



# Roger's Roundabout



ROTARY DISTRICT 1220

AUTUMN EDITION

## CLUB VISITS

Wow, to quote the old adage “doesn’t time fly”. It seems only a short time ago that Past District Governor Steve inducted me as your District Governor, however these past five months have been hectic, productive but most of all enjoyable. At the time of writing I have almost completed all 61 official visits to clubs within the District. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Presidents and members of the clubs visited for their warmth of welcome and hospitality I received during each visit.

## 1 INTO 3 WILL GO

The Club charter celebrations are now fully underway. It is my pleasure to make return visits to the clubs with Pauline to be part of their celebrations. As you will be aware 4 additional clubs joined our District at the beginning of this Rotary year: Abbeydale, Buxton, Doncaster St. Leger and Sheffield, all of whom have proved to be a great asset to the District. At the conclusion of this Rotary year District 1270 will sadly be disbanded. I am working hard with the District Governor, Margaret Taylor and the Governors of 1040 and 1070 to facilitate the process of change.

In the company of the District Governor Elect and District Secretary, I chaired a cluster meeting comprised of the 13 clubs, each of whom had indicated their wish to join District 1220 at the beginning of the next Rotary year. In addition to chairing District council meetings I have also presided at Executive and Team meetings along with my attendance at RIBI General Council's and the Rotary Institute.



### YOU SEE SOME SIGHTS AT CHARTERS!

The Rotary Club of Doncaster St. Leger held its Annual Charter Night at the clubs meeting venue, The Earl of Doncaster Hotel, Bennethorpe. When I entered the bar area and looked up at the ceiling, what did I see? Yes, a table, chair, bottle of wine and glass on the table. I stayed on soft drinks all night!!

### ROTARY DISTRICT 1220 CONFERENCE - SOUTHPORT

The place to have been seen in 2015 was at the 44<sup>th</sup> District Conference, Southport, the theme was "Against the Odds". Many members, partners and friends attended. The event was under the capable direction of Past District Governor Dave Ashley. In addition to an impressive line-up of internationally renowned speakers which included Chris Moon who was blown up in a supposedly safe area of mine-field in East Africa, losing an arm and a leg. Rosie Swale-Pope who amongst her amazing achievements had completed 27 marathons in 27 days and at the age of 69 this is truly remarkable. Jasvinda Sanghera, a survivor of a forced marriage and honour-based abuse gave a moving and thought provoking presentation. She was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her extensive work in this field. The entertainment programme was second to none catering for all tastes. For the first time this year in addition to the long established Golf Tournament, a Ten-Pin bowling competition took place. I sincerely thank all the members of the Conference Team for making this year's District Conference the success it proved to be.

### CONFERENCE IMAGES



Opening the 44<sup>th</sup> District Conference, Southport



Conference Director PDG, Dave Ashley and wife Gail





Councilor Stephen Kermode, The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton and his wife Gwen take a break with Pauline and myself



District Sgt at Arms,  
Rtn Lorraine McGlone,  
PDG, Gordon McGlone  
(Ten-Pin Bowling  
Competition organiser)

Visiting 1180 District Governor Chris Sumner and wife



Bernie, District  
1270  
Governor  
Margaret  
Taylor and her  
husband  
Brian. DG and  
Pauline.



Inner Wheel District 22 Chairman,  
Diana Sardesai and her husband Rtn Subhash



Time check with  
Conference  
Director Dave







Rtn Phil Stone (Ilkeston) Conference  
Technical Officer and Entertainment Officer  
Rtn John Shipman (Matlock), take a well earned  
break

Speaker Rosie Swale Pope MBE, in  
discussion with PDG Neil Sharman



DG, and Pauline with the Assistant District  
Governors



PDG Val  
Leivers,  
resplendent  
in traditional  
Indian  
costume



PDG Dave Ashley checking details with AG, Eric  
Thompson





Conference Treasurer Rtn Travis Walker, convinces Pauline that it is a cheque

DGs Lady Pauline, DG Roger, Rtn Anni Gell (Bingham) and DGE Colin Gell



Maxine Molin-Rose (Harpist), who performed during the delegate's luncheon



Jasvinda Sanghera CBE, DG Roger and Pauline







Jasvinda Sanghera CBE,  
Delivering her inspirational talk

District Governor 1070 Geoff Blurton,  
leads the delegates in 'Thought of the Day'



Rtn Anni Gell (Bingham) receiving her  
consolation prize from Ten-Pin Bowling  
competiton organiser PDG Gordon McGlone

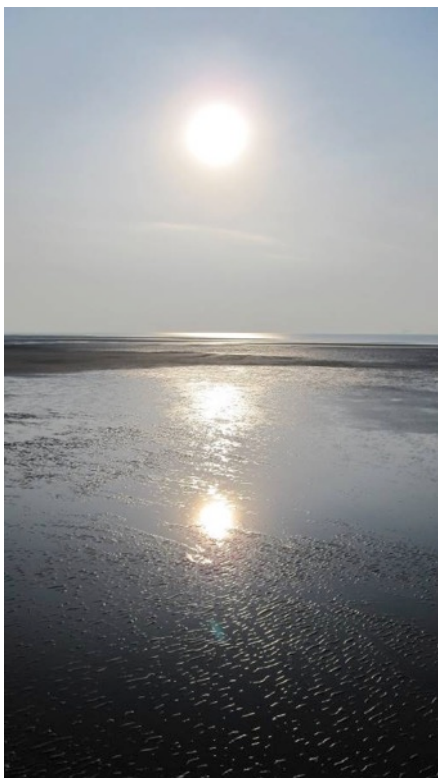
DG, teeing off the Golf  
Competition





DG presents Chris Smith, President of the Ilkeston Club with the trophy for the highest number of delegates from a club attending Conference

Rtn Barry Mattheson (Norway) Rotary International President's Representative making his closing remarks to Conference



FAREWELL SOUTHPORT





I was pleased to attend 2 District Conferences 1180 and 1270 as a visiting District Governor. In addition to being invited as a speaker at 1260 Conference in Torquay early next year.



Rotary District 1180 Conference took place at Chester race course

A wood sculpture at the entrance to the Conference Centre



Bernie Sumner assisted the magician and survived!

DG Chris Sumner models his new hair piece







THEME: Coast, Community,  
Opportunity, Achievement,  
Service, Teamwork

The Conference venue, The  
Majestic Hotel, Harrogate



District Governor Margaret, opens the  
final District Conference assisted by  
The Jolly Fisherman, Skegness

The Chain Gang. L to R: Peter  
Davey, RIBI President, Geoff  
Blurton, District Governor 1070  
Paul Jaspal, District Governor 1060,  
Margaret Taylor, District Governor  
1270 Roger Summers, District  
Governor 1220



Tables prepared for the  
Conference dinner  
Theme: Best of British



Flags at the ready

## MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

Shortly after taking over the reigns as District Governor, my first social engagement was to visit Music in the Gardens in Sheffield Botanical Gardens. This has now become an annual 3 night musical extravaganza, the event organized and facilitated by Abbeydale, Dronfield, Drone Valley, Eckington, Rotherham, Rotherham Sitwell, Sheffield and Wortley. Last year the even raised £36,000, this year a magnificent total (after costs) was in excess of £50,000 raised. The way forward I believe is for clubs to work together on occasions such as these.

## PRESENTATION EVENING

This year's main charities included Edale Mountain Rescue, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Diabetes UK, Sheffield Home-Start, Crohn's and Colitis, Stroke Association, Pilgrim Bandits and an environmental charity, Portland Works. Added to this each of the participating Clubs received a donation to their Trust Funds for smaller donations to the charities of their choice. £4,500 was also donated to our own Rotary Foundation.



L to R: Geoff Marsden, Chairman of Music in the Gardens, DG Roger Summers, Councilor Denise Fox, Deputy Lord Mayor of Sheffield Alex Ritchie, Director of Music in the Gardens.







## ROTARY RAMBLE

The annual Ravenshead and Blidworth Rotary Ramble. DG's Lady Pauline restrains two eager Westies, Hamish and Isla raring to go.

As in previous years, the event was well organised by the Club and members of Inner Wheel. Home-made soup, rolls and other refreshments were very much appreciated by all participants. Well done, Ravenshead and Blidworth, yet another successful event.



money which will swell the clubs charity coffers.

In the company of members of my own club, Amber Valley and their partners I attended a unique charity dinner on the eve of Remembrance Sunday in the shadow of that iconic aircraft the Vulcan which is housed in Vulcan hangar 3 at Robin Hood airport, Doncaster. This occasion was superbly organized by President Graham Higgins and the members of the Rotary Club of Doncaster. The guest speaker was John Hutchinson, ex Concorde pilot. The evening generated a substantial sum of





## STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH



Amongst the numerous club events I have attended was a charity Horse-Ride organised by the Rotary Club of Church Wilne when over 200 equestrians took part. The event was over a 10 mile course, mainly open countryside. 80 marshals were present over the course's entirety. A vast amount of time and sheer hard work was expended by the club members and friends in preparation for this superb event.



Members of the Inner Wheel were on hand, providing an array of refreshments

Church Wilne's President Tony Beenham congratulates a rider assisted by the DG



## ROTARY CLUB OF BELPER AND DUFFIELD – Honours pupils bravery and perseverance

For the second successive year the club has recognized the bravery and perseverance of five pupils from local schools, each student was introduced by a teacher who described how they had responded to a number of health issues or disabilities including, profound deafness, crohns disease, serious surgery or emotional insecurities and gone on to achieve excellent academic grades or outstanding success in athletics. At the end of the awards ceremony I came away feeling privileged to have witnessed the awards and proud to be a member of an international organisation which recognizes such endeavours and achievements ..... ROTARY.



L To R: Lauryn Jewkes, Chris Wilkinson, George Barwick, DG Roger, Madeleine Rutherford-Brown, James Walker



“LEST WE FORGET”

November is the month when the nation pays tribute to the men and women who have lost their lives as a result of the conflict of war. Past District Governor Val Leivers and myself attended the Royal British Legion Nottinghamshire County 2015 Poppy Launch at Rufford Abbey Country Park. The Poppy Appeal has now been adopted as an official RIBI project thanks to the lead by this District. Last year we filled over 480 2-hour slots in the City of Nottingham and Arnold alone. A great deal of publicity was generated for Rotary. I was out with Past District Governor Val and the Lord Mayor of Nottingham selling poppies in the City. I repeated this exercise when I accompanied the Sheriff of Nottingham on a similar venture.







For your tomorrow's,  
they gave their today



As we journey through this year, let's remind ourselves of this year's Rotary International theme "Be a Gift to the World" and whenever and wherever try to embrace it in our Rotary thoughts, words and deeds.

The time is fast approaching when many clubs are busy preparing for their Christmas festive season. Santa and his sleigh will be observed in numerous locations throughout the District. I wish you every success in your seasonal endeavours.

In conclusion, myself and Pauline would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

*Roger*

