with a homemade supper and delicious puddings the audience had the opportunity to question each cast member and to examine pieces of evidence placed on their tables to reach their conclusion as to who was the murderer. Pat Sutherns found Kiki De'Leggs guilty of strangling him with her stocking and hanging him up with a tie. The booby prize won by Liz Davey for the most outrageous explanation.

The Bobby in audience Darren said 'it was a warm and friendly evening; he and his family really enjoyed their best ever Murder Mystery play ever and is looking forward to next year's production'.

The evening raised £470 for charitable causes.

Mary Brown



Derek Goodacre, Community and Vocational Officer, with pupils from Candleby Lane School, Cotgrave

VALE OF BELVOIR

This year, we delivered over 300 Dictionaries4Life to ten local primary schools and all involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience of presenting the books to excited children. The teachers were also most appreciative saying that the books really enhanced their children's reading. Indeed, it was well evidenced as the recipients could hardly wait to bury their heads into the pages.

Michael Morris



WOLLATON PARK

The Art Exhibition this year was again very successful and resulted in our making a profit of £800; in addition the Inner Wheel made over £200 from the sale of refreshments. We had 47 artists exhibiting their works showing 169 paintings of which 25 paintings were sold. We had a very good attendance with over 200 visitors. Everyone who came to the show will know that the atmosphere was superb, with people meeting up with old friends over a cup of coffee. Everyone seemed to know everyone; it was that sort of day. The standard of paintings was very high again and we had a lot of compliments from the visitors. Thank all the Rotarians who helped over the week-end; we also need to thank the Inner Wheel ladies for providing drinks and homemade cakes on the day (and very tasty too!) President Mike has chosen the Renal Unit at the City Hospitals as beneficiary, for which he has a great deal of respect.

Andy Taylor



WIRKSWORTH

At our meeting on 18th October we had the pleasure of welcoming and enjoying the company of the GSE group from Nepal led by Nugal Vaidya. The members of the group each gave a presentation about where they came from and the profession they represented. Greetings and banners were exchanged. The occasion was particularly memorable because members of the District 1220 GSE team, who are going to Nepal next year, were also able to join us. Past President of our Club David Hood, who will be leading the team, introduced the members. It was a most enjoyable evening; a splendid international event.

David Udall



Mike receiving a cheque from Rotarians Barry Start and Charles Tyrie

WEST BRIDGFORD

West Bridgford Rotary Club has donated £450 to Dr Mike Bishop, a Consultant Urologist at Nottingham City Hospital. The money will be used to buy surgical stitches (sutures) for life-saving fistula operations in The Gambia and Nepal. Without treatment, women with fistulas are often ostracised from their village and are usually incontinent so the operations carried out by Mike restore their health as well as their dignity. West Bridgford

Rotary Club has supported Mike for a number of years with donations of suture material and has awarded him with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his humanitarian work.

Rex Gooding



Pictured: PC Adam Galley, Roger Wright and local youngsters Kieran Elliot and Logan Hill.

WARSOP, SHIREBROOK & DISTRICT

A new skate and bike park officially opened this weekend in Whaley Thorns after a group of local youngsters requested somewhere for them to go to spend their time. Skate ramps were provided by nearby Pinxton Parish Council and the Warsop, Shirebrook and District Rotary Club donated more than £2000 to cover lighting costs, a condition that had to be fulfilled before it could go ahead.

Roger Wright, President of Warsop, Shirebrook and District Rotary Club said: "When the project began I was part of the youth committee. We used to hear about children gathering around the doctor's surgery and in other places. What really stuck in my mind was my wife's grandmother advice about not telling youngsters what they can't do but giving them something they can do. Now it's fantastic to see many youngsters using the skate park during the evenings, in an area which was never used at all."

Richard Goad, chairman of New Generations youth committee said: "As the new chairman of the youth committee we are looking to continue over the next two months the good work in the area, of which this skate park is an excellent example. We hope that local youngsters and residents will really benefit from this project."

Stephen Garner



PDG Gordon McGlone presenting trophy to Nottingham team watched by Mike Storr

DISTRICT FLAT GREEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT 2012

Sunday 9th September - Burton Joyce Bowling Club, Nottingham

On the last sunny Sunday of 2012, 33 intrepid Rotarians (11 teams of 3) set out at 9:30am to win this tournament, played for the third time in its new format. (Should have been 14 teams but 3 pulled out in the final week....PPP problem no doubt!)

The 11 teams were split into two pools with the winner and runner up of each pool going through to the semi-final and final. By 1pm, Sherwood Forest, Vale of Belvoir, Nottingham and Wirksworth had reached the semi-finals. There, Nottingham beat Wirksworth 14:10 and Vale of Belvoir beat Sherwood Forest; their match ended in a draw so both captains had a one end shoot out

The final between Nottingham and Vale of Belvoir couldn't have been tighter - at the end of the third end both teams had 9 points and at the fourth end, the teams could not be separated, both scoring 12 points. Once again, the captain of Vale of Belvoir had to step up for a one end shoot out but this time failed to get closest to the jack. The final outcome was NOTTINGHAM beat VALE OF BELVOIR.

(PPP?.....Petticoat Power Prevailed!!!)

Mike Storr - District Competitions Co-ordinator



Pictured l - r Mike Storr, Winner Robert McTernan (Church Wilne), Runner-up Nigel Harrison (Sutton in Ashfield) and PDG George Curley.

DISTRICT SNOOKER COMPETITION

On Sunday 4th November 16 snooker players from around the district met at the North East Derbyshire Snooker Centre, Clay Cross to battle it out for the title 'District 1220 Snooker Singles Winner 2012'

The final was an epic affair with two times finalist Nigel Harrison (Sutton in Ashfield) against Robert McTernan (Church Wilne). The final was a titanic event, going to a respotted black in the third frame, each having won one frame each. The final respotted black was eventually potted by Robert and a new name and club goes onto the trophy which was presented by PDG George Curley.

Mike Storr - District Competitions Co-ordinator

FOUNDATION LINK EVENING WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013

CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE

The date and venue of this very popular annual event has been changed from the one previously circulated to Wednesday 13 March 2013 at Mansfield Civic Centre to accommodate the expected numbers.

It promises to be a memorable evening being the very last of its type due to the forthcoming changes in Foundation programmes. After an excellent meal Colin Slater from the BBC will be interviewing our last four Ambassadorial Scholars from Japan, Switzerland and the USA and a Peace Scholar from Fiji plus other alumni.

I have negotiated a good deal with the main course of roast lamb rump alone usually being £17.50 but our all inclusive cost is just £20 per head!

On this evening we are celebrating our very active involvement with the Rotary Foundations Ambassadorial Scholarship and Group Study Exchange programme over many years and ask clubs to consider making it their club meeting for the week and bring partners to the celebration. All District 1220 Foundation Alumni will receive an invitation too.

Full details will be circulated early in 2013.

Terry Leivers - District Foundation Chairman

A DATE FOR YOUR CLUB DIARY! ROTARY RACE MEETING SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2013

Following the huge success of the Rotary Races event in May we are delighted to announce that we are repeating it in 2013!

Why not make this event your club meeting for the week?

All proceeds from the sale of Rotary admission tickets, just £5 each, will be donated to End Polio Now on behalf of Rotary District 1220. We are also looking for race sponsors at £500, the race will be appropriately named and sponsors will have Premier tickets and present the trophy to the race winners.



For further information please contact Michael Longdon (West Ashfield). Tickets will be available early in March.

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