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Chris Spencer, Rotary Club of Nottingham, receives his Rotary Champion of Change Award from Nottingham Lord Mayor, Councillor Liaquat Ali, at the RIBI Conference and Showcase held at the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham in May. Report on page 8 ..

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The Editor writes



Despite my having to bring the deadline for copy forward to the end of April, there has still been a good response from clubs and their members with stories of the many ways Rotary helps both local communities and international projects. In her 'District Governor's Message' (page 11), Cheryl summarises a whole range of activities and projects she has been able to visit and take part in during her year in office (and it isn't even over yet!)

The rest of the Magazine describes these and many more in detail.

One of the highlights for District 1220 was holding the 2019 RIBI Conference and Showcase in Nottingham. There will be a full account of the proceedings in the National RIBI Magazine but our own 'Rotary Review' has been able to celebrate the presentation of the Rotary Champion of Change Award to Chris Spencer (Nottingham RC).

Observant readers will notice that this edition contains more adverts than usual, some commercial (helping to defray the cost to members) but also several clubs taking the opportunity to publicise events they have organised to take place over the summer. I would encourage more clubs to use this facility; don't worry if you can't handle the artwork, Jon Toft, our print designer can work wonders with your basic information and turn it into an attractive poster!

John Scotney – District Editor

Purple for Polio



With the arrival of Spring Wirksworth residents noticed the appearance of purple crocuses at the base of the trees in the newly refurbished Memorial Gardens. They represent the Purple for Polio Campaign which Rotary International began way back in 1985.

Along with their partners, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary pledged to rid the world of this terrible childhood disease, which, when the campaign was launched affected over

200,000 children every year worldwide.

Efforts have been made to vaccinate every child in the world with the polio vaccine and eventually the disease, which can not live outside of a human host for more than two years, should be completely eradicated.

In 2018 only 25 cases of polio were reported worldwide, with only two countries affected.

If you see the Purple for Polio Crocus pin badges, or see a stall selling Rotary Purple for Polio crocus bulbs, please dip into your pockets and support this campaign. We are so close to the goal of freeing future generations from this awful disabling childhood disease - every contribution will help.

Ruth Fantom - Wirksworth

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Editorial



ECO Green Houses



Derby Pupils convert recycled plastic bottles into a growing interest!

Pupils of Derby City schools have spent only a few months collecting their used two-litre plastic bottles as part of a project to create a series of eco-greenhouses in their school grounds. Derby Rotary Club is behind the project assisting with sourcing the bespoke frame, the identification of a suitable sponsor, erecting the greenhouse frame and installing the bottles.

Arboretum Primary School was the first to be handed over last autumn and was featured on East Midlands Today. This year has seen a surge of interest with eight more schools in the pipeline. The latest, Cherry Tree Hill Primary, whose greenhouse kit was sponsored by Invictus Communications, provided some volunteers to help finish the

installation, a real partnership approach that will encourage future pupils to learn how to grow and cultivate plants and vegetables.

The greenhouse sits comfortably alongside the developing garden, pond, raised beds, seating area and wild-life area. This inner-city school is extremely blessed to have such space for the students to learn about produce from their own garden, environmental concerns, the encouragement of insect wildlife and so much more.

Other schools that are well on with collecting bottles and finding sponsors are Derwent Primary, St Werburgh's Primary, Lawn Primary, Walter Evans C of E Primary, Springfield Primary, Ravensdale Junior School and Wyndham Academy. Kevin Griffiths, the club's Youth Services team leader has been extremely proactive in engaging with local schools; so much so the eco-greenhouse team is now almost working full-time to deliver them!

Richard Benfield - Derby

Members of both clubs are very grateful to David Pedlar, District Marketing and Media Chair, who first introduced the Business Partnership Initiative to them after gaining experience through the erection of eco greenhouses by his own club, Wollaton Park. David is now spearheading the introduction of this initiative to clubs throughout District 1220 and also nationally. Any interested clubs should contact him; his details are in the District Handbook.

Eco Greenhouses for Newark

Over 2000 children from the Newark area have benefitted from the installation of "Eco Greenhouses" in eighteen primary schools, following a three year Business Partnership Initiative (BPI) project initiated by Newark Castle Rotary Club. The children helped to collect over 23,000 waste plastic bottles which then became the walls and roofs of the greenhouses. The club was assisted by twenty-one local and national companies and organisations, which provided a large proportion of the labour and funding. Additional finance came from a District Grant.



Throughout the period, the Club gained good publicity from the local paper which regularly reported as each school erected its own greenhouse. Recently, the Newark Advertiser reported club member John Barker's comments that the project was a great success, educating the children about waste, recycling, project planning and development and how to gain enjoyment and satisfaction from growing their own food. We are confident that this kind of activity will help the next generation to think constructively about improving the environment. The fact that young children and their parents could amass and make use of such a large mountain of waste plastic is amazing. Moving forward, we have now satisfied the demand from schools in our area and our club is now looking to start new projects involving local companies.

The aims of this BPI project were to involve local companies by helping them discharge their corporate social responsibility, to increase the local profile of Newark Castle and of Rotary in general and to make use of new contacts to attract fresh members. All these aims were successfully accomplished, including one new member and another in the pipeline. The new business contacts may well form the basis of a Satellite Club which Newark Castle is considering forming.

John Lewington – Newark Castle





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Last year, Alicia Reade, from the Rotary Club of Doncaster, was approached by Aquabox, who were interested in working with her to create a video for them.



"Even though the charity, Aquabox was named as my club president's Nominated Charity for the year, I knew little about the work they did. On

hearing even just a little of what Aquabox manage to achieve I felt that I could really help them to raise their profile by using my skills in IT and music.

At the end of the first meeting, I already had a musical composition starting to form itself in my mind. In order to know whether I was writing along the right lines, I had to do something that I rarely do – let someone hear an unfinished version of my music! To my delight, they loved the music, and I set about orchestrating the skeleton piano version that Aquabox had heard. All of my

recording so far has been done at home on my laptop with my keyboard and other music gadgetry plugged into it.

Working with Aquabox has provided me with such a perfect opportunity to combine my musical skills, my IT skills, my involvement in Rotary, my determination to leave the world a better, and connecting with other people who are also determined to make a difference.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Aquabox, and I am full of admiration for what they do. I sincerely hope that my work with them will help to achieve what they need in order to continue to jump into action quickly and save lives worldwide in the most fraught and perilous of situations. "

..... and Cyclone Idai

Since the devastating news of Cyclone Idai hit the headlines earlier this year, the Aquabox team has been working flat out to establish secure links with distribution agencies in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique.

Following much hard work by our volunteer filter assembly teams and packers, we air-freighted on 3rd April the following aid consignments; these were scheduled to arrive at their destinations a few days later.

Zimbabwe - we have sent 180 family filters. Our local partners are e-Club London Centenary (Zimbabwean members) and the Zimbabwe Department of Health. These filters have the potential to save 1000+ lives.

Malawi - we have sent 100 gold boxes and 5 community water filters. In total these have the potential to save 2500+ lives. A further shipment of 250 gold boxes is planned as follow-up support in July. This is in partnership with CART (Christian African Relief Trust).

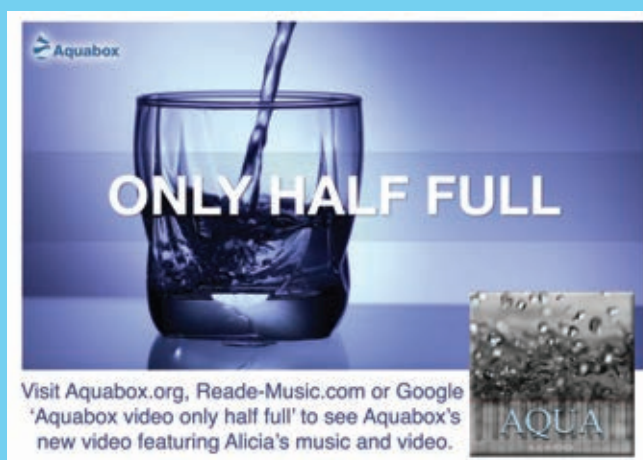
Mozambique - we had a consignment of 300 family filters and 5 community filters ready for despatch; these have the potential to save 3800+ lives; we had to await distribution assurances before releasing the aid. We aim to provide a further shipment of Gold boxes once duty waiver is assured.

Yemen - in partnership with JOY (Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire), and following on from a successful initiative last year, our second consignment of aid to Yemen was scheduled for despatch by end of April. This comprises 250 Gold boxes in addition to medical and food supplies from JOY.

Aquabox is a pure Rotary Charity and the brainchild of the Rotary Club of Wirksworth. Since its formation in 1992, Aquabox filters have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of people across the world.

The aid we send has the potential to save many thousands of lives, but it comes at a cost. Any support you may be able to give to Aquabox will, as always, be gratefully received. We simply can't manage without this.

Roz Adamson – Bakewell



The video is available to watch on the websites and social media of both Aquabox.org and Reade-Music.com Alicia's piece, 'Aqua' is available to download from all the usual streaming and download sites such as Spotify, YouTube, Apple Music, Google Play Music, Amazon Music and many more.

Playground Equipment for African School

A friend and business colleague, an expert agriculturist, was asked to advise an agricultural college in Njabini Kenya on improvements to the local farming practices. Njabini in the Kinanop division of Kenya is a very rural area, most farms being no more than 15 acres and supporting little more than subsistence farming.

Whilst in Njabini our contact became aware of a local church-run infant and junior school and although the teachers were enthusiastic and a good standard of education was being provided, the school was very short of funds to the extent that any available monies were spent on educational materials and there was no recreation equipment for the pupils. We agreed to fund, to the extent of £1500, the manufacture and installation of playground equipment; swings, seesaws, a roundabout and slide etc were installed. These were manufactured locally which supported local firms, and were received very enthusiastically by the pupils.

On a later visit by our contact to Njabini he became aware that the school was to lose one of its classrooms as it was sited on land not owned by the church. The classrooms are not what one would expect in Europe, being built with single wooden walls and corrugated steel sheet roofs and packed earth floors. After some discussion and further information, we undertook to fund the construction and equipping of a replacement classroom on church land. We spoke with our twin club in Montbrison, France, who agreed to join us in this project and together with a District Grant we were able to fund the construction and equipping of two classrooms. These were to



be built of corrugated steel walls lined with wood, a corrugated steel roof with a suspended wooden ceiling and a concrete floor. These classrooms were built by local contractors and the benches and desks were manufactured by a local firm which benefitted the community

The classrooms were formally opened by local dignities and the children, and have proved such a success that the school has built a further classroom of the same design from its own resources.

We were confident in funding this project because of the local involvement of our contact together with a local young lady, a former rotaracter at university, who controlled the expenditure.

David Bland - Doncaster

A Shady Deal!

The Rotary Club has successfully completed a project to provide shade covers for the Somerset West Methodist Primary School near Cape Town in South Africa for the children when playing and as an extra teaching space. Honorary Club Member Margaret Wood and her husband, Peter, supervised the project. Margaret is pictured with left to right Alan Hartle, Club President of the Rotary Club of Helderberg, Head Teacher - Mr Hindley and builder Paul du Plessis.

The club already has a close relationship with the school sponsoring children with uniforms, shoes and school equipment through the Imibala Trust, a charity providing scholarships, uniforms and supplementary education training to children in financial need.

John Chapman – Doncaster St Leger



District 1220 Hearing Ambassadors are listening

Do you have trouble hearing the telephone, or find it difficult to understand conversation in noisy places? Have you noticed that you are turning up the volume on the TV, or do you think people mumble or slur their words? If so you are not alone. You are most likely part of the group of 11 million people in the UK with hearing loss. That is 1 in 6 of us, according to Action on Hearing Loss.

Light bulb moment

We are often asked how the District 1220 Hearing Ambassadors project started. It all began on 1 November 2017 when six Rotarians simultaneously experienced a light bulb moment and there and then we agreed "to do something about hearing awareness in Rotary". We have been developing the Hearing Ambassadors project ever since.

Rotarian Andrew's hearing loss came on suddenly overnight and like many other Rotarians in his situation, he generally tries to avoid large meetings, not because he doesn't have a contribution to make but because he simply can't hear, which is immensely frustrating for him. Take a fast-moving meeting in a poorly lit room with a tiled floor and the incessant hum of an air conditioning unit, and it's a recipe for disaster. Andrew was selected to represent his club at a District 1220 Rotary in the Community meeting. He struggled to understand the discussion and what Dimensions Cafés (Dementia to you and me) had to do with Rotary. Inevitably after about an hour, when he realised he could not make out what was going on, he mentally withdrew from the situation, nodding and smiling at what he felt were appropriate points. He totally missed the discussion about isolation!

The meeting moved on to discuss hearing loss. "Andrew, Andrew", someone said "You have Hearing Loss. Tell us about your experiences and how the T-Loop works". It took a couple of strategically placed prods for him to regain consciousness and realise that people wanted to hear from him. In a flash of a light bulb, the other delegates suddenly realised that Andrew, who by this time was incredibly frustrated, had been totally isolated from the rest of the meeting due to his hearing loss and it was very likely that he was not alone. After all, many Rotarians are affected by hearing loss, and this may contribute to their decision to leave Rotary because they are unable to hear what is going on.

At that moment DG Cheryle Berry decided that our District should address this issue and Rotary Hearing Ambassadors was born. Our aim is to spread Hearing Awareness amongst Rotary Clubs in our District, to encourage Rotarians to look after their own hearing and to share simple tips which make communication much easier for all. We want to make it possible for Rotarians to talk about their hearing loss without being embarrassed.



Who are we?

We have 20 Hearing Ambassador Volunteers. They come from several clubs around the district. You can see us above working on ideas about how we can promote the project.

What do we do?

We have a standard Hearing Awareness presentation, which we deliver to clubs as visiting speakers. At our talk, we provide clubs with some simple communication tips, which they can start to use straight away. We share ideas through our Newsletter, and there is a lively discussion over the Hearing Ambassador Facebook Pages.

We plan to roll it out to all District 1220 clubs over the coming months. We are already in discussion with RIBI about how we can extend our message nationally and we have recently decided the best way forward is to seek charitable status. We welcome any interest from clubs who would like to become Hearing Ambassadors or could help us create a website and we would be very grateful for any donations towards the cost of our work.

If you would like to find out more, please email us on RotaryHearingAmbassadors@gmail.com or find us on Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/hearingambassadors>

Andrew and Gillian Campbell – Rotary Hearing Ambassadors

Hearing Ambassadors



Youngsters Making Music



It all started when young Zak Kemp-Howarth came home from school with a cornet and asked if his mum, Allison Kemp, would play an instrument with him. Allison had never played any musical instrument and wasn't sure where to start.

After some research and enquiries, Allison met Jan and Pete Ward, who are bandmasters. Over a few months in 2016, they started to teach Zak and Allison how to play. Zak began to improve and his friends at school wanted to know how it was he was playing better than them. Zak now had a group of friends who also wanted to benefit from the tuition. Fortunately, Allison runs a business in Ripley and has a suitable room, so Zak and his school friends could get together on an evening and benefit from Jan and Pete's teaching. So, The AIM Excelsium School of Music was formed – with AIM standing for Achievement In Music.

The next challenge was to be able to provide musical instruments for children. The youngsters put their efforts into fund raising projects and persuaded some local businesses to support them. Recently, the Rotary Club of Amber Valley added their support to AIM Excelsium, donating £250.

In 2018, each member agreed to pay £2 per week in subscriptions and this, along with support from Andrew's Coaches of Tideswell, has helped the group visit the Birmingham International Tattoo.

The picture shows Joint President Howard Doran, along with Rotarian David Hickton, presenting the cheque to Allison Kemp. Bandmasters Jan and Pete Ward are also in the picture, along with some members of the AIM Excelsium School of Music.

Andrew Loades – Amber Valley

Nottingham hero recognised for life-changing volunteering



Chris Spencer is being honoured by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland with a prestigious award. Champions of Change are part of Rotary's Champions Awards, which are held annually to recognise the outstanding and inspirational humanitarian and community service of volunteers from around the country.

Chris, a member of Nottingham Rotary, is among 14 winners who received their awards at a ceremony in Nottingham in May, as part of Rotary's Annual Conference and Showcase event.

He has shown huge dedication to his local community of Strelley, Aspley and Broxtowe. With very few activities in this underprivileged area for young people, the threat of becoming involved in a life of anti-social behaviour and crime is very real.

He set up a youth club and coaches a 5-a-side football team in the area, which has offered a safe haven and environment for dozens of young people to channel their energy into something positive.

He has also been deeply affected by personal tragedy after the loss of his daughter at the age of 10. In her memory, Chris created a scheme to collect, repair and distribute unwanted toys to children who often don't receive presents. The scheme has been running for 9 years; a total of 9404 toys have been handed out to children in the community.

The search for this year's winners was carried out across Rotary's vibrant network of over 1,700 Rotary clubs, with Rotary members and also members of the public having their extraordinary work recognised. This ranged from tackling mental health and supporting education to alleviating poverty and fighting prostate cancer.

Debbie Hodge, President of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland, commented,

"The Champions Awards is about giving those who pioneer, lead and support some amazing volunteering projects the recognition they deserve. The selfless and truly life-changing impact of our champions really demonstrates how we can make a difference and touch people's lives.

Rotary is certainly a place where people can turn their passion and ideas into lasting change. There are so many heroes out there and to them I say 'thank you and keep doing what you're doing'. Chris' work is invaluable in helping provide opportunities for young people in his local area, and he is a very worthy recipient of one of this year's awards."

Chris Spencer says, "Being a Rotarian enables me to support my local community. The most important activity for me is to help the young people on these underprivileged estates to CHANGE the misconceptions of them. These youngsters are the citizens of tomorrow, we MUST be prepared to guide and support them in their efforts to succeed."

Stewart Rickersey – District PR Officer

**Youngsters Making Music
Nottingham Hero**





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RYLA Course at Castleton

Here is what two of the young people from the Burton Club had to say:

"We would like to thank you very much for sponsoring us to take part in such a wonderful opportunity; we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The weekend away challenged us in many ways and has allowed us to develop many skills which we can hopefully integrate into our future careers.



All of the activities we completed were leadership-based and Ben and I both took a lead role in a variety of testing tasks. One of the most demanding tasks was most definitely the 'auction challenge'. In this activity Ben and I first had to plan a route through Castleton using our newly developed map skills which we had learnt the previous day. We next had to lead a team by delegating roles which would enable our success in the activity. This will definitely be beneficial in our later careers and lives.



Not only were we tested by the range of activities we needed to complete, we also had to ensure that the others around us were successful too. We were greeted by a diverse group of peers, from all different backgrounds and areas across the country which added to the excitement of the course, most of whom we are sure we will stay in contact with for a long time. Each individual brought unique attributes to the team from which we could all learn. The leaders were just as, if not more, friendly and welcoming which provided us with more confidence throughout the weekend as well as creating a warm atmosphere.



All of the different features of the weekend made our time the best it could possibly be! We look forward to thanking you in person and further showing you our experiences on the course."

Ben Fossett and Hannah Williams

Really pleased we made an impression on them - thanks again to all who helped.

Jeremy Holmes - Sheffield - Centre Manager

Local Schools Public Speaking Competition 2019



The final of the Chesterfield Public Speaking Competition for local secondary schools was held on Friday 18 January 2019 and organised by Chesterfield Rotary for the 53rd consecutive year. The winner, in a high-quality competition, was Iona Blair from St Mary's Catholic High School, with her political talk on 'What's the point of public demonstrations'. Runners-up were Megan Trevis from Hasland Hall Community School, Abigail Maycock from Whittington Green School, and Leo Andrews also from St Marys. Organiser was Rotarian Paul Davies, secretary of the Rotary Satellite Club of Chesterfield, who congratulated all the finalists on their excellent talks.

Geoff Mitchell - Chesterfield

Photo - left to right: Rotarian Paul Davies (organiser), Megan Trevis (Hasland Hall), Iona Blair (St Marys), President Barry Thompson, Abigail Maycock (Whittington Green) and Leo Andrews (St Marys).

District Governor's Message ...

"Together we see a World where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the Globe, in our Communities and in Ourselves".

They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself and I totally agree. This Rotary Year has gone so quickly and I have had a truly wonderful time joining in with all your Fundraising, Celebrations, Socials, Projects and Activities. Well done and thank you to each and every one of you for the outstanding work you have done and the difference you have made to the lives of others locally and internationally. I really would need to write a book to do justice to all the amazing things you have been doing so please forgive me if I just give examples of some of them.



Mansfield's Children of Courage Awards

There have been several new initiatives this year. The Rotary Hearing Ambassadors, inspired by Andrew and Gill Campbell of the Hope Valley RC. I am full of admiration for the way a small group of people has developed a scheme which will help not only Rotarians in our own Clubs who have degrees of hearing loss but those in the wider Community.



Long Eaton Dawnbreakers

The "Save a Life" campaign which thanks to your great support now has 7,000 more people prepared to Save a Life. This campaign has now spread to all RIBI Districts. Congratulations to Long Eaton Dawnbreakers RC for winning the defibrillator for their Community as the

Club with highest percentage of members trained.

Our first Global Giving Project is to support the work of Aquabox in the Yemen and there is the opportunity to have other projects, thanks to the hard work and determination of Michael Whetton of Dronfield RC.

"Create a better Tomorrow by investing in People Today"

All of you have worked so hard to recruit and retain members plus start new Clubs. We now have 12 new Rotakids Groups, one new Interact Club and one new Rotaract Club. Thanks to Nottingham RC,



Market Rasen's Lincolnshire Dinner

the new Nottingham Rotaract Club is to receive its Charter from RI President Barry Rassin at the RIBI Showcase in May. This emphasis on young people is looking to build our future.

It has been truly humbling meeting young people at many of your Clubs' Children of Courage Awards Ceremonies. The cheerfulness and determination with which they face their problems inspires us all. This was the 28th Year that Mansfield RC has held such a Ceremony and they brought the idea from America.

There have been lots of fabulous Fundraising, Fellowship and Fun Events. The Bollywood Ball (Retford RC), the Great British Ball (Mapperley and Arnold RC), Music in the Gardens (Abbeydale RC and other Clubs), Music at the Farm (Warsop, Shirebrook and District RC), Buddy Holly Musical (Church Wilne RC), Tapton Fest (Sheffield Vulcan RC). It has been great dancing at all of these!!

Special mention must go to Retford RC where on their French Night the Can Can Dancers revealed the word Aquabox on their derrières!! You have all been so innovative, with your Ferret Nights (Kirkby in Ashfield RC) Bingo Evenings (Ripley RC), Music at the Minster with the Thurcroft Welfare Band (Doncaster RC), and Lincolnshire Dinner (Market Rasen RC) where I modelled the handbag made from Ringpulls raising funds for the Purple Community Trust

(more on page 16). It has been a joy then to come to the Cheque Presentation Evenings, such as the one at Belper and Duffield RC, to see the very wide range of Charities and Individuals who are benefitting from your Fundraising.



Your Birthday Charters have been great occasions to celebrate all you have achieved and are still doing to help others. These too have been very memorable events. The Old Time Musical (Sherwood Sunrisers RC), the Steel Band (Long Eaton RC, where President Cas showed us all his Dancing Skills!!), The Magician, Chris Stevenson, at Warsop, Shirebrook and District RC, Newark RC and other Clubs. Great Fun!!

The Foundation Appreciation Evening, a new format developed by John Cavey, was an excellent opportunity to thank you all for your donations to our Rotary Charity, Foundation.

In May we are the Host District for The RIBI Showcase in Nottingham. I am very proud that we have several recipients of Awards - Chris Spencer (Nottingham RC) Champion of Change Award, Sarah Minns (by Chesterfield Scarsdale RC) Community Champion Award, Alana Habbergham Rice (nominated by Rotherham RC) Young Citizen Award. Plus John Box (AG and Rotherham RC) is a Keynote Speaker at the End Polio Now Session.

As we begin our new Rotary Year I wish David Hood and all of you every Success and Happiness. Keep up the Good Work!!

"If not Rotary, what would it look like, locally, nationally and internationally? The World needs Rotary more than ever."

Cheryle Berry - District Governor 2018-2019



District Governor's Message

ASHBOURNE

The Rotary Club of Ashbourne recently hosted a Variety Show put together by a local impresario, Steve Duckworth. Featuring talent from the town and villages around, including Ashbourne Singers, Norbury Players and past winners of Young Musician of the Year Competitions, this was a mass sell out with over 250 attending a great night of serious music, slapstick comedy and humour suited to all ages. Some £1350 was raised, 25% of which will go to a local nominated charity called 'Chicks' which provides holidays in the countryside around Ashbourne for inner city children.

The Club is proud to have given the opportunity for local talent to blossom and for so many people to have an enjoyable evening.

Cliff Lewer



BELPER AND DUFFIELD

The club has just started to hold an informal monthly 'Coffee Morning' to allow members to meet up socially and spend some time together. The plan is to use a number of cafes in the local community in an attempt to increase our public profile and give anybody who is curious about Rotary the opportunity to join us and learn something of what we do to support local activities. The first session in February was held at De Bradelei Mill, a small shopping complex in Belper, and some twenty members and friends made an appearance as we presented one of our members, Peter Loechel, with a Certificate celebrating 41 years of Rotary Service. District Governor Cheryle joined us for the meeting in March which was held at the same venue. We had a change in April, taking the opportunity to visit Croot's Farm Shop at Duffield, after the owner, Steve Croot, had given a talk to the Club about his retailing and farming experiences. We hope to maintain the momentum over the summer period as we increase the number of coffee shops and cafes we are able to visit.

John Scotney



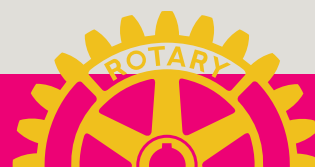
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Christmas Celebrations

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, members of the Interact Club at Ecclesbourne School, Duffield, were hard at work planning for the Christmas party for Year 7 students that was to include an "Ecclesbourne's Got Talent" competition. On the day, 160 youngsters attended the party, despite only 150 tickets having been sold in advance. Quite a number of students applied to take part in the Talent Competition and these were whittled down to just six acts that performed on the day. Prizes had been bought for all those who entered and a special prize went to the winner who sang "Jingle Bell Rock". Ceri Hughes, Head of Year 9, who supervises the Interact Club said, "The standard of the acts was really high and they all provided fantastic entertainment on the night. The work done by the Interact members to organise the event and make it such an outstanding success was truly amazing. The night was a highlight of the school year."

All the students paid a small entrance fee to attend the party and along with the sale of items on the night the event raised the magnificent sum of £580. A major part of the funds raised will be donated to an orphanage project in Kerala, India, run by DG Cheryle Berry, who earlier in the year had made an inspiring presentation to the Interact Club, prompting them to adopt the orphanage as their International project for this Rotary year.

Gail Ashley – Belper and Duffield





CARLTON

Joint venture pays dividends

Carlton Town Lions Football Club under 16's team contacted the Club in September 2018 to see if we could help with some money to assist them in going to Barcelona to compete in a Football Tournament in April 2019. Some of the players came from families who just could not afford to fund their children for this opportunity.

We came to a mutually beneficial agreement by which their parents and players helped us with our Christmas Santa Collection and we would help them get to Barcelona. They thoroughly enjoyed this new experience and we enjoyed their company. We all had fun, sometimes got cold and wet, and raised over £8,000 for the local community!

We gave them the agreed sum of money, plus a little bonus, and they had a fantastic trip. Carlton Town Lions exceeded expectations, beating teams from Spain, Italy, England, Netherlands and Germany and won the whole tournament!

Carlton Lions Manager said: Thank you so much for all the support you gave us. I honestly don't think we would have been able to make these lifelong memories without the support of the Rotary Club of Carlton. Thank you so much for being such an important part in getting us there.

Martyn Bye

CHURCH WILNE

Charity Horse Ride Celebration Evening

The Club held a presentation evening at Trent Lock Golf Club when cheques totalling over £10,000 were awarded to representatives from Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (DLRAA), Derby Mountain Rescue and Treetops Hospice Care. The Annual Charity Horse Ride event raised £9,160 and an additional £1,176 was taken during a collection at the Derbyshire County Show.



During the evening, Club Presidents Chris Tew and Andy Cartwright gave special thanks to the Horse Ride sponsors and supporters; the riders, in addition to their registration fees, raised over £1,000 in sponsorship.

John Astell, Chair of the Horse Ride Committee, will be standing down after three years in the role and Chris Tew said, "We want to thank John for making such a success of the event; the attendance of nearly 200 riders is a testimony to the popularity of this annual event and the esteem in which the three local charities are held within the community."

Thanking the Club, Keith Murfin (DLRAA) highlighted that Church Wilne Rotary had donated over £35,000 to the charity over the years.

Laura McWha, a fundraiser at Treetops Hospice Care, said, "The support you have given us has been incredible, raising to date £21,649. We have been able to grow our services year on year and we simply could not do this without your support."

John A Cook



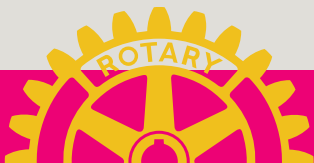
CHESTERFIELD

Supporting the 'three bedded bays project'

The Rotary Club of Chesterfield is delighted to support the 'Three Bedded Bays Project' at Ashgate Hospicecare, a £750k major upgrade of the in-patient bays to provide a more flexible, cost effective, pleasant environment. This donation of £2,750 is from part of the proceeds of Chesterfield Rotary's 2018 Eckington Classic Car & Bike Show held at Renishaw Hall.

Geoff Mitchell

President Barry Thompson presents a cheque to Sarah Green, community fundraiser for Ashgate Hospicecare.





DERBY

Young photographers recognised in annual competition

We have been particularly active engaging with schools around Derby and for the first time we have held a very popular Young Photographers Competition. We have been really successful, attracting over 75 entries. Students from Cherry Tree Hill Primary, Derwent Primary and Murray Park Schools all took part in the competition. It was judged in three age classes and required entrants to submit a portfolio of three photos on the subject 'The beauty of Nature'. Judges were delighted with both the quantity and quality of entrants. The winner of the Junior category, Ethan Croft of St Werburgh's Primary School and the Intermediate category winner George Bennett of Woodlands School, Allestree progressed to the second stage of the competition in our District and were once again successful in winning this stage.

Their entries have now been submitted to the National competition. All the photographs submitted to the competition will be exhibited in an exhibition to be arranged later in the year.

Richard Benfield

Photo - Children from Cherry Tree Hill Primary showing off their certificates



DRONFIELD

Back in February the Club invited Lee Todd, founder and CEO of Shoe Aid, to one of our meetings as a speaker. We also invited the proprietors of the town's two shoe shops, one selling ladies and the other children's shoes. Both left the meeting with a Shoe Aid collection bin and a promise to offer a 10% discount for old shoes part exchanged for a new pair. In return, the Club arranged publicity in Dronfield Eye, the town's free monthly glossy magazine.

As a result of the article, the Ladies shop has filled a number of collecting bins and the Children's has filled its first one, whilst both have gained a number of new customers.

Additionally, a club member received the accompanying photograph of the footwear worn by a child attending school in an area immediately adjacent to S18. The Club forwarded the photo and details to Lee Todd at Shoe Aid, who has contacted the school for details and sizes of shoes required by any of the children and has responded by delivering appropriate shoes to the school.

So many winners from this easily arranged project! We often think that poverty is only in the developing world, but this clearly indicates that it is a problem here at home as well.

Alan Hepworth



DONCASTER ST LEGER

Recently, words associated with the natural world such as 'conker', 'kingfisher' and 'bluebell' were removed from the Oxford Junior Dictionary to make room for more 'modern' vocabulary such as 'blog' and 'chatroom'. 'The Lost Words', a beautiful and award-winning book by poet Robert Macfarlane and illustrator Jackie Morris, was published to reinstate these words. Local Rotary Clubs (St Leger and Doncaster) joined forces to bring a copy of 'The Lost Words' to every primary school in Doncaster by putting up around half of the cost. A crowdfunding organised by local writer/author, Phil Sheppard, raised the remainder, and Doncaster Waterstones generously supplied copies of the book at a 35% discount.

The books have just been delivered to all one hundred Doncaster Primary schools by local Rotarians and have been very well received with many schools sharing their plans for a wide range of activities based upon the poems.

Two copies were also presented this week to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster at the Otter enclosure by pupils of the Bessacarr Primary School. One of the book's iconic illustrations features two otters; the Wildlife Park's otters took a great interest in proceedings!

John Chapman





LONG EATON ROTARY INTERACTORS

Long Eaton Rotary Interactors combined with pupils of Long Eaton School and Erewash B C to make our annual litter pick on West Park on Friday 8th March. Organised by Rotarian Barbara James, the collection amounted to several large bags of rubbish and a much improved park area. Rotary Club President Cas Francis thanked the students and staff for the morning's work.

Jonathon Toon



LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS

For the past few years, members of Dawnbreakers Rotary Club have forgone sending each other Christmas Cards and instead made donations to promote the work of the charity Children of Fiji. This has supported the provision of school building and educational materials and their general healthcare.

Paul Burrows



MAPPERLEY & ARNOLD

Hayward House, Nottingham City Hospital

Hayward House is a specialist palliative care unit providing high quality care; its aim is to enrich the quality of life through the skills of an experienced and caring team. They offer palliative care from diagnosis, through the interim periods of advancing disease and up to and including end of life care.

The President of the Rotary Club of Mapperley & Arnold in 2017/2018, Richard Shacklock and his wife Jan, offered to tidy up a small flower bed to the rear of the building following visits to see patients there. That was the start of a close link with the Club and Hayward House. Following on, further flower beds were then tidied up.

At the side of the main entrance was an unused area, with brick walls and dividers which was quite an eyesore. The plan was to create a courtyard by removing most of the brickwork, erect custom made fencing and gates, construct oak sleeper planters, shrubs and plants throughout, provide benches, chairs, tables, parasols. This has been achieved with all members of the Club being involved and the Club is committed to maintaining the courtyard and flower beds in the future.

The Club are grateful for the assistance it has received from suppliers, various garden centres and tradesmen, all of whom have been so supportive. Patients and their families have shown their appreciation by making donations which has enabled further planting to be undertaken.

The Club are indebted to District 1220 for supporting this project via a District Grant.

The garden was a drab and lifeless space which did not support their patients to live out their last days in a relaxing and tranquil environment; this has changed enormously. The courtyard allows any patient, carer and relative an opportunity to spend quality time with their loved ones at what is an incredibly difficult time.

David Curtis

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President Eddie McGarvey and the pupils from St Giles.
Anna shows Eddie the coffee machine.

RETFORD

Special Needs School gets Club support.

The Club is most fortunate in having been asked to administer two charitable bequests. The Percy Laws Memorial Fund (PLMF), in memory of a founder member, recently supported the St Giles School in Retford with the purchase of a "barista" coffee making machine for use in their coffee shop located in the town centre. This gives pupils valuable transferable skills ready for the world of work. Having seen the good work done by PLMF, a resident of Tuxford, Eric Coddington, asked the Club to administer a similar bequest for the benefit of Tuxford residents. The committee administering the fund has purchased seven laptops to help with the studies of pupils at St Giles who come from the Tuxford Area.

Neil Grayston



MARKET RASEN

Market Rasen Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a beautifully cooked and presented roast Lincolnshire beef dinner at the Market Rasen Golf Club in March. The star turn of the evening, was a return visit by last year's speaker, Chrissie Chapman, who developed her previous theme talking about "Votes for Women, Lincolnshire style".

This dinner was the 12th such celebration of Lincolnshire organised by the Club to raise money for the Shelter Box charity. This time Shelter Box funds were increased by £520, making a total of £30,000 for Shelter box over the last 15 years. The local Rotarians were joined by District Governor Cheryle Berry MBE and several Rotarian guests from other parts of the district. The Market Rasen Town Mayor and his deputy were also enjoying the evening, hosted by President Neil Taylor. Cheryle was proudly wearing a handbag made from drink can ring pulls, only to be matched by one of our Rotarian's partners wearing a similar model (see photo in DG's Message, page 11). Rotary collects ring pulls to send off to the Purple Community organisation that organise the making of such saleable products whilst giving many people in the Philippines a sustainable job and future.

David Mason



MATLOCK

To mark the start of the 'the Great British Spring Clean 2019' Matlock Rotary club have been out in force in the community. Members of the public may have spotted members who have been out collecting litter from different areas of our community. The Club had two teams of collectors both of whom were able to find 'loads of rubbish' discarded by the public. One team concentrated on the many footpaths off Chesterfield Road and the other went further afield to clear Lant Lane and Allen Lane.

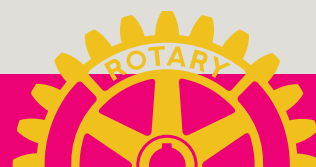
'It was gratifying that various members of the public stopped and thanked us when they saw what we were doing' said President Paul Edwards.

The organisers, Simon Brister and Peter Wigglesworth had spent some time assessing which areas were most in need of a clean and settled on these two areas for the Club's first 'Litter Pick', which is likely to become an annual part of the club's community volunteer work.

'It is extraordinary how many drivers must throw used bottles, cans, coffee cups etc., out of the car window once they are out of sight on quiet country lanes. On some sections we found large quantities of the same beer can, suggesting the same culprit' said Simon.

All together members collected 18 large bags of rubbish. The club would like to thank Ros and her team at the District Council environment team for their help.

Simon Brister





(L to R): Michael Sumption, Peter Shaw (Rotherham), Chris Croker and Phil Crutchley (Rotherham Sitwell).

ROTHERHAM

Rotherham and Rotherham Sitwell Rotary Clubs have continued the successful roll-out of the Polio education resource put together by the Doncaster St Leger Club, and adopted widely in District 1220. The End Polio Now packs are aimed at year six primary school children and delivered as a stand-alone lesson forming part of their curriculum, usually on the theme of health. The packs contain a clever animated history of polio right up to date with the current hugely reduced cases reported in just three countries, plus a powerpoint feature. Children can see these on individual sheets which include a quiz, and sign up to "End Polio Now" by imprinting a purple finger print on the wall chart.

It all adds up to a clever educational tool for teachers wanting a different health topic to deliver, and at the same time reinforcing Rotary's key role in almost completely ridding the world of this crippling disease. The four Rotarians in the photograph witnessed the lesson being delivered at Coleridge School in Rotherham and answered questions raised by the children. Clubs interested in the packs can obtain them from David Street at Doncaster St Ledger RC.

Michael Sumption – Rotherham



RIPLEY

The Rotary Club visited Lons Infant School Ripley, where they joined the students for their Awards Presentation. After watching some of the students receiving their awards it was time for the Club to present two special awards from the Club for being kind to others, helping others and putting others before themselves. It was then time for President Owen J Briggs to present a donation from the Club to the school, which was gratefully received on behalf of the school by Emma Bailey, Year One teacher.

Pictured: Rotarians Stuart E Rice, President Owen J Briggs, Elaine Richardson with the two students

Stuart Rice



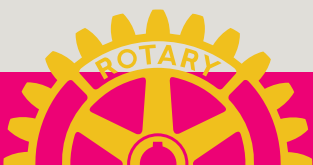
SHERWOOD FOREST

Anne Brooks is a Health Commissioning Manager and introduced the intrigued members of the Club to "Bras to Africa", a charity which works with the "Smalls for All" charity. When visiting War Zones, natural disaster areas and camps for displaced people, she became increasingly aware of how not having underwear impacts on women and children, leaving them open to exploitation and sexual assault and, worse, rape. Subsequent pregnancies and children born from these rapes to someone who is so poor drags them down further, leading to further exploitation. Wearing underwear signifies that person has a protector, making these girls less of a target. If they can go to school or work they stand a chance of being unharmed and being able to make better choices in life.

Anne, with her work in the Health Community in the UK, together with her colleague in the medical profession, have been supporting this charity, supplying lightly worn bras and new knickers to be sent to camps and villages where poor women and girls live. "Smalls for All" is also supporting parents who send their young girls, as young as 7 years old, away to school to escape the horror of Female Genital Mutilation. They now have over 20 girls with family and community support trying to make this mutilation a thing of the past. Members of the Rotary Club, with some members of the Inner Wheel of Sherwood Forest also present that evening, decided wholeheartedly to support this cause, and so please watch this space for ways you can also donate items – maybe after Christmas gifts you need more space in your drawers! Sherwood Forest Rotarians Dave Dennis, Laura Harmer and Stella Herbert have also set up collections for Bras and Pants in their workplaces at Nottinghamshire Police, who are very pleased to support this cause.

Stella Herbert

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WIRKSWORTH

Young Citizen Award 2019

The Rotary Club of Wirksworth celebrated the work of 16 year old George Davidson this year, with the Young Citizen Award being presented to George by President Pam Fraser, at our meeting on 18th April.

George is the youngest ever Aquabox Ambassador, having gained an interest in the project way back in 2014, when he was working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award. He attends Highfields School in Matlock and is a member of the Derbyshire Youth Parliament. He plans eventually to study Law and we wish him every success in realising his ambitions.

Ruth Fantom



SHERWOOD SUNRISERS

Wear a Hat Day for Brain Tumour Research

The members of Sherwood Sunrisers again had a "Wear a Hat" day to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research. This small but vital research charity has been supported by the club and by some members on an individual basis for at least the last 3 years. Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age. What's more, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet historically just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

We are not sure what point PDG Val was making!

John Bray



VALE OF BELVOIR

The Vale's (still) got talent!

The Grand Final of the 9th Annual Vale's Got Talent organised by the Rotary Club took place in December at Cotgrave Welfare Club with eighteen acts making it through the audition and semi-final stages. The acts included singers, singer/songwriters,

instrumentalists, a community choir from Flintham and a variety of dance groups performing modern street dance, ballet and tap routines.

The event is part of the fundraising work undertaken by the Vale Rotarians, raising over £27,000 pounds over its 9 years which helps fund their monthly Memory Café, the Dictionaries for Life and Life Education projects and many other causes.

The overall winner, with a prize of £300, was sixteen-year-old Grace h-y who gave an engaging and emotional performance as she sang "She Used to be Me" from the musical 'Waitress'.

Runner-up Eva Rose received a cheque for £150. She has been writing and singing her own songs since the age of eight and performed "Invincible, Yet Invisible", a song she wrote reflecting a difficult period of her life when bullied at school.

The third prize (£100) went to Rachel Argo, a 23-year-old full time music teacher, who in her free time enjoys singing and writing songs. She delivered a beautiful, soulful and effortless performance whilst playing piano to her own song "Nothing", which one judge described as "a fabulous composition".

Denis Bacon



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