



Derby Rotarian

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John Cartmell	President
Andrew Plant	President Elect
Kevin Griffiths	Vice President
Angus Currie	Secretary

President's Remarks:



These "remarks" must be fairly unique in being sent from South Africa where Anne and I are enjoying a holiday with our son and grandsons. We are sorry to hear that Derby has been battered by rain in the first half of the month but we are at least thinking of you !



First, I think that the move to the **Midland Hotel** has gone well. There were a few minor problems which the hotel has addressed and the food quality of the main meals has been good. By the time you read this you will have enjoyed the talk by General Manager Donald Stewart on Monday 1st April no less, on "**The Home of Great Hospitality**". We then look forward to our first evening meeting with partners at the hotel on Monday 29th April 2019.

A lease has at last been signed for the renovation of the **Strutt building** jointly with the **Friends of Derby Arboretum** and work is well under way. Inevitably in projects such as this, a problem has arisen with the roof which needs more work than anticipated but a solution is available. The finished result should be an excellent community asset which will be a great help in that part of Derby. Separately, Sue Cook of Derby Daybreak has been leading our plans for a **Technology Tournament** centered on a coding exercise. The event will be held on Friday 12th July 2019 in the Atrium of Derby University and is expected to attract entries from several junior schools.



C & V were as usual extremely busy and successful up to Christmas and have received a very nice "thank you" letter from **Umbrella** who will put the donated Sleigh money towards a new kitchen. Their staff and friends were a great help during the collections and it is great to get such appreciative feedback. **Treetops** have appealed for our help in marshalling a **Starlight Strutt** on Friday 17th May, a 5 k walk from 9.00 pm to 11.00 pm.

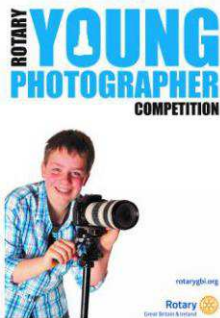
C & V have also been successful again in securing the stewardship of three "**Nice Work Derby Running**" events in Darley Park. The first is on Tuesday evening 28th May and the Club will again be rewarded for its work by the organisers. New tabards are in hand to replace those worn out.



International's **Fordante** concert in Little Eaton village hall in January was a great success. 75 tickets were sold and the event raised £700 in aid of **Aquabox**. Their next event, the annual **Fun Wine Quiz** on Friday 5th April 2019, has had to be moved to the Riverside Centre in Pride Park which we have secured at short notice thanks to the good offices of Steve Hinsley in the Satellite Group, thank you Steve. It is a good location and tickets are



available from Ben Benfield. The shoebox project at Christmas is also organised by International. We have decided not to work with Samaritan's Purse for the collection in November this year but are determined to keep the event going. So a working party has met with representatives of two alternatives which International will consider and make a recommendation to Council in the next month or so.



Youth Services have also been busy. Several members helped to build a second **Eco-greenhouse** at Cherry Tree Hill school, Chaddesden, in just one and a half sunny days as the school had prepared the bottles themselves – and very well too. The **Young Photographer** competition looked to be going slowly until a large number of entries were submitted at the last minute, great! The Club sent two young people to the **RYLA short course** at Castleton. They appear to have done very well and they themselves found the event both enjoyable and rewarding. Youth Services are now looking for two more candidates to attend RYLA in Buxton from 17th to 19th May 2019



Our **Satellite Group** continue to have busy and constructive meetings once a month and have organised a Membership evening at their normal venue, Mr Grundy's in Ashbourne Road, on Tuesday 9th April 2019. If anyone knows of any potential main Club or Satellite Group members, or of business or charitable organisations that might be interested, please let Graham Ashurst or Angus Currie know. Later on, they plan a **Murder Mystery** evening in Little Eaton village hall on Saturday 8th June with in-house actors. Should be fun!

Also looking ahead, RIBI is holding a major **Showcase conference** at the Royal Centre Nottingham from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May 2019. Unfortunately the last day clashes with the **MayFest** in the Derby Arboretum but, being close to the event, we are able to go by the day and avoid accommodation costs. It should be a great event, and a great privilege to have it on our doorstep, so do get in touch with Angus Currie who will help with registration if you would like to go. Across the channel, this year's **RI Convention "Capture the Moment"** is being held in Hamburg over four days, 1st to 5th June 2019 – a wonderful opportunity to join in Rotary's prestige annual event which is usually held on the other side of the globe.



Finally, another date for your diaries is the three choirs concert to be held on Friday evening 21st June 2019, midsummer's day, in St Mary's. We have not used this venue before but others report well. The Club will be represented by people who are also members of the Dalesmen Male Voice Choir, the Derwentio Choir and the Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir so we look forward to your support for what promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

What an active Club we are, and I continue to be impressed by the contribution that every member makes. Thank you all!

John Cartmell

Letter from Umbrella:

Dear Steve and Tim,

Happy New Year to you both and all your fellow Rotarians. I Santa was very kind to you after all your incredibly hard work in run up until Christmas.



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Umbrella is so grateful for the support you have given to us during 2018, not only have you helped us financially you have also raised our profile. Please can you pass on my sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the Santa sleigh, I met some truly amazing people who gave their time freely to help, their support is hugely appreciated.

Kind Regards

Ann Rowlands Chief Executive Umbrella Derby and Derbyshire

Working to improve the quality of life for disabled children and young adults and their families in Derby City and Southern Derbyshire

Friends of Derby Arboretum Starts Work on New Community Centre

As you will know the Friends of Derby Arboretum has signed a lease with Derby City Council to take over and manage what was the old bowling pavilion. The Friends group intends to operate the building as a community asset offering local groups an opportunity to meet, run workshops, hold learning and well-being sessions, as well as providing local schools with a base in the park for learning. The building will also provide a base for the Friends who are also developing the bowling green into a community garden.

The first task was to remove all the debris inside. So, at the end of 2018 volunteers from our club and from the Friends set about removing the equivalent of two truckloads of waste material.

The Community garden with the old bowls pavilion overlooking it



The serious work has now started on roof repairs, removal of unwanted partitions, replacement of all windows and making the building safe. It's just become apparent that the old roof slates are not viable to be reinstalled as they have become quite friable. They will be replaced with a lookalike cement fibre composite tile.

Essentially the whole building will be refurbished so that the Friends can start encouraging local groups to utilise its modern, clean spaces. It will also offer a place for visitors to drop in and learn about the park's history and the wonderful trees that grace its landscaped walkways.

Not all funding is in place so the Friends are seeking additional support, through grants and from local businesses who might be able offer materials and equipment. For example, the plan is to have a fully



fitted catering standard kitchen, a new gas supply, central heating and audio-visual equipment. If anyone knows of a potential organisation that could sponsor any of these then please let Ben have details. The Garfield Weston Foundation has pledged £7,500 towards the project conditional on securing all the funding required. A bid into the National Lottery Communities Fund is underway.

[The recently installed raised beds](#)

Much work has been done to develop the old bowling green into a community garden, generating an attractive array of beds. Everyone is welcome to join the gardening group sessions. The group recently installed raised beds to improve all ability access for gardeners.

[New liner and laths being installed. The chimney render is cracked and needs re-rendering,](#)



Local resident, member of FDA and a horticulturist Simon Bacon is very upbeat; *“I see the redevelopment of the Strutt Building as a key part of the historic Arboretum’s future, particularly as friends groups play more of a part in the life of parks in the city. Having helped clear the building I can see the potential [the building has to offer the community garden group, being a hub for the group’s activities in the park including moving forward with the community garden itself”](#).*

The Friends of Derby Arboretum holds three events each year. The next is the Mayfest, a celebration of Spring, on 12th May 2019 (1-5p.m.). It takes the form of a Village Fayre with traditional games, stalls and May Day type activities. If you’re interested in getting involved with sponsorships, being a member, gardening etc, please contact Ben.

Ben Benfield

Community and Vocational Service Committee.

The **Tree of Light** at Pride Park Stadium failed to fulfil its promise but we will endeavour to try again with it this year in the hope that Derby County Football Club will give it more support. **The Christmas Sleigh** run was for the second year running, a great success and yielded £4500 for Umbrella. This equalled the previous year’s record amount raised. Another successful **Christmas afternoon tea for the elderly** was held on December 5th.



This year’s **Health Awareness Day** has had to be postponed due to various reasons but we hope that it will be held later in the year. The activity day for **Young Carers** will be held in August at Markeaton Park.

Steve Scott



SCARBOROUGH 2019 District Conference 4th to the 6th of October.

There are nine of Derby Rotary Club and Satellite Rotarians already booked into the Premier Inn at Scarborough for next year. I have three more double rooms available and may be able to get further single rooms.

The cost of a room is £152.16 per person with a £10 deposit to me on booking, with the balance payable before 1st of September to me. This includes dinner on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Note the formal conference dinner is on Saturday night at the Spa. You will need to register directly with the conference , can be done online.

If you have any questions or wish to book please let me know Andrew Plant
theplants1@tiscali.co.uk

Thanks to Cliff and Maureen Aldwinckle

Maureen and Cliff have decided to give it up counting the money received at Club fund raising events, after many years!

Our thanks go to them both!

Counting of the sleigh collection
 taken about 3 years ago.



Foundation Report

The Club was recognised at the Foundation Appreciation evening with 2 awards. Congratulations to all.

Pennant of Appreciation

Excellence

District 1220

Awarded to the Rotary Club of Derby in recognition of its support of The Rotary Foundation during the Rotary year 2017-18



Certificate of Appreciation 2017-18

Derby is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfil our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio



End Polio Now Campaign

As at 20 March 2019 the number of reported new cases in 2019 is as follows:

Afghanistan – 5 wild virus

Pakistan – 7 wild virus

Nigeria – 1 vaccine derived

Niger – 5 vaccine derived

Indonesia – 1 vaccine derived



The 2020 [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) application is now available. This fully-funded fellowship provides peace and development leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to advance their peacebuilding careers.

Application to be received by District before 31 May 2019



Endowment Gift to The Rotary Foundation

If you have thought of leaving a bequest in your will to Rotary Foundation please remember that **only** gifts left to Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom (RFUK) will be recognised by HMRC against Inheritance Tax relief. *The Rotary Foundation is not a Registered UK Charity.*

Did you know 50% of any bequest is returned to the District Foundation team?

Thank you to all members who in 2018/19 have made a contribution to the Club's Foundation giving. Tim is the process of applying to HMRC to claim gift aid.

Olivia Dean, Foundation Officer

Bereavements:

Rotarian John Leather CBE, Rotary Club of Derby died in December. John became a member of the Derby Club in July 1966 and retired from the club in 2014. He was Club President in the Rotary year 1973-74 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1998. In his working life he rose to become Principal of Wilmorton College of Further Education, his CBE being awarded in 1988 for Services to Education.



David Spencer, of the Rotary Club of Hucknall, died on 30th December 2018. David was a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotarian Victor Bates of the Rotary Club of Mapperley and District and formerly President of the Rotary Club of Nottingham North died on 10th January.

Rotarian Roger Crabtree, a past member of **Matlock Rotary Club** died in February.

Past President Peter Little, of the Rotary Club of Rotherham and one of this year's Presidents Elect, died in his sleep in February.



A bank of crocuses - part of the End Polio Now and Forever campaign

Rotary District Quiz Competition

Hilton House Hotel - Wednesday March 6th

We were all missing our champion quizzier as we turned up at Hilton House Hotel for the start of this year's District Quiz Competition. However, undaunted (well slightly apprehensive) your intrepid team of Brian Seager, Keith Hammond, Kaye Brookes and Peter Branson faced the cream of the district in the first round. We sat away from the main crowd, not wishing to be overheard in our deliberations but the room soon filled up with teams from clubs from far and near - several putting in two teams.



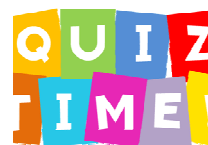


The questioning was a few minutes late in starting when Mike Storr, the quizmaster, announced to everyone that he had left all the questions at home. Four Rotarians, as quick as ever offered five solutions to his problem - the best one being to phone home and get the questions sent via his mobile phone.

Mike thought this a good idea, borrowed a mobile phone and then asked - "Does anyone know how to work one of these?" His difficulty was resolved in minutes and before long he was reading out the questions - a mobile phone in one hand and the microphone in the other.

There were 30 questions to answer and 12 pictures of musicians to identify in the first half. We all contributed by digging deep into those old grey cells, dragging up ideas and even some correct answers that David Crowson would have come up with in seconds. Our score at the interval was 42/60 on the questions and 14/24 on the pictures - not too bad - putting us towards the top of the middle. We geared up for a burst of inspiration in the second half which would take us past the winning post. I'm sure we would have won if all the other teams had not been so good!!! We ended the second half with a score of 43/60 - leaving us towards the top of the middle! Teams from Bretby and Derby South went through to the final automatically, with Wirksworth, Ashbourne and Amber Valley also in the running.

We had a very good evening - we worked very well as a team and came away feeling that we had given our best, done ourselves proud and determined that David Crowson would be in the team next year - even if we had to carry him!!!
Peter Branson, (Fellowship and Entertainment)



DERBY ROTARY SATELLITE GROUP

We have had some very enjoyable meetings so far this year. In January we welcomed Rotarian Rob Corby of Etwall and Hilton Rotary Club, who came to thank us for our support in connection with the Etwall and Hilton Christmas Tree Sale, and to tell us that the club would be making a donation of £500 to be split between two of our charities – **Annabel's Angels** and **Dogs for Good**. Three of our members subsequently attended a 'thank you' dinner meeting at Etwall and Hilton. We also heard an inspiring talk by Janet Hinsley (wife of Rotarian Steve Hinsley) who told us about her volunteer work with **Talk It Over**, a local charity giving pregnancy crisis support.

In February, our speaker was Mark Hammans from **Aid2Gambia**, a Nottingham-based charity set up in 2014 to collect medical and educational equipment and deliver it to Gambia.



We have been involved in two events in March. First of all we were represented, along with the main club, at the **International Women's Day** event on Saturday 9 March in Derby Arboretum. Then on Friday 22 March, we held a brilliant **Race Night**, superbly organised by Simon Keeling, and very well attended, with excellent support from the main club. We raised around £830 on the night, which brings our total fundraising for the year to over £2000.

Our next event is a Membership Evening scheduled for Tuesday 9 April at 6 pm, at our normal meeting venue, Mr Grundy's, Georgian House, Ashbourne Road, Derby, where we are hoping to welcome some potential new members of the group. The next regular meeting will be on Monday 15 April.

Looking further ahead, we will be having a **Murder Mystery Evening** at Little Eaton Village Hall on Saturday 8 June. Many thanks to the main club for providing support with helpers on the night of the event. Watch this space for more details!

Graham Ashurst



Youth Services



The first few months of 2019 has seen a great deal of activity in Youth Services. A team of Rotarians have completed our second **Eco-greenhouse** at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School in Chaddesden. There are a further 4 schools who have nearly collected sufficient bottles to begin construction and our next project will probably be Derwent Primary School which will commence in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Pictured are students and staff of Cherry Tree School who helped with the assembly of the greenhouse.



Our Young photographer competition closed on the last day of February and we were delighted to have received over 75 entries. The photographs have been judged by a panel of esteemed Rotarians and the winning photographs have been submitted to the next round which is the District competition.

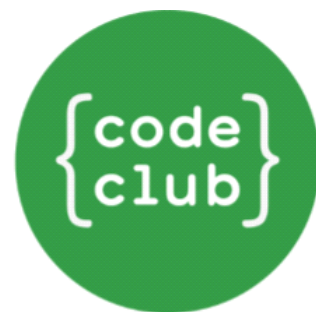
Pictured is one of the winning photographs submitted by 11 year old George Bennett who is a student at Allestree Woodlands. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and their photographs will be shown in an exhibition to be organised for the summer of 2019. Winners will also spend time working with a professional photographer.



Two students from Bemrose School have recently completed the RYLA course at Castleton and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Managed by Rotarian Jeremy Holmes and a team of Rotary volunteers the course develops a range of leadership and team building skills. Two further candidates have been identified to take part in the RYLA course at Buxton in May which is managed by Rotarian Dave Ashley from Belper Club. All of the candidates have been invited to make a brief presentation to the Club later in the year where they can share with us their experiences.

Members of the Derby Club are currently working with other Derby clubs to organise a coding tournament to be held at Derby University of 12th July 2019. The competition is aimed at 9-13 year olds who have developed some coding skills in Scratch or Python. These skills will have been developed as a result of their involvement in extracurricular coding clubs

Kevin Griffiths



CLUB EVENTS DIARY 2018-2019

Committee	Date	Event	Detail	Beneficiary	Venue
Satellite	22 nd March	Race Night	£10 includes pie and pea supper and 5 bets	To be determined	RR Leisure Social Club
C&V Plan	Spring	Young Carers Games Evening	Similar to Toc H Sports	Young Carers	To be decided
International	5 th April	Fun Wine Quiz	Excellent Wine and Quiz evening	To be determined	Little Eaton Village Hall
C&V	30 th July TBC	Toc-H Sports	Outdoor games for 120 disadvantaged children at the first night of the annual 10 day camp	Disadvantaged children from Derby	Osmaston village Polo ground
C&V	Nov - Dec	Tree of Lights appeal	Dedication to a loved one by sponsoring a light on the Christmas Tree at Pride Park and possibly the Cathedral precinct	To be determined	Pride Park stadium and possibly the Cathedral precinct
District	4-6 th October	District Conference	Annual 1220 Conference	All Rotarians	Scarborough
C&V	11 th Dec	Afternoon Tea for elderly	To serve community - free to attendees	100 elderly people	Polish Club
C&V	2-21 Dec	Santa's sleigh	Fundraising	To be determined	Mickleover. Chellaston

