



# Roger's Roundabout

ROTARY DISTRICT 1220  
JULY 2015



As the cogs in the Rotary wheel continue to turn, they have led us to the commencement of another Rotary year 2015 – 16. This year's District Handover Luncheon was held at The Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The arrangements for the occasion were under the discerning gaze of District Governor Nominee Colin Gell. A record number of Rotarians, partners and friends took part in the celebrations.

In his valedictory address, District Governor Steve paid tribute to Rotarians throughout the District and beyond who had contributed to his year's Rotary International theme 'Light up Rotary'. He made reference to the many highlights during his year in office which all contributed to a successful Rotary year with him at the helm



District Governor Steve.

A sense of achievement, the smile says it all!

(All photographs at District handover by Andris Mierkains)

In addition to presenting the many trophies and awards to clubs, each a worthy recipient, he also presented a special award, a "Paul Harris Fellowship Sapphire Pin", to Pauline Johnston (Sherwood Sunrisers) who in addition to being the District Secretary for a number of years had served as a member of the District Management Team for 18 years. A worthy acknowledgement for her unstinting 'Service Above Self'.



District Secretary Pauline, acknowledges her special award





All change!

The Immediate Past District Governor Steve inducted me as the District Governor.

I went on to induct and congratulate members of my team for the forthcoming Rotary year which included Colin Gell (District Governor Elect) and Mike Longdon (who becomes District Governor Nominee).

L to R – DGE Colin Gell, DG Roger Summers and DGN Mike Longdon



District Governor's Lady Pauline is seen receiving the jewel of office from her predecessor Jan Lawes.



During my inaugural address, I paid tribute to the Immediate Past District Governor Steve Lawes for his raw tenacity, commitment, enthusiasm and leadership skills which had been called upon on occasions to navigate our ship through troubled waters leading us to calmer seas.

His many and varied aims and objectives which he set out to achieve in his introductory speech, when he took over the reins of District Governor, had been achieved.

It is said, however, “that behind every successful man there is a good woman”, the Governors Lady Jan endorsed this. She had supported Steve on his every step as District Governor.

This year’s Rotary International President, K R “Ravi” Ravindran (the first RI President from Sri Lanka) announced his theme at the International Assembly in San Diego earlier this year “BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD”.



I believe by working together we can assist each other within District 1220 and beyond by utilising our vast reservoir of skills, knowledge and commitment we each possess. By sharing these commodities we can achieve so much and effectively make a positive and lasting impact on those who are in need of our support. Joining us for the first time on 1<sup>st</sup> July were fellow Rotarians from District 1050, Buxton and from District 1270, members of the Abbeydale, Doncaster St. Leger and Sheffield clubs (with others to follow). Their inclusion in this District will further assist us all to serve those most in need of our help and support, locally, nationally and in many parts of the world.

Having recently taken over the mantle as District Governor, one of my first pleasant roles was to attend “Music in the Garden” Sheffield Botanical Gardens. This being the 10<sup>th</sup> successive year that this fantastic event has taken place.

The extensive programme of events took place over 4 days, the entertainment provided by Paul Carrick, Lindisfarne, The Proclaimers culminating on Sunday evening with performances by Unite The Union Brass Band, Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra with guest performances by Harriet Pridmore and Charly Oakley (they both sing in the newly formed London Chamber Choir Epiphoni) to round off this fabulous 4 days of musical entertainment, Last Night in the Gardens, accompanied by a superb firework display.

The charities who will benefit from the monies raised this year are Mountain Rescue, Edale team, Pilgrims Bandits, Stroke Association, Friends of Portland Works, Diabetes UK, Crohn’s and Colitis UK, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Home Start.

My sincere congratulations and appreciation of the tremendous effort by members of the Rotary Clubs of Abbeydale, Dronfield, Drone Valley, Eckington, Rotherham, Rotherham Sitwell, Sheffield, Wortley. Other clubs providing assistance on concert nights were Barnsley Rockley, Doncaster St. Leger, Sheffield Vulcan, Mexborough, Stainsborough and Wirksworth. Once more working together and making this event a resounding success.

TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER THEY DID







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Sir John Peace, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire

I attended the Lord Lieutenant of Nottingham's Summer Reception to recognise and celebrate the work carried out in the voluntary sector where I met and chatted to many representatives of numerous charitable concerns which gave me the opportunity to inform them about Rotary and the far-reaching scope and achievements of our great organisation.

I will be accepting the invitations which were given to me to visit and learn more about the various charities and to explore how we may work in harmony and make contributions to their worthy causes.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, I represented the District at the Inner Wheel District 22 Induction held at Eastwood Hall. It was my pleasure to pass on your congratulations and good wishes to Di Sardesai who was inducted as District Chairman of Inner Wheel District 22. Her husband Subhash, Paul Harris Fellow and Past President of the Rotary Club of Heanor was also in attendance.

The event was extremely well organized, the occasion witnessed by a capacity audience by ladies of Inner Wheel.



District Chairman Di



District Chairman Di, DG Roger and Pauline



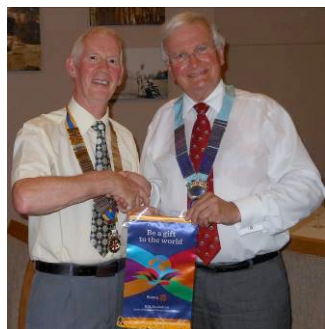
The Inner Wheel theme for this year is 'UNIQUE AND UNITED'. Our respective international organisations are unique and long may they remain so. However, by uniting together and assisting each other with projects and initiatives, each organisation can derive benefits. This we feel is a step in the right direction. Early in August a meeting has been arranged between the members of the Inner Wheel Executive Committee and my District Executive with a view to exploring ways we each may assist each other whilst retaining our SEPARATE identities.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July along with Pauline, I attended the annual Ashover Classic Car and Bike show. This is a joint venture by the Rotary Club of Chesterfield, Chesterfield Scarsdale, Clay Cross and Matlock who were ably supported by their respective Inner Wheel Clubs, friends and family members. Despite the inclement weather (it poured with rain during the day) it did not, however, deter the classic car owners who were happy to show off their pride and joys. This is yet another example of clubs working together, the beneficiaries are the clubs nominated charities. Well done to all involved, another great day despite the weather!

A classic car bearing the appropriate number plate and a soggy DG alongside.



This past month has seen the commencement of my visits to Clubs. It is my intention to visit every club within our existing district. The warmth of welcome I have received when attending each club has been appreciated.



Presenting the RI theme Banner to Bruce Liddle, President of Beeston, during my official visit to the Club



Richard Drabble, President of the Bolsover Club, a person to look up to!!





### STOP PRESS - POLIO

Nigeria has gone all of 2015 without any cases of Polio. However, it cannot be declared Polio-free until 2018. Nigeria's last case of wild Polio was reported on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014. This means Nigeria will be declared Polio-free in 2018 if no more cases of Polio are reported.

This would be great news for the continent of Africa which has not had anyone contracting Polio since January 24<sup>th</sup> 2015. We may see Africa declared Polio-free by 2019.

More than 377 MEPs (the required threshold) have signed our Written Declaration on continued European Union support for polio eradication! This is a major achievement after 3 months campaigning by everyone involved... encouraging MEPs to support polio eradication as an EU policy and funding priority.

Independent survey results from clubs that have received the Districts "Let's do a little more". Foundation presentation are very positive with 90% of respondents finding it a somewhat or very helpful presentation and we continue to work on improving it. Have you booked a date yet?

Just a reminder to those of you who haven't yet booked for this year's District Conference to be held between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Conference Centre, Southport. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

A full programme of events and entertainment awaits you, where Rotary fun and fellowship will be in abundance, complemented by an impressive line-up of internationally renowned speakers. I look forward to seeing many of you there. **GO ON, GIVE IT A GO!**

Please reflect on this year's Rotary International Theme '**BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD**' and where possible within your respective clubs try and implement it in some form or other.

A big thank you to my fellow members and their partners of the Rotary Club of Amber Valley. Thank you for your encouragement, help and support and for acting as my chauffeur / roadees on my visits to clubs.





Our time is now, let's act with vision and commitment and further embrace the changes which are urgently needed in some of our clubs. We should respect our long distinguished history and heritage but we must not dwell on it.

I look forward to the ensuing Rotary year, when we each have an opportunity to support my chosen theme.

**"LOCAL IN ACTION – GLOBAL IN VISION"**

And by so doing, we will be able to enhance the gifts we offer to our ever changing world.

### **REMINDER!!!**

A gentle reminder, the next District Council Meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm at The Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton.

