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President's Report

Rotary is changing, why, because we need to reflect the current society and the way it is changing and acting. Society is moving forward particularly in the realms of electronic communication.

Society is utilising social media, Facebook, Twitter et.al. to communicate. This is evident from the videos and articles that are being posted on RI, RIBI and other electronic media like Facebook. If you do not have a RIBI or RI account please ask one of us from the Media and Marketing Team and we can show you how to access all the valuable resources quite easily. We can also help you set up a Facebook page if necessary.



I was recently in a restaurant and two men and two ladies came in, they all knew each other and I guess under 30 and they sat down at a square table, each had a smart phone and they were using them as they came into the restaurant. After they had sat down they carried on using their phones and after about two or three minutes the waitress came over and one lady ordered for them all, without any words being spoken by the other three table members. This surprised me, but when the food came they put their phones down, but kept glancing at them.

They had all communicated with each other as they sat at the table, but not a word was spoken. They only began to talk during eating the food! And even then their phones were accessible on the table.

Perhaps this is an extreme example, but we need to move forward and recognise that the people are using modern devices to run their lives. I believe that our Club is beginning to interact with people who are doing just that.

Rotary meeting attendance, for example, is now being given a lower priority than participating in activities and projects, i.e. four hours per quarter, but it is our club and if we are going to keep our numbers up and our community enthusiastic then we have to future approach our confidence and be more flexible in our views. I believe our club is embracing this approach and we are successful in achieving our objectives, but we must be diligent in order to remain vibrant.



Jade Brindley being inducted as our newest member. Jade is with the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce and represents a link between Rotary and the Chamber as part of the Districts latest initiative. See page 8.

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Christmas Tea Party for the Elderly

On 13th December 2019 the Rotary Club of Derby gave a Christmas Tea Party at the Polish Club to about 75 elderly Derby-based guests from the Live-at-Home organisation and the Hardy Group. This was the 6th successive year that this event has been held. It was supported this time by grants from ASDA and the Bring Joy Foundation, which together covered all the costs of the event, for which many thanks have been given. About 27 volunteers assisted including some non-Rotary friends who formed the catering team. The guests were chauffeured by bus, taxi and by cars driven by Rotary members. Entertainment was supplied by the Madeley Players and the choir of the Emmanuel School. A delicious tea was served, with Rotary members acting as waiters. The afternoon was rounded off with a carol sing-along.



The 2019 Live at Home tea party at the Polish Club

Rotary and the world-wide campaign to eradicate polio

Rotary is part of the largest ever international public health campaign in history. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is led by national governments with five partners:

World Health Organisation (WHO)

Rotary International

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Over the last <mark>20 years 3 billio</mark>n children world-wide have been immunised by 20 million volunteers.

Look for the purple crocus on Cathedral Green and in the Derby Arboretum

Purple

What is polio? A viral disease affecting mainly children under the age of 5, causing paralysis in the muscles, especially the lower limbs, it may cause death.

In which countries does the wild polio virus still occur?

Pakistan – in 2019 reported cases – 86
Afghanistan – in 2019 reported cases – 29
Nigeria – in 2019 reported cases – 0
Rotarians everywhere are working towards the final push to eradicate polio.



International Charities the club is supporting in 2020

Classroom furniture for two classrooms in a new Junior High School in Abenta, Ghana:

In conjunction with Village by Village, who we have supported on several projects including the Centenary Girl Empowerment project, we provided desks and chairs for two classrooms in the new JHS in Abenta which Village by Village has recently built. The desks and chairs were built by local carpenters in the nearest small town to Abenta, which is in a remote part of Ghana. We were supported in this by a District Foundation grant, which we applied for and were successfully granted.

Clean Water for a school in AboAbo, Ghana:

This project is to provide clean drinking water to a school in AboAbo, a remote village in Ghana. The school already has hand washing facilities provided by Village by Village, as part of their "Clean Hands Saves Lives" initiative. This involved providing the AboAbo Primary School with a poly tank and rain water harvesting system and asked the children not to drink the water as it's only for hand washing. However, they have discovered the children are drinking it regardless of VbyV asking them not to, even though it could easily become contaminated from lizard and bird pollution. So now VbyV want to double the amount of water being harvested and add a system to take away the lizard and bird faeces that come off the roof, which the children are drinking and adding a Chlorine Filter into the system with a push tap (So the kids cannot leave the tap running). The project includes supplying maintaining the system with replacement filters for 2 years.

The system that has been trialled in Abenta



We have recently been successful with a District Foundation grant application and Village by Village intend to commence this project late February/early March for planned completion in June/July 2020 and will manage the project on our behalf.

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School Aid

For some years now the International Service Committee has supported the book recycling charity School Aid by collecting books from Derby's schools. Regrettably the charity has ceased operations and so we can no longer offer this service.

process was simplified by one of their partners, The Entertainer, a chain of toy shops around the UK that has main distribution warehouse Buckinghamshire, adjacent to School Aid's warehouse. company pledged to palletise any boxes of books delivered to their stores and return them to their warehouse. All we had to do was alert schools to the idea and then collect the boxes and deliver them to The

Entertainer in the Intu

Centre.

Their Legacy

eir "School Aid will soon be closing its doors for the last time and we are truly grateful to each and every one who has supported us in any way. Despite not being able to continue our operations, we have taken swift action and worked quickly to ensure that our projects and people have future security.

Over the past 21 years we have positively:

- created and developed 25 managed libraries
- trained over 45 librarians
- supported over 45,000 learners in our libraries
- resourced over 1000 schools
- reached over 800,000 children
- distributed over 1.6 million books"

Schools that we have supported include: Littleover Community School, The Bemrose School, West Park School, John Port School, Egginton Primary School, Murray Park Community School.

Love in a Box

For Christmas 2019 we decided to change the shoe box charity we support to one that better fits with Rotary's ethos of supporting charities which operate in a truly nondenominational manner. This is a similar scheme to the previous scheme we supported, but with no attempt to supply religious material with the shoeboxes and no attempt to recruit children into religious courses after receiving shoeboxes. As in previous years more than 30 Derby Rotarians collected shoeboxes from local schools, churches etc and in November 2019 helped load shoeboxes onto an articulated lorry for onward transportation to needy children in deprived locations in Eastern Europe.



John Worthy was the driving force behind getting this new scheme off the ground, supported by a small subcommittee, and we managed to collect well over 2000 shoeboxes, an excellent result for a new scheme, for which we had to start from the ground again will identifying schools and churches etc who would support the scheme.





Fun Wine Quiz

n aid of our International Charities

Saturday 22nd February 2020 Doors open 7pm, starts at 7.30pm Riverside Centre, Pride Park, DE24 8HY

Join us for a fun and friendly wine-tasting competition Over 18's only - book early to avoid disappointment

Tickets available now - £17pp

Available online at ticketsource.co.uk/derby-rotary-satellite



International Committee's fundraiser - A Hothouse Orchestra Concert

On Saturday 16th May 2020 we will be hosting a concert featuring the Derby Hothouse Orchestra. Hothouse Derby are an inspirational organisation which provides high quality music education to a wide range of young musicians in the Derbyshire and surrounding area. Their orchestra plays a wide range of music genres from Classical through Jazz and musical theatre pieces to modern music.



Soon after playing for us they will be departing to Tokyo to play at the Olympic opening ceremony. We are holding this concert at the Little Eaton Village Hall

November's Quiz and Chips

We held a very enjoyable and successful Quiz and Chips event at the end of November 2019, where over 70 Rotarians and friends pitted their wits, in teams of four, to answer questions set by our very own quizmaster, David Crowson. Much fun was had by all, and the winning team included our President Elect for 2020/2021 Les Bryan. We made over £1200 profit for our selected charities, primarily ShelterBox, which provides emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, thus transforming despair into hope. As usual excellent fish and chips were provided by The Town Street Fish Bar in Duffield.

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Youth News



A few members of the Club have supported E4E for a number of years, giving time to provide local schools with mock interviews, careers advice and CV writing. This year three more members Chris Beswarick, John Beswarick and Theo Till have signed up and given their time to help young people prepare for the world of work. If you can give a few hours to share your experience and help a young person contact Pat Zadora for details and when you're signed up don't forget to keep Pat updated with the number of hours you put in.

Interact :

The Interact Club at Woodlands School is thriving under the guidance of Rtn. John Worthy and teacher Nicola Pattison. Both new Headteacher Gemma Penny and Nicola are committed to the Interact Club and are interested in building an Eco-Greenhouse at the school.

In line with the theme of recycling and raising awareness of plastic pollution, committee the eco Woodlands made this Manta Ray out of plastic bottles to of the awareness vulnerability of sea creatures to plastic waste.



News on Leesbrook Interact in the next issue.

CHANGE LIVES Connect with volunteers, organisations and the charity sector to harness the power of volunteering. 1-3 MAY 2020 - NEC BIRMINGHAM volunteerexpo.co.uk

Rotary Youth Competitions

Coding Tournament 2020

Building on last year's successful tournament, the 2020 coding tournament is under way, the call has gone out to schools for teams to register their interest and we are busy seeking sponsors for the event which will take place on July 10th at Derby. University. This year Rotary Burton on Trent have joined the four Derby Clubs in organising this event and schools from Burton have also been approached for teams. More in the next issue.





Entries have been received and the first round of judging will take place on Monday. Some excellent photos and hopefully a District winner!

The District Heat of the Young Musician took place on Saturday 8th February at the Samworth Academy in Mansfield and whilst Club didn't own candidates taking part, our daughter club Ashbourne did and their entry - harpist Katie Hedley and vocalist Sophie Henderson from QEGS Ashbourne won! The girls will now go forward to the regional final.



Sophie and Katie with District Governor David Hood





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Notes from the charities we supported with the Christmas sleigh run

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre (DCHC) 2020

Rtn Bill Tomlinson writes..."2019 proved to be a year in which DCHC provided holidays for more disadvantaged children than ever before; namely 628. The number of referrals from schools and Social Services was 819.

The majority of staff at the Centre have been with the charity for five years or more. Their experience topped up with annual refresher training, provide a popular and superb holiday for the children. So much so that the only reduction of numbers recorded during the year was that of children who returned home due to homesickness which was three. Indeed, at the end of the week there are usually children visibly upset to be leaving. Praise indeed.





A testimonial

In a year that the raising of funds and income proved to be extremely difficult, particularly so following the advent of GDPR and the uncertainty of 'Brexit'. Thankfully the situation was alleviated somewhat by the continuing support of many longstanding friends. Prominent amongst them is Rotary with the Rotary Club of Derby, together with its daughter clubs and others in the District giving support that provides many holidays for the less fortunate in our County.

To address the situation much thought and subsequent planning has been given by the reappraisal of traditional events and together with the introduction of new and innovative programmes. The most exciting of which is the 'Summer Spectacular' being held on June the 28th at Repton School. Do keep your eyes peeled for further news. Memories are made of this."

SAFE & SOUND Transforming young lives

Safe and Sound work with children, teenagers and young adults who have been exploited or are at risk of exploitation. Exploitation is where an adult or a friend takes advantage of the young person to get something for themselves. It might be by making them have sex with another adult, or getting them to break the law. This is the end result of often a long process of grooming, increasingly online, where the young person is tricked into trusting the predator as they offer them gifts, money and affection. Eventually, they're asked to return the 'favour' – and if they refuse, they're blackmailed into continuing their abuse – either with threats of violence, the embarrassment of sharing pictures of them online or the shame of telling their family. As their links to positive institutions – parents, family, friends, school – are severed, so they fall deeper and deeper into the clutches of the predators and the isolation of their exploitation.

Exploitation damages the child and has long lasting effects, making them more likely to experience social isolation, low self esteem, self harm, further abusive relationships, dependency, pregnancy and involvement in crime.

Although all children are at risk, some factors can place children at greater risk – disabled children, those in care or outside of mainstream schooling and those with a chaotic home life are all more likely to be groomed.

In Derby alone we know that 1/3 of the children we supported in the last year had to move away from the family home during their support, and ½ were not in mainstream schooling. More widely, we know that Derby has above average figures for deprivation, anti-social behavior, mental health and alcohol abuse, meaning local children are at increased vulnerability.

Since 2002, Safe and Sound has been tackling child sexual abuse and exploitation, supporting children and young people in Derby and Derbyshire and working to improve the response to children and young people who have experienced sexual violence across the UK. Over the past 18 years we have helped hundreds of victims of child sexual exploitation to understand what has happened to them, rebuild their confidence and move to a place of emotional safety, protecting themselves from further harm.

The support of the the Rotary Club of Derby has meant we're able to continue reaching the most vulnerable children in our local communities across Derby and the wider county, giving them vital support that enables them to move forwards with their lives from a place of safety and dignity. We want to thank all the members for their donations and generosity to Safe and Sound.

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The team at Derby Rotary Satellite have had a fun packed couple of months supporting a number of Christmas projects across Derby.

We once again supported the Santa and Sleigh collection, both with collections and through promotion on Facebook, this year we added a little bonus to the scheme as we offered a competition where parents could win a nice big box of Thorntons chocolates by sharing their photos of Santa or his elves.





Our members supported the annual Christmas Tree sale at the Royal Derby Hospital run by the Rotary Club of Etwall and Hilton. It was a lovely sunny day on the Saturday when we attended and sales of Christmas Trees went so well that they had to order more. It was a great opportunity to work alongside friends that we had made at the club. We also designed their flyers and posters and our Chair joined members of the club to speak about Rotary and Satellite on Radio Derby.

Our own project was to give support to the Revive Secret Santa, a project supporting families facing hardship over the Christmas period. The project which gifts for children and families who are affected by difficult circumstances including children with serious illnesses and disabilities or families where a parent has become seriously ill or have recently lost a parent etc. Our members became Secret Santas, purchasing gifts and also helped with collecting presents and wrapping them too.

Each year we also arrange a Christmas social, where we get together with friends from the Rotary Club of Derby for a fun evening. This year, as with previous years, we went to Cosmo, a local buffet restaurant which has a varied menu to suit everyone's tastes.



On Christmas Eve, our Chair joined members of his former club, The Rotary Club of Derby South to help with a bucket collection at Tesco in Mickleover, it was a great opportunity to dress up and Simon, dressed as an elf and his daughter, dressed as a reindeer had great fun. It did certainly prove though that having a cute child with you certainly helps bring in donations, so much so that people reached around us to put money in her bucket.

Future Activities

We are now planning our activities for the coming year and as well as some of our regular fundraisers. Look out for some additional events heading your way soon. We are supporting the Fun Wine Quiz in February and then on Friday 24th April we will have our Charity Race Night which will be held at the Rolls-Royce Leisure Pavillion on Moor Lane. We will then be looking forward to our next Murder Mystery Evening which will be "Who Killed the Hotel Manager", set in a northern seaside town, this may appeal to those going to conference in Southport later this year!



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Head Elf

Since 2014, when the first Rotary Santa Sleigh slid through the streets of Mickleover, the Rotary Club of Derby has raised close to £30,000 for local children's charities and one of the driving forces behind hundreds of hours of effort is Head Elf Tim Wherly.

Rotary sleigh runs have given the Head Elf and all those involved many stories and happy memories over the years. It is an experience for the neighborhoods that crosses age, ethnic, and ginder divides. Tim has learned not to collect on Mondays on one route since a Scallywags Santa and the Rotary Santa met on the street one night. He especially enjoys the excitement of the 'mature' people and teenagers who look forward to seeing Santa, some of whom have their photos taken with him. There is also the thrill of finding 40 people or more waiting for Santa at the beginning of a run. Some people tape money to their doors because they will be out for the evening while others collect change all year long and dump their jars into a bucket that is consequently almost too heavy to carry. The look of delight on people's faces is fabulous. Some run out in their pyjamas while others drag their children out of bed to see Santa. The offer of a glass of wine is not unknown, nor is a bit of mild flirtation with Santa. All in all, for Tim Wherly Head Elf duties are less a chore than they are a joy of meeting people and raising money for children.

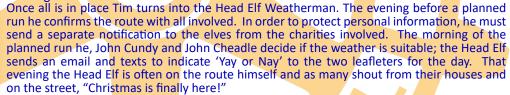
Over the years, through his hard work, this jolly elf has helped to raise funds for When You Wish Upon a Star, the Derby Children's Holiday Centre, Umbrella, Ivy House, the School for the Deaf, and Safe and

In fact, Head Elf Tim's commitment to Santa and the children began before the sleigh runs when the Club collected money with a static sleigh for one day a year on St. Peter's Street. In their tabbards, buckets in hand, on a good day, the elves and Santa could raise as much as £2000 but 2013 was a dreadful weather year. By then Tim had taken over the duties as Head Elf from John Rice and he says that along with another stalwart of Christmas collections, John Cundy, they came up with a plan for Santa runs through the streets. The sleigh was constructed by fellow Rotarians John Cundy and Frank Gilbert with lights and speakers added by John, Tim, and Steve Scott.

Tim in his modest way insists this is a team effort. Through his Scout leadership he defines TEAM as Together Everyone Achieves More.

The Head Elf's tasks are many, but he says "the people doing the sleigh enjoy the experience much better" than street collections. Throughout the year he reports to the Community and Vocational Committee and that group decides which charity will receive the proceeds for that year.

He helps to get the house to house permits for Mickleover, Chellaston, and Littleover before starting to create the rota of duties. His partner, John Cundy, designs the routes to follow and their order. Then Head Elf coordinates with the designated charities for the year, friends of Rotary, the Club and the Satellite Club for marshalls, drivers, Santas, elves and leafleters. He must also arrange for someone to count the money and for leaflets to be designed and printed, an innovation that was the brainchild of Andrew Battie. It is a huge organizational challenge.



For 2020, the first Santa sleigh will slide through the streets on November 30, the first of a planned 18 runs with the last on December 23.



ime for a new pennant?



Stocks of pennants (left) are low and we in Marketing and Media are seeking ideas for a new club version. Looking at the previous format one has to ask the significance of the shield. Early research yields the source of the design as the shield within the City of Derby coat of arms (right). This has been adopted in various forms on cigarette cards, coffee Hag albums, postcards etc.









question remains, what is relevant to the going forward. Answers on a postcard....!

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Derby Arboretum



Celebrating the 180th Anniversary of Britain's Thoughts" first public park

Last month we celebrated the launch of the Arboretum's 180th year.

This year the Friends of Derby Arboretum and Derby City Council will Based in the building, the club hosted visits and encouraged be marking 180 years since the opening of this wonderful city centre visitors to put their thoughts on post-it notes as to what the arboretum. A series of events has been planned throughout this building could be used for once it's refurbished. Only a few notable year and the next event is on Saturday 22nd February and is did this but perhaps you members can come up with some

themed.

The Friends group, hopefully with the support of our club once again, will be running pancake making decorating, organising pancake races, plus other activities. It all kicks off(!) at 2pm and finishes at 4pm. This year it will be based at the Heart of the Park building



The DG has just launched a new initiative with the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, so now's the time to come up with some innovative projects for engaging with the local community. Maybe we can run activities for disadvantaged people, young carers, organise walks around the park for dementia sufferers. The building will offer a great potential at low cost to provide something of value to the local community.

Events Calendar

Event	ent Date De		Committee	Venue	Contact
Joint Fun Wine Quiz	22 nd Feb	The Club's ever popular annual Fun Wine Quiz which this year will be jointly run by International and Satellite	International & Satellite	The Riverside Centre, Pride Park	Eric Shaw Phillips and Simon Keeling
Race Night	24 th April	Details tbc.	Satellite	Rolls Royce Leisure Pavilion	Simon Keeling
District Assembly	25 th April	Annual Assembly for District 1220	District	Not yet known	Assistant District secretary
Pancake Fun	22 nd Feb	Friends of Derby Arboretum + Rotary pancake making, decorating and races- Heart of the Park	Club	Derby Arboretum	Richard Benfield
Spring on the Park and litter pick	29 th Mar	Friends of Derby Arboretum. Learn more about the park and Wellbeing activities	Club	Derby Arboretum	Richard Benfield
Arboretum Park Mayfest	13th May	Village Fete, dancing, Maypole, Games for Families/children	Friends of Derby Arboretum	Derby Arboretum	Richard Benfield
Derby Hot House 20 piece Orchestra playing a variety of musical styles	16 th May	Exciting new musical.	International	Little Eaton Village Hall	Eric Shaw Phillips/John Worthy

Date	Host	Thought for the Day	Speaker	Торіс	Speaker Thanker
10-Feb	Tony Jackson	Tim Wherly	Helen Yates	Derbyshire Carers	John Cundy
17-Feb	Brian Seager	Barrie Wood	Olivia Dean	Foundation/EPN	Andrew Plant
24-Feb	Edward Marshall	John Worthy	tba	tba	David Edge
02-Mar	Simon Scargill	Andrew Battie	Peter Barham	Two Railway Vicars & A Railway Bishop	John England
09-Mar	John Rice	Philip Beetham	Sir Richard FitzHerbert	Tissington Hall - Past, Present & Future	Theo Till
16-Mar	Chris Beswarick	Richard Benfield	tba	Climate Change	Peter Branson
23-Mar	John Fell	John Beswarick	tba	Royal British Legion	Anthony Attwood
30-Mar	John Fleming	Pat Zadora	David Widdows	An Alpine Experience	John Lound
06-Apr	Eric Shaw-Phillips	Keith Bullock	tba	tba	Bill Tomlinson
13-Apr	Bank Holiday				
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