



# Rotary Review

Rotary in the East Midlands & South Yorkshire  
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District 1220



## Rotary gets everywhere !

Read what we have been doing in India in  
Danny Murphy's report of the Mega-Polio  
Campaign at Agra Tai Mahal on page 4 ...

# District 1220 goes to the Seaside



Rotarians, family and friends recently made the seaside town of Scarborough the 'Highlands of Yorkshire' as Rotarians 'went tartan' for the Annual District Conference with the theme, 'The Difference is You.'



District Governor David Hood, a proud Scot, challenged everyone to be 'different' by wearing tartan especially for the noisy ceilidh on the Saturday night. Gents in tartan bowties and waistcoats and women in tartan dresses and beautiful sashes, all certainly making a 'difference.' David said, "I'm sure many of us have renewed old friendships, made new

friends but importantly made new connections to help us grow Rotary and make a difference" The seaside atmosphere was relaxed yet purposeful as delegates heard new ideas and initiatives and ways of developing our use of social media. There was significant input on mental health issues, particularly dementia, which is affecting many families today. Examples of Rotary in Action - memory cafes in Nottingham and in Derbyshire, and a Rotary backed initiative in Lancashire to track missing dementia sufferers using readily available mobile phone technology, both intrigued and inspired.

A demonstration of Rotary International as a worldwide organisation was vividly evidenced by a session with student Fumika Yoshimoto from Hiroshima who is studying at Sheffield University, sponsored by her local Japanese Rotary Club; Fumika is an associate member of Sheffield Abbeydale Rotary Club.



Everyone was able to relax in the evenings with fun, laughter and fellowship. The Saturday evening ceilidh (or was it a boisterous barn dance?) when tartan was everywhere and Glaswegian ceilidh band 'The Jiggers' had everyone having fun.



"Switch your mobiles on" was a real surprise during the interactive social media session lead by Doncaster Rotarian Alicia Reade assisted by her son Aiden aged 9! The demonstration enabled delegates to connect interactively causing a real buzz; the way forward to attract younger Rotarians and grow Rotary. The showcase area was busy with Rotary Club project exhibitions e.g. Aquabox, national and international charities.



DG David said, "I must say a big thank you to Martyn Bye and the Conference Team for providing a weekend of both inspiration and fun energising Rotarians to recognise it is each one of us both individually and as a team who make a difference."

**John Stamp – District PR Officer**



**District 1220 goes to the Seaside**



## The Editor writes .....



The 'Christmas edition' of Rotary Review has been brought forward a month because the District Council Meeting (the most convenient place to hand over the boxes of Magazine to the clubs) meets on 16th November. It is possible that the early deadline has thrown some of our regular contributors; the number of clubs sending material has dropped again, just 20 of the 68 in District 1220. However, those twenty clubs did send in sufficient articles and reports so that I have been able to assemble very comprehensive coverage of the many projects and activities which have occupied our Rotarians over the summer/autumn months.

These pages are for you, fellow Rotarians, to learn about all the things we get up to as we put into practice our motto '**Service above Self**'. **Rotary Review** is also an opportunity for us to share this news with the wider public, so when you and your family have read it, do pass it onto a friend or leave it in some public place such as a waiting room or library.

**John Scotney – District Editor**

## Breaking News ...



I am delighted to announce the launch of a partnership between Rotary District 1220 and the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, an organisation of which we are members.

This year the East Midlands Chamber announced its wider vision to strengthen the link between businesses and thriving local communities. Part of this work is to bridge the gap between charities and the business community, supporting businesses to embed Corporate Social Responsibility within their organisation. Rotary International was established with this same vision at its core.

Your District REC (Rotary Engaging Chamber) committee was set up to discuss with the Chamber Directors the aim of introducing a programme that would benefit the Chamber and Rotary but above all engage with the business community, which was the dream of Paul Harris way back in 1905. It's always been my dream to introduce District Clubs to the business community, which in the long run, will GROW ROTARY within our District and beyond.

The photograph shows the EMCC Director of Partnerships David Pearson with District Governor David Hood, District Officer David Pedlar and Jade Bindley, who has assisted Rotary in pulling together an action plan. Jade will join our REC committee as she will be joining Derby Rotary towards the end of the year.

**David Hood – District Governor**

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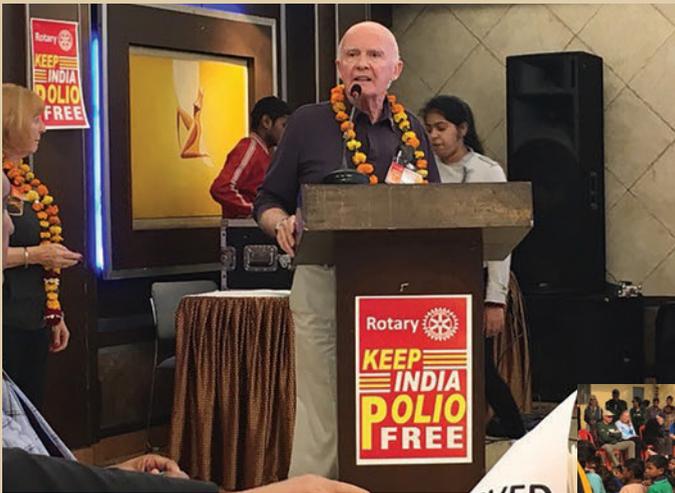
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Editorial





# The Agra Taj Mahal Mega-Polio Campaign



The mega-polio campaign is an annual event organized by the Rotary Club of Agra Taj Mahal that aims to bring together Rotarians from around the world to India to support the ongoing fight against polio. Its aims are simple; helping local health workers ensure that all children receive the vaccine, ensuring publicity to keep national and regional government funding in place and to offer the international support that Rotary Clubs provide to this ongoing campaign.

For the 84 Rotarians representing America, Canada, the Bahamas, Norway, Sweden, Australia and Wirksworth in Derbyshire it also gave the opportunity to see a wide range of activities from hygiene to education and practical business help and to

demonstrate the power of a connected, global organization to impact and improve the lives of individuals across the globe.

The Rotarians began a busy week by firstly flying into Delhi and from there taking the three hour trip to Agra. Upon arrival we received our yellow vests and ID and the event started with a launch lunch with Speakers, both local and rotary members who had been affected by this terrible disease.



Once this was complete we joined local volunteers, Army cadets, local people and musicians to rally through the streets of Agra to promote the campaign and make everyone aware of the importance of the fight against polio and that the vaccinations

would be available from a number of sites the next day. The music attracted many followers and the march ended in a local open air cinema with music, dance and local food and drink.

The day itself meant an early start and a visit to the local health-Centre where after greetings we were split into groups for each site. Members from California and the Bahamas and I found ourselves at a site just outside the main town where, as a result of the previous day's publicity, an early queue had started to form. Local health workers identified children who should receive the vaccine and also offered medical help and advice on a number of issues. All through the day the line of children and adults didn't seem to drop, and as the victims of polio are very visible, it was clear how important vaccination was to parents and professionals alike.

Once finished the various groups had vaccinated over 2,000 children and after a quick clean and change we joined all the other Rotarians for an evening of fellowship with food and refreshment provided by the families of our hosts.

The group also saw a number of projects not only in local schools where Rotarians provide equipment and support, but also in the Rotary School where over 100 pupils attended (some collected by the Rotary bus). We saw a number of projects ranging from a new water pump and filtration plant for the school, hygiene projects to support young girls continue education through and after puberty to providing people equipment to support themselves and their families.

At the end of the week we saw a farewell concert from the Rotary School pupils and the sight of 40 Rotarians trying to teach the children to do the Macarena. A marvelous end to a week of seeing for myself how important the fight against polio is and just how much impact our various projects can have on lives around the world.





## End Polio Now Concert

Rotarian Mary Danby made good use of her local contacts in organising a piano concert by the internationally renowned Benjamin Frith and his partner Heidi Rolfe.

Literally playing their four hands on one Bluthner grand piano, Ben and Heidi delivered two hours of mesmerising music to a full house of 140 persons, including Rotarians from several Clubs in the District, Inner Wheel, U3A, the Civic Society, the Lions, representatives of the education sector and the event's sponsors, Wright Vigar, Chartered Accountants.

With the marvellous two for one contribution by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the evening added over £8,000 to the End Polio Now campaign.

Neil Grayston - Retford



## Historic Iron Lung on Display

A piece of history was recently on display on Ripley market place.

Until vaccines were introduced in the mid-1950s, the only lifesaving treatment for polio victims whose breathing was affected by paralysis was an "Iron Lung", a sealed box which aided breathing

Since 1985, Rotarians worldwide have been committed to banishing the disease from the face of the earth. This undertaking is now very near fulfilment; Rotary has so far raised £1.5 billion but as is often the case, the last bit is the hardest.

Stuart Rice - Ripley



## Derby goes Purple

On Thursday 24th October 2019, WORLD POLIO DAY the Rotary Club of Derby played their part in marking historic progress toward a polio-free world, while urging community support to end this paralyzing disease.

Olivia Dean, furthering Pat Zadora's initiative in previous years, secured the support of Derby University, Derby Royal, Derby Theatre, the Quad and The Council House in lighting up their buildings purple. Derby Royal Hospital's commitment was quite subtle but very effective as they lit up the Florence Nightingale Clock, which stands proudly at the front of the hospital building. Most significantly, the university turned the whole building purple which could be seen from miles away.

Richard Benfield – Derby



# Young People



Young Musician 2019 Junior Competitors

## Young Musician Competition

Ashbourne Rotary Club held their annual Young Musician of the Year Competition and was delighted to receive the largest entry of 29 competitors this time. The competition is divided into four classes, Junior and Senior in both Vocal and Instrumental sections.

The talent available in this area never fails to amaze and thanks must go to the parents, schools and tutors, particularly Steve Duckworth and Linda Perry Smith and overall to the young people for their dedication to improve and perform.

The Adjudicator this year was Vicki Brown from Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership who was faced with a very difficult task and was so encouraging with her comments to all competitors.

The class winners were; Junior Instrumental, George Boyes on Violin, 'Liebesleid' by Fritz Kreisler; Junior Vocal, Lucas Shirtcliffe singing 'Yesterday' and 'Singing in the Rain'; Senior Instrumental, Katharine Hedley playing 'Sonata in D' by John Parry and 'Ten Past Two' by Pearl Chertock' on the Harp and Senior Vocalist, Sophie Henderson sang 'Someone like you'. This year, as the talent was so good, a further award as Overall Performer was made to Jessica Duckworth singing 'In his Eyes'.

Well done to all these amazing young people in our community.

David Archer - Ashbourne



## Young Artist Award

The latest of this season's creative awards from the Rotary Club of Wirksworth is the award for the Young Artist.

On Thursday, 8 August the Club was pleased to present the Trophy and a cash prize of £50 to Oscar Cousins. The judges agreed at the display of GCSE Art at Anthony Gell School that his work showed a real maturity of approach and wonderful sense of colour and space. From his notebooks it was clear that Oscar demonstrated a great commitment to developing his pieces.

Oscar is not the only talented artist in his family; his brother, Jacob, won the award three years ago.

Ruth Fantom - Wirksworth



## Junior School Art and Photographic Competition

This is the Fourth year that the Rotary Club have organised this competition and for the first time it included a Photographic competition. It is open to all the junior schools in Radcliffe/Bingham/Cotgrave and the villages in the Vale.

The theme this year was Our Countryside with prizes being awarded to the winners in each of two categories ie Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. Eight schools took part with 159 entries and again standards were high. Our thanks go to Long Acre Studios in Bingham and the Arts Society Trent Valley for their support.

The winners were: Art - Leila Rose Johnson (Archbishop Cranmer) and Missy Lewis (St Peters C of E East Bridgford) and Photography - Lucy Whiteman (Radcliffe JS) and Thomas Jenkins (Carnarvon JS). The picture shows the winners of the Photographic Competition being presented with their framed winning entries by Jane Costello, Mayor of Bingham, together with President Trevor Richmond.

Denis Bacon – Vale of Belvoir



# 's Achievements



## Pride of Belper and Duffield Awards

The Sixth Annual Presentation Luncheon took place in October at Shottle Hall Country House Hotel when some 80 people gathered to recognise the courage and perseverance of eight young people who had been nominated by their schools for the Awards. After enjoying a splendid meal together, the awards began. Members of staff from the respective schools gave us some background about the recipients; these ranged from mental health issues, various long term medical conditions including being confined to a wheelchair, and coping with the severe illness of a parent. There wasn't a dry eye in the room whilst these brave stories were recounted!

The Awards, an engraved glass tablet and a Certificate, were presented jointly by Lucy Martin, a BBC weather presenter appearing on both regional and national programmes, and Heidi Booth, a roving reporter for the BBC Radio Derby Breakfast Show.

**John Scotney – Belper and Duffield**



## George Lowe Achievement Award

The Rotary Club of Ripley was welcomed to the St John's Infant School end of term Year Six service held at Ripley All Saints Church. During the service, two pupils were presented with the Club's George Lowe Achievement Award. The staff had selected pupils Katie Smith and Joshua Sharp, naming them because of their overall achievements, caring for other students and for being model students at the school. The George Lowe Award is in memory of a Rotarian and former local business man who believed in children achieving in whatever, not just academic studies. President Owen Briggs also presented a cheque to the school in thanks for the school choir's help at the club's annual Carol Concert.

**Stuart Rice – Ripley**





## People 'Horse Around' to Raise Funds

The fourth annual Amber Valley Rotary Charity Horse Ride was judged a total success by both riders and organisers, with over 100 riders including 60 new entrants, more sponsors and an improved route including a short route more suited to some riders and horses. This Rotary event is made possible through the generosity of farmers around Shottle in Amber Valley, allowing use of their land to create an off-road route of 12 miles in the stunning Derbyshire Countryside.

Riders came from Derbyshire including, Belper, Matlock, Chesterfield and Ilkeston but also further afield, Manchester, Uttoxeter, Doncaster and Nottingham. This year there was even greater emphasis on promoting animal welfare including an on-site farrier and riders required to produce horse passports with evidence of vaccination against equine flu. Horse water and wash facilities were available during the ride to combat the warm conditions.

President Glynn Allsop said, "It's been a really successful event, made possible by support from local Shottle farmers and thanks also to our event sponsors. Of course, there is a tremendous amount of work done by Rotary Amber Valley colleagues in planning, marshalling and providing safety, administration and refreshments. Whilst it's too early to say how much we can donate to the charities I anticipate it will be in excess of £4000. It's a great way to support local charities."

The charities to benefit will be Maggie's Cancer Support (provides free emotional and social support to people with cancer), the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (a welfare charity supporting people who have or are working in farming) and Peak 4x4 (provides logistical support in times of adverse weather or civil emergency)

**John Stamp – Amber Valley**

## 13th Annual Charity Horse Ride

On 8 September the 147 riders took the scenic 10 mile route in Locko Park, Dale Abbey, Stanton-by-Dale, Ockbrook and Spondon through land not normally available to the public. The Event is supported each year by 80 marshals, consisting of most Club members and friends.

Over £4,000 was raised for Treetops Hospice Care, Air Ambulance and Derby Mountain Rescue.

Many riders have added praise on our Facebook page commenting how professionally the event was marshalled and the enjoyment they had en route.

We have raised a total of £76,000 for specific charities from the 13 annual Horse Ride events organised and marshalled by our Club members.

**Roger Graham - Church Wilne**



Two riders near to the ruin of the very old arch in Dale Abbey

Charity Horse Rides



# 190 Horses - £3500 for Charity

The Rotary Club of Ashbourne held its Annual Charity Horse Ride around Carsington and Brassington in August, drawing 190 participants



The attraction is a 10 mile ride where the whole course is marshalled to ensure safety, no dismounts and wonderful countryside not normally available to riders. Good riding conditions made for a tremendously enjoyable day, the club receiving thank you emails and pleas for a repeat in 2020.

Approximately £3,500 was raised by the event which will be distributed between Scropton Riding for the Disabled and, in the coming months, to local Ashbourne causes, as is the policy of the club.

Grateful thanks go to Rotarian Peter Oldfield for his organisation, provision of parking and facilities and to the many local landowners who allowed access for the day. Organiser Rob Allen was delighted with all aspects of the day and is already looking to make improvements as he starts to plan the 2020 ride.

**Cliff Lewer – Ashbourne**



# Hearing Ambassadors named best District 1220 project for 2018/19

In the July edition of Rotary Review, we talked about our aim to roll out our hearing awareness message to all clubs in District 1220 and the wider community, with our ultimate ambition to start a national rollout. The last three months have been amazing for us and our project. Read on to find out what we have been doing.



In July, AG Alex Richie presented the Ernest Pappin Award for best District 1220 project 2018/19 to Rotary Club of Hope Valley which Presidents Doug and Ros accepted on behalf of all Hearing Ambassadors.

August saw our first foray into film making when Belper and Duffield Rotary club, and Rotarians Pete Hurst, Victoria Clarke, and Tony Waldron, created an inspirational video about our work. If you would like to see



what the team have created, please search YouTube for "Rotary Hearing Ambassadors".

Our USA adventures began in September, when, as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange group, we travelled to New Jersey. Paterson Rotary Club is one of several NJ clubs which embraced our message and are planning to use all our materials to create their own Hearing Ambassador movement.

## What's Next for us?

Rosie Dixon of Burton Rotary Club put the finishing touches to our brand - new training package in October and we will be rolling this out in and around District 1220 in November and December. If all goes well, over the coming months we will be discussing our national rollout with RIBI and other organisations and 2020 will see us as a registered charity with much better social media presence and a website. We want to say a big thank you to every Rotarian in District 1220, where this project was conceived, for all your encouragement, support and guidance. Together we can make a difference. Watch this space!

If you want to know more, or you would like to help us in any way, please email us at [RotaryHearingAmbassadors@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryHearingAmbassadors@gmail.com)

**Andrew & Gillian Campbell – Hope Valley**

Hearing Ambassadors



# Memory Café is One Year Old!



They say time goes fast when you are having fun and it is certainly hard to believe that the Belper and Duffield Rotary Memory Café celebrated its first birthday in June, 2019. We held a big party, including party games and singing and enjoyed a birthday cake specially provided by our partner, Morrisons.



Thursday 25 July turned out to be one of the hottest days of this year and so as we prepared to open the café doors, we felt extremely nervous that we would have only a few, or maybe no visitors. How wrong could we have been! The majority of our regular customers arrived, together with some new visitors. Our theme for the afternoon was 'Sports Day' and our customers thoroughly enjoyed playing a variety of indoor games, with free movement from game to game. One of our new customers asked if he could play some background music on the keyboard and this encouraged some of our customers to get up and dance, which was absolutely lovely to watch. A free and easy afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Ola from Belper Fleet Arts had previously approached us and offered for someone to come along to our café and do some art/craft work with our customers. So, in August we took her up on her kind offer and our customers enjoyed an afternoon producing some very creative and colourful artwork.

We do get very positive feedback from our customers and I thought I would like to share one comment with you.

'Mum ate her weight in cake. They are truly angels. Bless them - had to fight back the tears when they had their sing song. It's easy to get to and the team are lovely. Thank you for making all so welcome.'

Comments like this make it all worthwhile.

**Eileen Murphy**  
– Belper and Duffield

Memory Café

# Wirksworth Memory Café Celebrates

There was a party atmosphere at the August meeting of the Wirksworth Memory Café, as volunteers and guests celebrated the Café's fourth birthday.



There were balloons, cakes, and Bingo to mark the occasion.

Guests who won the bingo games were rewarded

with a bone china cup bearing the Café logo, specially commissioned for the café earlier this year.

In the last four years the café has celebrated many special occasions, such as the Queen's 90th birthday, and the Royal Wedding, but no one could have imagined four years ago, that our project would prove so popular with the residents of Wirksworth and the surrounding villages.

The Memory Café was founded with funding from the Rotary Club of Wirksworth in partnership with Wellspring Church, and since then the Café has received donations from many local groups as well as individuals, and is renowned in the town for being a valuable resource for people who are living with dementia and their carers.

The team of volunteers, who organise the monthly sessions, work very hard behind the scenes, to ensure that our guests have a stimulating and fun time, and all are grateful for the support of the community.

**Ruth Fantom** - Wirksworth



# District Governor's Message ...



**"THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU, BE IT IN THE FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ROTARY, YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE!"** As you know, this was my theme for the District Conference and especially throughout this Rotary year.

Four months in and my District Governor Visits, Charters and attending Club events have convinced me that in this day and age the world needs Rotary and the Rotary theme this year - **Rotary**

**Connects The World** - is and will always be in our minds when working with both our local and International communities.

By the time this Rotary Review magazine is published we will be hearing the outcome of the District Strategy Review, which will be our working document for the future of Rotary in our District. This is an important piece of work carried out by Chair John Cavey and a committee of forward thinking Rotarians.

I am still 'reeling' from last month's District Conference in Scarborough where we experienced the highland delights of the Conference itself and the fabulous 8 piece Jiggers Ceilidh band on the Saturday evening. The floor was never empty from start to finish. That was coupled with fabulous entertainers on the Friday night, speakers and Ignite UK, a ladies chorus from Belper in Derbyshire. I think if there was one stand-out moment for me and many attending was the inspirational presentation from Dr Janet Gray who is blind. When I escorted her to the centre of the stage and the red cross in the middle to accept the adulation from the standing ovation, she said to me, and I quote, 'does it bleep?' What a lady she is! Congratulations and a big Highland well done must go to Conference Chair Martyn Bye (Carlton) and his committee who worked tirelessly over many months with all meetings carried out through video conferencing. This is a communication mode we should all adopt to save on time, long car journeys and most importantly saving the planet!



As a member of the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce I have been working with their Directors along with a fabulous 1220 committee who are committed like me to GROW ROTARY.



Over the next few months we will be piloting an action plan and if successful, and there is now no reason why it shouldn't, will be programmed in to the Sheffield, Rotherham & Barnsley and Doncaster Chambers to complete the District picture. As I have said before it takes time to develop but when it is we, 1220, will have succeeded in GROWING ROTARY and the possible envy within Rotary GBI

I would like to leave you with my closing thought at the Conference last month:

***Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change.***

***Each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so.***

***We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference.***

***What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.***

Thanking you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor and I look forward to the rest of my year.

DG David



District Governor's Message

## AMBER VALLEY

### Rotary Club make Pawsome Donation

This month, Guide Dogs' local Community Team were delighted to receive a cheque for £2,500 from the Rotary Club of Amber Valley. After choosing to donate to the charity, the club will get to name their own guide dog puppy.

The money will help to support the puppy through early training, where it will learn basic obedience and socialisation skills. The training will help to provide the best possible start for the puppy on its journey to becoming a fully-fledged guide dog. The club will receive a birth certificate once the puppy is born and a photo of their puppy when it is six weeks old.

To celebrate the occasion, the Rotary Club received a special visit from local volunteer Paula Hunt and her guide dog Geanie, who collected the cheque on behalf of Guide Dogs and thanked members for their generous donation. Paula was joined by volunteer Puppy Walker Judith Carmichael and puppy Vinnie.



Presenting the cheque was Rotary Club President Howard Dorrان, who said: "We choose to support Guide Dogs after the charity was nominated by one of our members, who had someone close to him

directly affected by sight loss. Rotary has a long history of helping people and it is rewarding to know that our donation will go towards helping someone regain their independence."

Community Fundraiser for Guide Dogs, Nichola Bonsall added: "Our life-changing guide dog partnerships are only made possible through the support of local groups and organisations like the Rotary Club. With the lifetime cost of each Guide Dog partnership, from birth to retirement now over £55,000, we simply could not provide our services without the support of the local community."

Guide Dogs Name a Puppy scheme allows individuals and organisations to name and sponsor a puppy through their first year of training. The monies raised will set them off on their training journey to become a guide dog, helping a person who has lost their sight to regain their independence. If you would like to know more about the scheme or how you can get involved, please call the Nottingham office on: 0345 143 0221 or email: [nottingham@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@guidedogs.org.uk)

**John Stamp**

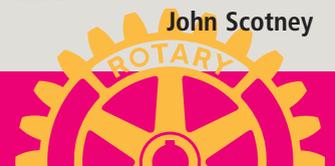


## BELPER AND DUFFIELD

A group of fifteen members and friends reported to the Amber Valley Vineyards at Wessington to be met by Barry Lewis and escorted to a converted stable which now houses the bar and a seating area outside where we enjoyed a very pleasant buffet. While we ate, Barry explained that the area we were in this evening contained a small vineyard which we would visit, an orchard and the hospitality area.

He then took us over to the vineyard and explained how he and a colleague started the planting in the snow a few years ago. They are fortunate that the hillside is south facing and the damp morning air from the valley helps to protect the plants from frosts. A number of varieties are grown on a strong root stocks and the fruit bearing shoots are spread out cordon fashion along the miles of wire supported by stout posts. The ground around the root stocks is not weeded as it encourages the shoots to grow upwards and bear fruit. We then commenced the wine tasting. Currently they produce two wines, a dry, aromatic white called Millstone and a rosé produced by blending with a white grape yielding a red juice and called Elisa Pink, named after Barry's daughter. We all tried them and some of the party were so impressed they proceeded to purchase a few bottles for their cellars.

**John Scotney**





## CHESTERFIELD Long Service Award

A long-serving Rotarian has been recognised for completing 50 years of Rotary service. Past President David Jenkins, CStJ, was awarded a long-service certificate and a special 50 year Rotary badge at the club meeting held on Friday 2 August 2019 by President Nigel Metham. David Jenkins, 95, whose profession was Coal Industry Administration, first joined the Rotary Club of Chesterfield in March 1969 and has been a regular attender ever since. He was club president in 1981-82 and is the first of three long-serving Rotarians being recognised by the club this year.

Geoff Mitchell

## CHURCH WILNE

### Buddy Holly's Winter Dance Party

The Members and Friends of Church Wilne Rotary Club organised a Buddy Holly's Winter Concert and Dance Party for Charity at St Mary's Church Hall in Draycott on Sunday 13 October.

There was a packed house once again to hear and to dance to all the classic Buddy songs performed by the musicians from Amici Productions who also performed at the 2 Buddy Musicals and the previous Concert organised by the Club.



Chris Renshaw, a member of the cast stated: "It was a fab evening and everyone was on their feet dancing to some great performances".

The total sum raised by the Church Wilne Rotary Club during the last 3 years from the 2 Musicals and the 2 Concerts was £24,000.

Roger Graham

## DERBY DAYBREAK

The Club selected Derby Hospital Charity as its main charity for two years. Through a meeting with Derby Hospital Choir, we learnt of the need for new design hydrotilt orthopaedic chairs. The initial aim was to purchase two of these much needed chairs. The great news is that by working together, pooling funds, gaining a grant and receiving discount on a multiple order, the two groups have managed to purchase six hydrotilt chairs for the Orthopaedic wards, four at Royal Derby Hospital and two at Burton Hospital.

Patients benefit greatly from early mobilisation post-surgery; delays in getting the patient out of bed are associated with poor function at 2 and 6 months. These specifically designed multi-functional hydrotilt chairs offer additional benefits, including easy reclining to keep the patient safely in the chair, cushioning to offer important comfort for frail and repairing bones, elevation of the feet to alleviate swelling lower limbs and ease of mobility allowing for patients to be wheeled to day rooms and out for fresh air.



Derby Daybreak and Derby Hospital Choir raised the funds via quiz nights, an Indian Charity Supper, bucket collections at Derby Winter Ale Festival, hospital cake stalls, Autumn and Christmas fayres and joining in the 5km Jingle Jog. Additionally, the Choir delivered an amazing concert at the Cathedral. All of these activities couple with a Rotary UK grant raised £10,500 and the six chairs now benefit patients on three orthopaedic wards.

Sue Cook





## DRONFIELD

### Round the Peak Walk

On Friday 27th September four of our members walked from Ringinglow to Millthorpe. This was the first of two sections that we had undertaken to complete as part of the Rotary Club of Buxton's goal for Rotary to cover all 190 miles of the Peak Round Walk in this Rotary year.

Rob Barron was our leader and knew the route well having scouted it out before. Brian Simpson, Robin Greetham and Gill Harvey followed behind. The weather was not the best with cloud and a shower in the morning and heavy rain for the last hour of the walk. However we all enjoyed the challenge and feeling of achievement at the end.

Thanks to Eric Beach for being on standby to rescue us (well, me really) in case of emergency.

We look forward to our second section from Millthorpe to Beeley which we plan to do in April next year. We welcome more participants - plenty of time to get into training!!!

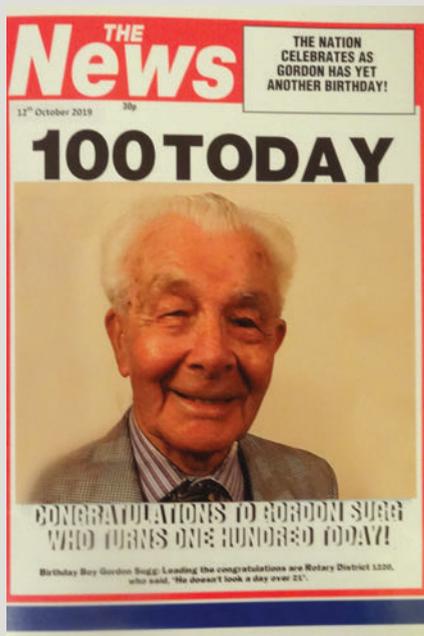
Gill Harvey



## ECKINGTON & DISTRICT

In response to an appeal from the Aquabox Team for hand towels to be used to protect the water filters in transit, Eckington and District Club have collected over 100, which are winging their way to Wirksworth. To reach this number the following organisations were contacted, Barlborough and Clowne WI, Killamarsh WI, Barlborough Community Face book users and Barlborough Methodist Church. Although we are a very small club, we have been able to 'make a difference!'

Ann Norris



## KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

Gordon Sugg from Kirkby in Ashfield Club was 100 on the 12th October - many Congratulations! The attached card was signed by many of those who attended the District Conference at Scarborough earlier in the month.

Eric Thompson





## LONG EATON DAWNBREAKERS

Over the past two years, Long Eaton Dawnbreakers working in conjunction with the charity, Tools with a Mission (TWAM), have been collecting unwanted tools and gardening implements from the Long Eaton area and beyond. These are then refurbished and sent to Africa to provide people with the tools to earn a living and be self-sufficient in supporting their families. This month's shipment to Africa took the total collected and distributed to over 21 tonnes. The club will continue this project and are now looking at expanding to use their skills and networks to include old spectacles and shoes.

Paul Burrows

## MAPPERLEY & ARNOLD

We reported on our project to restore a garden area at Hayward House, Nottingham City Hospital in the last edition of Rotary Review. The restful courtyard grows and grows and the picture shows some of the members working hard during the summer.

Graham Holmes



## MARKET RASEN

Very recently, an honorary member of our Club, and now a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Crieff, Scotland, returned to give us a presentation showing his 650 mile walk on the SW coastal path around Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. Chris Dowse raised £14,000 as a result, split between the Rotary Polio fund and research into Prostate Cancer; he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Crieff Club to recognize his efforts. The Rotary Club of Market Rasen has much to thank Chris for as in his business life he was Farm's Director for Sutton Estates, a large farming enterprise in Lincolnshire. Chris not only won numerous conservation awards whilst there, but also introduced the annual Open Farm Sunday event to the Estates and since then our Rotary Club has helped organise the event and been the principal catering organisation to feed some 3000 visitors.

David Mason

Long Eaton Dawnbreakers • Mapperley & Arnold • Market Rasen





RAF Cadets, Stuart Rice, Brian Scott Sound, Dave Johns, President Owen and Just Paul.

## RIPLEY

The Club's Annual Bill Barber Concert was held at the Palmer Morewood Club, Alfreton. The concert, in memory of Rtn Bill Barber who first suggested the idea, provides a night out for local people who do not get out as much as they would like. They are picked up from their residences, taken to the concert, entertained by local artists, served refreshments in the interval and taken home afterwards. President Owen J Briggs welcomed the guests and gave a vote of thanks to the artists for the evening - the Brian Scott Sound, Dave Johns, guitar vocalist, Just Paul, a singer who accompanied himself on various types of ukuleles, the Community Transport Drivers, the Ripley and Alfreton RAF Cadets and compere Rtn Stuart Rice. The Palmer-Morewood Club was recognised for their help in making it a very successful evening by presenting a bouquet to the stewardess, Cherylyn Upton.

Stuart Rice



## SWADLINCOTE

The Rotary Club of Swadlincote sent a small working party to The William Allitt School in Newhall, South Derbyshire, on Saturday 12th October to tidy up their central garden. We cleared around 25 bags of garden waste and mowed the grass. We are working closely with the school and will be back to assist with building an ECO greenhouse in the garden

Terry De la Fuente



## WIRKSWORTH

At the Rotary Club of Wirksworth's meeting of 18th July, the newly inducted President, Colin Lloyd, had the pleasure of presenting Long Service Certificates to two of its hard working stalwarts.

Frank Dakin (pictured left) joined the club in 1969 and is celebrating 50 years service. David Udall (right) joined in 1979 and is celebrating 40 years. David is the editor of the monthly club magazine, The Wirks. President Colin praised and thanked the two for their dedicated service, not only to our community, but also to Rotary projects around the globe.

Of course, long service doesn't mean the end of service and both continue to contribute to the club's activities.

The fact cannot be overlooked that behind every Great Man there is an even Greater Woman, and the Clubs thanks are extend to Frank's wife, Mollie and David's wife Mavis who have been, and remain, a great support to them throughout their Rotary service, not least as Cake Bakers Extraordinaire!

Ruth Fantom





## Visit to the 'Spire'

### THE SPIRE MEMORIAL

The Spire is the UK's tallest war memorial at 31.09m (102ft), the same as the wingspan of a Lancaster Bomber.

The walls list those who died with Bomber Command during the war. The inner circle records losses from 1 and 5 Groups. The outer walls record those killed from other UK-based bomber Groups.

Find out more on the IBCC App.

Members and wives/partners took an early supper at a local hotel and then visited the Bomber Command Memorial in Lincoln, for an extremely moving

evening. The names of all the 57,000 airmen and support staff who lost their lives involved in the WW II bombing raids from the UK (and all their Commonwealth partners, Allies and volunteers from all over the world), are remembered with their names etched into steel plates under a spire, the height of which is equivalent to the span of a Lancaster's wing. This memorial overlooks a valley, where much of Lincoln is situated, to the next hill on which proudly stands Lincoln Cathedral, a rallying point for planes departing for Europe, and a welcome sight for those safely returning from their night of terror.



David Mason – Market Rasen

## PDG Roger in a leap of faith!

A very nervous Past DG Roger Summers abseiled the 213 foot, 16th Century tower at Derby Cathedral. In a leap of faith with others across the community; the sponsored abseil raised money for a local charity 'When you wish upon a star.'

Wife Pauline managed to keep her hand steady whilst taking pictures of Roger making his way down the Cathedral tower. Roger said, "Although the organisers were extremely safety conscious, I was very nervous at the start. But it's a great feeling to overcome fear in the knowledge of helping some very courageous children."

The charity grants the wishes of children between the ages of 2 – 16, living with life threatening illness. Since 1990 they have granted over 17,000 Wonderful Wishes, creating precious memories, and transforming the lives of some courageous children and their families.

John Stamp – Amber Valley

## District 1220 bids farewell to the 'dynamic duo'



On July 25th, the Rotary Club of Wirksworth bade a fond farewell to Rotarian Gordon McGlone, after 26 years serving, not only as Past President of our Club but also as District Governor in 2011/12.

Gordon participated in every aspect of Rotary life through the years and provided fun and entertainment all the way. In one of his most recent stunts, in October 2018, he was unrecognisable as Mad Eye Moody during the first Wirksworth Wizarding Weekend.

At the same time, Rotary Bakewell and Alfreton Inner Wheel said their farewells to Gordon's wife Lorraine. Her service has included holding the Presidency of both of these groups, together with many other roles (Secretary and Treasurer to name but two).

Gordon and Lorraine have given much of their life to date to the Rotary family; too much to fully cover here, but suffice it to say they were, last year, rightly honoured with a Sapphire Pin for Gordon and a Paul Harris Fellowship for Lorraine.

Their energies were not exclusively devoted to Rotray. They were also mainstays for the local British Heart Foundation and Darley Dale Methodist Church where Lorraine's renowned catering skills were regularly on show!

They are now moving north of the Border – to Yorkshire - to begin a new adventure living closer to their daughter, Barbara.



All their friends and colleagues, past and present, at the Rotary Clubs of Wirksworth and Bakewell and Alfreton Inner Wheel wish Gordon and Lorraine much Fellowship, Love and Happiness in their new home.

Ruth Fantom - Wirksworth

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## Visitors from Chernobyl

Fourteen children from Chernobyl enjoyed afternoon tea and games organised recently by the Rotary Club of Amber Valley. The 'tea party' for the children took place courtesy of Ormonde Field Golf and Restaurant who supported the event with use of their premises and a buffet meal whilst Rotarians provided games and activities.

The children are from Belarus which was badly affected by the Chernobyl explosion in 1986 and nuclear contamination still affects people of all ages. The children, between 11 & 13 years, are sponsored for a holiday in the UK annually by 'Friends Of Chernobyl Children' a registered charity.

Joint Rotary President Howard Doran said, "The children come from an area badly affected by radiation and it's great for Rotary to support their stay here in Amber Valley by giving them an afternoon of good food and fun."

Following the tea served by then restaurant staff, there followed fun and games including, 'ring' the bell' and 'ball in the bucket.' There was great fun and laughter as the youngsters donned sumo wrestling inflated suits to push each other over whilst the tug of war was rather one sided with the fourteen children beating the six Rotarians. Language difference was imaterial as a magician charmed and mesmerised bringing out "OO"s and "AH"s in Belarusian.

Rotarian Howard Doran said, "Language difference doesn't matter when people are enjoying themselves. Laughter is a common language and the children from Belarus laughed a lot."

The children presented a certificate of thanks to Rotary and they will be returning home shortly after their three weeks stay.

**John Stamp – Amber Valley**

## "The longest running Rotary Club project in the world"



The Sheffield Club was chartered on the 24th October 1919 and is therefore about to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Sheffield. One of the first projects organised by the club was a

camping holiday near Bridlington for boys whose fathers had been killed in the First World War and these 'camps' have run every year since.

For many years the camping holiday was held in a field in Shatton, near Bamford. Unfortunately, the site was not very suitable due to being on a steep slope. So, when land in Castleton became available in 1935, the Rotary Club bought 29½ acres for £599 and 5 shillings.

Over the years The Rotary Centre has been developed to the wonderful centre that you can see there today. From the 1980's both boys and girls were invited for a week's holiday run by the club (3 groups of children over 2 or 3 weeks). The Children's camps will again take place in 2020 so this will be a total of 100 years providing holidays for disadvantaged children from Sheffield and the surrounding area.

As part of the Sheffield Club's 100 year celebrations, we are holding a reunion day on Saturday 6th June 2020 for any 'past campers', Rotarians, helpers etc so that they can come and meet others involved in the project past and present, see all the photographs and share their memories of the camps.

On Sunday 7th June we are holding a Garden Party for Rotarians, partners and friends – more details will be sent out soon.

**Jeremy Holmes - Sheffield**  
Centre Manager – The Rotary Centre –  
[www.rotarycentrecastleton.co.uk](http://www.rotarycentrecastleton.co.uk)



# Sponsored Bike Ride to Arnhem

We all want to prove ourselves - somehow. Eleven years ago, some members of our Rotary Club wanted to prove ourselves and completed our first Coast to Coast cycle ride. This year we're still trying to prove ourselves; this time we opted for the flat and decided to cycle to Arnhem in The Netherlands.

The choice of Arnhem was, in part, influenced by a desire some of us have to visit the bridges at Arnhem and Nijmegen. We hadn't appreciated that our visit would coincide almost exactly with the 75th Anniversary 'Celebrations' of Operation Market Garden – the ill-fated attempt by the Allies to secure the bridges at Nijmegen and Arnhem and so push on into Germany by 1944.

We estimated that we would cycle around 225 miles – the majority of them in The Netherlands. It being a Rotary event, the trip would combine both fellowship and service. The fellowship would be inherent in the group's support of each other and the service would be our efforts to raise money for a charity. Sadly, a friend of mine, Paul Frankish – an astonishingly talented musician with a young family, had died suddenly of Sepsis in March so we decided to raise funds for Sepsis Trust UK.

Cycling in Holland is an experience all its own. You're incredibly grateful to a system which ensures that there are cycle lanes on just about every public road but on the other hand the cycle lanes are shared with scooters, so you have anything on two wheels coming at you from all directions and at frightening speeds. For the Dutch, cycling isn't a pastime it's a mode of transport. So whilst we were clad in lycra and riding our carbon fibre engineering miracles, we were being overtaken by school children hurtling along on their pre-war boneshakers.

The first day was an unhurried ride to Asperen where we stopped for the night. Quite by chance we bumped into members of the Rotary Club of Leerdam; we made an alarming sight dressed in our cycling gear with the sweat and the grime of a day's cycling still upon us bringing 'greetings from the Rotary Club of Epworth and Isle of Axholme'! The next day we headed off for Arnhem - again an enjoyable ride. A real live retired para (from Mablethorpe!) had his photo taken with us before we enjoyed an evening in a very beautiful city. Everywhere, businesses and homes were flying the colours of the Paras. The whole community had come together to celebrate this important anniversary.

There was, inevitably, a slight anti-climax as we cycled home on the Thursday morning but we had made friends with some wonderful people in Arnhem, had shocked some Rotarians in Leerdam, and raised £2400 for Sepsis UK! A wonderful trip, well worth the effort!

Richard Vergette – Epworth and Isle of Axholme



The team of cyclists in their Sepsis UK shirts.

Meeting a real live 'para' outside the Airborne Museum in Arnhem.



# Art Exhibition - the late Peter Quinton Honey



The exhibition at Thoresby Courtyard Gallery was arranged by his daughter, Rotarian Michele Honey Floyd, in aid of the Retford's Club's Children's Bread Fund. This charity was started in 2000, originally to help pay for food in Children's Early Development Centres in an area of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, and has progressed now to also providing water tanks for sanitation, play and educational equipment for at least 700 children in that area.

President Judith Longden opened this stunning retrospective exhibition in the presence of the Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, Cllr Debbie Merryweather, the Mayor of Retford Cllr Garry Clarkson, and other invited guests.

Peter Quinton Honey was born in South Africa and his concern for the welfare of children worldwide was lifelong. After being wounded in Sollum, North Africa he became a war artist. In 1943 he began a stage career first acting then

as a Comedy Cartoonist Impressionist touring the Variety Theatres in Europe and the UK. His career took him into set design and show management and during his time living in Spain he held frequent exhibitions, taught art in the local school and his cartoon work was a regular feature in the English newspaper covering Southern Spain. On his return to England he continued painting until his death in 2012. It is most appropriate that this exhibition is helping children in the land of his birth.

There was also be a Display of African Artwork to launch Retford Rotary RotaKids in the form of face masks which took over one wall of the exhibition hall. The schools involved are Orchard School, South Leverton, Carr Hill Primary School, Retford and Ranskill Primary School.

There was great interest in the exhibition with many visitors and kind donations; indeed, after the first week, most of the paintings and prints had already been sold. No final figure yet, but hundreds of pounds will be going to the charity. Rotarian Michele's target of raising enough for a year's supply of food will be easily exceeded.

Neil Grayston – Retford

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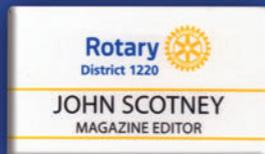
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The photo shows the generic design but the name badges can also be produced to your design. Clubs are ordering a quantity, taking what they need now and then calling-off extra badges as and when they need them.

The District Shop also supplies various lapel badges, new member's packs, ties, stickers, car stickers etc. We can also supply a wide range of embroidered or printed clothing - polo shirts, fleece jackets, hi-vis waistcoats, tabards, t-shirts etc.

The items are available all the year around, and we have a large stall at the District Conference and the District Assembly.

**If you would like prices  
or any further information,**

**please contact Jeremy Holmes on  
0114 281 3132 or at [jeremypiglet@gmail.com](mailto:jeremypiglet@gmail.com)**

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Whitehall, Buxton



### When?

Friday, 15th to Sunday, 17th May, 2020.

### Where?

White Hall Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Buxton, Derbyshire

### Who For?

Youngsters aged 14 to 16 years at the time of the course

### How Much?

For Derbyshire residents - £165.

For Non-Derbyshire residents - £220

### Why?

We aim to develop a range of skills including students' self-awareness, public speaking, team building, leadership and a variety of other skills.

### How?

By using outdoor activities such as rock climbing, caving, canoeing, abseiling, mountain biking, etc. All activities are supervised by trained and qualified Outdoor Pursuits staff.

**Full details of the course are held on the District website. Alternatively Rotarian Dave Ashley (course coordinator) will answer any queries either by email on [dave.ashley782@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dave.ashley782@hotmail.co.uk) or by phone on 07738 552178.**



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