



## POLIO UPDATE – District 1220 October 2015

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### **WORLD POLIO DAY – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

What are you doing on World Polio Day? Well, here is an event you may want to support. It requires drinking beer!

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The Indian Government announced that the National Immunisation Day will be Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016. The aim is to immunise 172million children under 5 years old in just a few days. If you take the manufacturer's cost alone of 20pence before distribution costs you are looking at spending £36 million pounds on vaccine so you can see why continuous requests for funding have been required.

Please bring this cost information to the attention of your Club members. Not many Rotarians know these facts and figures.

#### **A PINT FOR POLIO**

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne is having A Pint For Polio afternoon at The Coach & Horses Pub in Draycott on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 4Pm. A pound from every pint of the very famous Draycott Brewing Company's Butcher's Bitter sold between 1pm and 4pm will be given to Polio Plus. There will be food available as well as live jazz!

If you are doing something on World Polio Day then please let me know what it is and we can get the word out. Feel free to contact me at [atea8keys@gmail.com](mailto:atea8keys@gmail.com). I will be more than happy to help in any way possible.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO VALE OF BELVOIR - World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio held this past month on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 2:30PM in The Gardens at Sedum House, Church Street, Granby, Notts** The Rotary Club of Vale of Belvoir held a fantastic event to raise funds and awareness of our efforts

to end Polio once and for all. I have spoken to some people who attended the event and it sounded superb.

### **YOUR CLUB'S EVENT FOR POLIO**

Please let me know what you are doing for Polio in this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. I will be more than happy to spread the good news to many news sources... Please contact me at [atea8keys@gmail.com](mailto:atea8keys@gmail.com).

### **NIGERIA MARKS ONE YEAR OF NO NEW POLIO CASES**

This month, we reflect on the incredible work being done at a global and local level to move us closer to a polio-free world. Here is what has happened recently:

- Nigeria marked one year since the most recently reported case of wild poliovirus
- The same milestone across the entire African continent with a year since the most recently reported case in Somalia.
- More than half of the world's new-borns now receiving at least one dose through their routine immunization systems

## **THE WORLD POLIO POSITION**

As a global community we still need to raise another \$1.5 Billion to complete the job and it can be done. Look at WPV2 cases. It has now been officially eradicated.

**WPV1 cases:** 48 cases have been reported this year vs. 221 cases at the same time in 2014. (22% of 2014 position.)

- 36 cases in Pakistan vs. 186 cases at the same time last year. (19% of 2014 position.)
- 12 cases in Afghanistan \* vs. 10 cases at the same time last year.
- Nigeria now is polio-free.
- No cases in any of the 6 non-endemic countries that reported cases in 2014 vs. 19 cases then. (5% of the total number of global cases last year.)

**WPV2 cases:** Now officially eradicated. (Last case in October 1999 from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.)