



Rotary Review

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South Yorkshire
July 2021

Rotary 
District 1220

Community litter picking
was a popular springtime
activity, as shown by these
members of Doncaster
Rotary.

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The Editor writes



Yet another edition of our District Magazine produced while we all continue to live under the constraints imposed by the covid-19 pandemic and distributed in digital format to our members using the internet; I do hope clubs will make provision to supply hard copies to their friends and colleagues without this technology. Many clubs and their members have continued to enjoy Rotary fellowship, albeit by zoom, and some have been

able to meet up, under strict conditions, to continue with community projects. These activities have helped to provide the reports and photographs which fill some of our pages – litter picking seems to be quite popular, combining fellowship, fresh air and the satisfaction of a job well done! Yes, **'Rotary Does Opens Opportunities'**.

As District Editor, I was invited to join Sheffield Vulcan Rotary to hear a talk by Dave King, Managing Editor at Rotary GB&I, entitled 'Telling Rotary's Story in a post-Covid World'. The message was that although we have PR and Press Officers using conventional means of communicating with the public, in reality every member is publicising Rotary by their words and actions. Following the discussion afterwards, I sent Dave a copy of our December 2020 Rotary Review. His response was 'It is excellent. One of the best I have read both in terms of content and lay-out. Well done to you. It is a refreshing reflection of the work Rotary is doing in the District.' Thank you to all the Rotarians who have sent me material for publication and to Jon Toft, our professional print designer.

With such an accolade, we should all try to let as many people as possible have the chance to see this edition of **Rotary Review** – it is so easy to forward the pdf file to your friends, relatives and colleagues.

John Scotney – District Editor

Breaking News – District Handover Awards

The following Awards were made at the District Handover Meeting held by zoom on 25th June.

Best All Round Club – Amber Valley; **Best Project** - John Cavey and Lesley Reynolds (Derby South); **Club Bulletin** – Steven Patterson (Wortley) and Derwent Group; **Community** – John Cavey and Lesley Reynolds (Derby South); **Endeavour** – all D1220 Clubs; **Environmental** – Andy and Glen Foreman (Long Bennington); **Interact** – Long Eaton; **Rotaract** – Sheffield Rotaract; **International** – Ruth Fantom (Wirksworth); **Membership** – Richard Carter (Bakewell); **Public Relations** – John Stamp (Belper & Duffield); **True Grit** – Newark Castle; **Working together** – Chesterfield, Chesterfield Scarsdale and Matlock; **Youth Service** – Mansfield and **Website** – Retford.

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District Governor's Message ... A Year like No Other!



I have heard this said so many times since 1st July last year. In some ways the year has flown by and in others dragged by; so, what about Rotary?

You have all been brilliant! - especially our Club Presidents and our District Team - thank you all so much. Clubs have discovered **Zoom**; who had heard of it in January 2020? Yet by March most clubs were meeting "online", glad not to have to travel in

bad weather. Many Rotarians became much more technically able than they had expected, rising to the occasion to give their Clubs good enjoyable meetings. A meal of your own choice, even if you had to get it yourself, and speakers from across the world with no travel expenses to meet, sharing with other Clubs. Oh, so many advantages....

Will we ever go back to the "pre-Covid" normal? I hope not! Thank you, everyone, who has stayed in regular contact with isolated, lonely friends and acquaintances. Thank you to those who have put together such interesting programmes - 'venues' for important committee meetings, superb speakers at the Virtual Charters, the Pantomimes acted out at Christmas, the Quizzes, the Cookery Demonstrations and the varied Talks. Well done!

Many Clubs have seen higher than average attendance, perhaps due to isolation and boredom, perhaps to the excellent range and content of meetings. Long may it continue! For those at the edge of District 1220, saving over an hour to travel each way to Meetings and Events has been a big bonus; perhaps in the future we may consider a "hybrid" system with some meetings in person and some virtual?

As a District, we would like to say thanks very much to our Foundation Team and the volunteers who have set up and maintained **Rotary4Foodbanks** using donations to buy basic foodstuffs and distribute it to Food Banks around the District to support those in unexpected financial need due to difficulty in maintaining their regular paid employment.

We have partnered with District 3040 in the centre of India, where Covid19 has been devastating, hoping to share in providing a Global Grant to provide desperately needed oxygen for those with Covid, and so avoiding many more deaths. Val Lievers has used every means she can think of to raise money for the City Slum School she supports so faithfully in India, where social isolation has meant no work for the family breadwinner and teachers at the school have not been paid for over 14 months. (See report on page 7).

Here, in District 1220 we still have our same long term Membership problems. We had hoped to see an increase in membership in 2020-2021, but Covid said goodbye to that. However, congratulations to Sheffield Rotaract Club, who have become established and flourish.

Clubs and Rotarians, we now need **You** to look at all your Friends, Families, Neighbours, Work Colleagues, thinking **"What has Rotary, my Rotary Club, got to offer you?"**

If it is not much, **do something about it!**

If it is lots, **tell them about it, invite them to a meeting, involve them in an event** - we've so much to offer! Do not fall into the trap of thinking "Someone else will do it better, so I'll leave it to them". **If we want Rotary to flourish, we need to be - must be - full of enthusiasm ourselves.** Times change, so we must watch and listen. Then we will see the same situation with different outcomes; more members, younger members, perhaps in a satellite club, all achieving Rotary's aims and objectives with service locally, nationally and internationally. This last year's theme has been **"Rotary Opens Opportunities"**. Thanks to Covid, it has opened so many opportunities and it must continue to do so if we are not just to survive but to flourish and grow.

How are we to flourish? Incoming DG Martyn has a great Team with lots of superb ideas to take us out of a "Covid world" into a full, exciting, successful future. With everyone giving their support, by this time next year all our Clubs could have many new members, be flourishing in many new ways, giving invaluable support locally, nationally, and internationally.

Thank you, each and every Rotarian and your Families, for all you do and please continue doing it!

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been your District Governor in this "Year Like No Other". Thank you so much for your part in it.

Jill
Dr Jill Bethell MBE,
District Governor 2020-2021



Message from District Governor 2021-22 Martyn Bye



My fellow Rotarians in Rotary District 1220, Susan and I bring you greetings at the beginning of this new Rotary year. A Rotary year in which our RI President Shekhar Mehta has used as his theme "**Serve to Change Lives**". What a superb theme!

We can "Serve to Change Lives" in many ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "**Thank You**" most sincerely to Past District Governor Jill and the team of 2020/2021. You all have done an outstanding job and have led our District 1220 in the most extraordinary times. Our team 2021-22 will build on your successes and I hope we will have many of our own.

In this coming year, the number one challenge is going to be retaining members, welcoming new members, and embracing new ideas. COVID-19 in some ways has pushed us forward several years and helped us modernise our thinking with virtual meetings and the way that we see the future.

In District 1220 we have a number of opportunities that we're going to explore. We are going to **Grow Rotary** as President Shekhar Mehta has asked us to do by **Each One Bring One**. We must look at how we support Rotaract to fully integrate our Rotaractors into the family of Rotary. They are members of Rotary. Let us look at making the E-club a success, let us look at more satellite clubs, because we must recognise that Rotary must change for our membership to grow.

Fellow Rotarians, we will support the End Polio Now campaign. You have seen how much the infrastructure of that has been used in the fight against COVID-19. We will support our communities in the COVID-19 recovery.

We must continue to grow **Rotary4foodbanks** as there is such a need for the services it offers to our communities.

We have a seventh area of focus - **the Environment** - and we must do all that we can to make small changes that together will protect the world that we live in.

In line with the wishes of President Shekhar Mehta I will be starting a project to **Empower Young Girls** in India. We will be arranging to educate girls in the last 3 years of schooling in tailoring and sewing. They will then have a trade to leave school including a sewing machine so they can work and earn money. The cost to arrange this will be just £300 per girl.

I thank you for your incredible support to date and I thank you for your commitment to the future as we "**Serve to Change Lives**" presented to us through Rotary; to grow Rotary, to grow ourselves. Let us have a wonderful, fun year and do some excellent projects together.

Martyn Bye
District Governor 2021 - 2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Conference

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd
October 2021

Registration is



Rotary
District 1220



Friday Afternoon

Tess Thompson



Support Dogs is a national charity dedicated to increasing

independence and quality of life for people with various medical conditions.

Nicki Scott

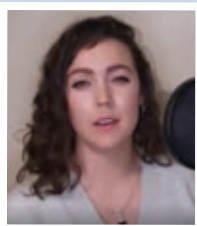
Rotary International Director



I live life to my full potential to make a difference globally and inspire

others to do the same.

Friday Evening



Rachel Bird

Singer performs 4 songs



Saturday Morning

Inner Wheel
District
Chairman
Jacquie Chapman



DG Project Empowering Girls in India



Rotary Engages Chamber

Saturday Afternoon



Magician
Steve Price



Hearing Ambassadors From a Younger Perspective

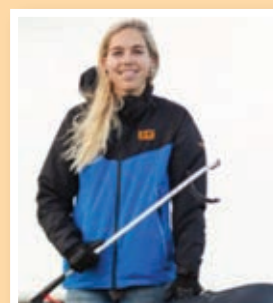


Marc Faulder

Interactive
Technologies
Leader

Apple
Distinguished
Educator

Apple Regional
Training Centre
Manager



Emily Stevenson

Emily Stevenson, is a marine biologist and the co-founder of the award-winning social enterprise: Beach Guardian. Powered by

passion, Emily is also a budding environmental reporter.



Saturday Evening Entertainment



Purple for Polio

The Club once again supplied purple crocus bulbs for Belper Central Methodist Church to set up a planter to augment their impressive display of painted wooden flowers. The colourful show attracts a lot of attention from passing pedestrians and the constant stream of traffic on the adjoining A6 trunk road. The purple display was extended for a few more weeks by also planting purple tulip bulbs amongst the crocus.

John Scotney – Belper & Duffield



Crocus on display in the Memorial Gardens

Polio, once the scourge of much of the world and remembered by many, is still active with a few dozen cases detected last year in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary the world over continues to raise money each year to finance inoculation schemes and this funding is matched by The Gates Foundation. Led by the World Health Organisation, mass inoculations of children under five continue in their millions in Southeast Asia yearly.

In Ashbourne, this year crocus flowers were to be seen in their thousands in the Memorial Ground, on the roundabout near Waterside Park and on the green near the pond in Hartington. All these beautiful flowers are because of planting regimes by the Rotary Club of Ashbourne. Why have we chosen purple crocus - because when a child receives its inoculation then its two little fingers are dipped in a purple dye to allow tracing and to ensure all children are treated.

Cliff Lewer - Ashbourne

District 1220 Foundation



On the 1st of July I became the District Rotary Foundation Chairman. I took over that role from John Cavey (Derby South) who had held the position for four years.

Of course, it's so easy to invoke platitudes and complimentary overtures, to tell the story of one's predecessor and of that I have no intention; but suffice

to say, John has proved to be a stalwart for Foundation within our District, and he should be applauded for that. In times when I will, no doubt, struggle with the role of DRFC, I will know where to go.

Two of the most frequently asked questions within Rotary are "What is Foundation?" and "What is Foundation all about?"

You may recall, those of you who attended, or heard it through the grapevine, that at the District Foundation Assembly in April, the theme was Back to Basics. That presentation established three words that will form the way forward for Foundation in D1220 for the foreseeable future. They are – Simplify, Transparency and Demystify.

It will be my goal, supported by the Foundation Team, to bring to all members in the District just what Foundation is and what Foundation is all about. That goal will attempt to reduce the number of members who ask those two questions.

Foundation needs not to be a part of Rotary that members seem "unsure" about. It needs to be simplified to members. It needs to be transparent. It should have no element of mystification.

John Elford Box DRFC



SRI SAI VIDYARTHI HIGH SCHOOL, INDIA

Even Covid could not stop a Rotarian!

When I returned from a “normal” India in March 2020, I did not imagine what the next 15 months would bring. A new, infectious virus was spreading rapidly throughout the world, causing a catastrophic loss of life, and inflicting serious health issues for millions of people.

I left Sri Sai Vidyarthi High School in the Secunderabad slums, delighted with the progress that had been made in the previous seven years and we were ready to move onto the next phase of the school’s development.



When COVID wrought havoc in India, I asked Dr Prasad, the headteacher, what help was needed. I was shocked when he replied, “If the virus doesn’t kill us, then starvation will”. There is no social or medical care for the masses and millions of workers from the villages throughout India were left stranded in the vast cities when a total lockdown was enforced with just four hours’ notice. It was inevitable that a human disaster would happen on a massive scale, with no work, no income and therefore no food for the majority.

We could not watch this human tragedy unfold from afar without helping. Rotarians working together are a formidable force and their determination to help those in desperate need is legendary. The school is funded by fee income and sponsors, but closure meant that the staff could not be paid, which resulted in hardship for their extended families. At this point no one could have imagined that Covid 19 would still be with us in June 2021 and that help would be needed more than ever.



Over the last 15 months we have raised and sent £42,000 to ensure the school’s survival and it is probably the only low fee private school left in this extremely poor area. The staff have been paid and the school is now a hub for the distribution of essential food parcels to those who really need them.

How was this possible?

District 1220 Rotarians, friends, and individuals raised the funds and Rotarian Raghav Rao, Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad, handled all the funds on our behalf through a designated account for transparency.

I receive daily messages from Dr Prasad to keep me informed of the real situation there, not the information put out by the media machine.

Many of us here have lost friends and family but I was horrified to hear that a teacher at the school has lost seven members of her family including her mother, brothers, and sisters. We cannot imagine such suffering and her husband is now extremely ill.

My top priority is to ensure that the school and staff can open again for the 1,500 students and we are looking forward to this happening soon.

Sadly, many schools have closed permanently but, thanks to the Rotary Club of Sherwood Sunrisers, the clubs in District 1220 and countless others, we have not allowed COVID to destroy this school which provides education and hope for so many children.

We are now looking forward to working with the new District Governor, Martin, on his project to **Empower Girls** (see page 4).

The world needs **“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”** now more than ever and Rotarians will, as always, rise to the occasion!

PDG Val Leivers

Sri Sai Vidyarthi High School



Rotary lifeline for Foodbanks in Crisis

How local charities are battling to put food on the table for struggling families – and how the fight will soon get even tougher.



Sophie Badham

It is a shocking fact that in 2021 hundreds, maybe thousands of children in Nottinghamshire are going to bed hungry. Local Rotary clubs have teamed up to help fight the crisis. Their efforts have attracted wide support from local communities. But as summer approaches, they, and the foodbanks they support fear the problem will intensify.

Rotary4foodbanks is a project providing a sustainable supply channel for the future. The scheme dispenses food donations to food banks cost-effectively and enables them to purchase foods at the most competitive price with the cash donations they receive.

An army of volunteers are readily bulk buying in Morrisons to deliver low-cost packages to desperate food banks in Nottinghamshire. They are currently supplying up to 60 foodbanks in East Midlands after raising £150,000.

Whilst Rotary4foodbanks works hard to expand nationally, a research project is underway to conduct short interviews with individual food banks to find out specifically what is needed for their area.

Ruth Longfellow, Coordinator of Church in the Peak food bank in Matlock praises the initiative and says, "Rotary4foodbanks have provided endless financial and practical help, nearly 2/3 of the deliveries are organised by them.."

The pandemic is not only detrimental to thousands of families, but it is also changing the dynamic of people volunteering for food banks. With the over 50s age group being told to shield, they are now no longer the driving force.

With speculation of a weak economic outlook for the next four years, food banks are more important now than ever. Church in the Peak hit an all-time high in May, and distributed to over 70 households, compared to the original 50 pre-Covid. This added pressure will make the summer months even tougher for many food banks.

Although Rotary4foodbanks is hugely benefitting the community now, further efforts are going to be needed in the coming months to continue the progress being made.

The age group of people involved with Rotary4foodbanks is still mainly 30–60-year-olds; volunteers at food banks are crying out for young people to help and provide fresh and innovative ideas.

Volunteering for food banks needs to become trendy to encourage the younger generation to take matters into their own hands and start making a difference themselves.

They are the future, and this crisis will undoubtedly impact them in one way or another.

Sophie Badham – Nottingham Trent University

Sophie Badham, a student at Nottingham Trent University, did a work placement with Kardia, a local social media company working with Rotary4Foodbanks. Sophie researched the R4FB project, joined our zoom meetings and produced a paper as part of her course. This is an abridged version. **John Stamp – District PR**

Market Rasen



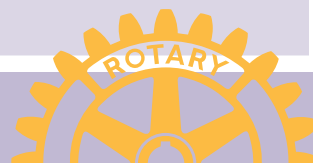
Market Rasen Rotary continues to invest in Rotary 4 FoodBank, with food going to the New Life Church distribution Centre in Market Rasen. This is bolstered by more supplies being fetched weekly, by Rotarian Neil Taylor, from the HIS Church supply route.

Picture shows President David Herring, and Secretary Jo Bowman unloading more goods.

As recently as early May, the distribution centre in Market Rasen reported a growing list of approved recipients for the food.

In addition, Rotary works with the Market Rasen Action Group, to distribute food hampers to deserving residents of the local town and villages at special times, such as the Easter weekend.

David Mason



Litter Picks



DONCASTER

Rotary 'Keep Britain Tidy' Litter Picks.

The Satellite/Festival group of Doncaster Rotary liaised with Street Scene of Doncaster Council to arrange three litter picks to help the #GBSpringclean as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

The first event was Friday afternoon 28th May involving seven Rotarians with Hi-Viz tabards who collected nearly 20 bags of rubbish from the Copse area adjacent to the Racecourse.

The second litter pick was the following Saturday morning. A group of 12 with Rotary friends and Dobson & Hodge Staff collected over 20 bags but the rubbish was much smaller and spread out. We had a lot of support and appreciation from the Hexthorpe Park users.

Finally, we organised to litter pick around the perimeter of Lakeside at lunch time Sunday 13th June. Fifteen bags with many easily identifiable fast-food cartons were collected. There was a dishevelled 'Little Kitty' soft toy which was rescued from under a bush, but the area was generally well maintained.

Further litter picks are to be organised in late summer/autumn but anybody wishing to use the equipment provided by Doncaster Council is very welcome to make arrangements.

David Llewellyn

E-CLUB

What a difference an hour makes

We had never met face to face before and after the success of the "Laptops for Schools" project, we decided to combine our very first social event with putting something back into the community. Working with the locals, a team of 20 people of all ages managed to clear the Barlborough Country Park of all the litter that has accumulated over the last year.



Councillor Brian was so thrilled with our efforts that he now wants to know more about what Rotary is and what we do. He has even offered several devices for our "Laptops for Schools" project. What is more important is that until yesterday we were strangers and now, we are friends.

If you would like to know more about the District 1220 E-Club, please email us on 1220eclub@gmail.com

Gill Campbell



BELPER & DUFFIELD

Members of the club and friends gather on the Coppice in Belper ready to start their first monthly litter pick of the year in May. They split up into pairs and spent a couple of hours clearing various sites around the town. There is some interest in litter clearing amongst school children and the club is looking to organise some Saturday morning sessions.

John Scotney

Litter Picks

Youth / Schools

CHESTERFIELD SCARSDALE



Coincidentally, two events in late 2018 led to a new venture for Chesterfield Scarsdale Rotary. The first was an email from Lis Rodgers, District Youth Chair, offering music bursaries for promising young musicians. The second was when I became aware of the North East Derbyshire Music Centre (NEMDC) based at Outwood Academy in Chesterfield.

A search for potential candidates led to 10-year-old Annabella Senior. Starting violin tuition at seven, Annabella passed her grade 3 violin with distinction just before Christmas 2018. Music teacher Ann South described her as "the most

dedicated music student with whom I have ever worked."

Annabella was selected for interview and, by mid-February 2019, was awarded an increased bursary of £500 by District Governor Dr Cheryle Berry MBE.

Annabella gave a cameo performance at our 38th Annual Charter Dinner in February 2019 when we were enthralled by a tiny 10-year-old who played the violin with such confidence.

Rotary Scarsdale continued to support Annabella with a further Bursary of £500 in 2019/20 and by December 2019, she was working towards Grade 5 violin and achieved Grade 3 Piano with distinction.

In early 2020, Annabella was invited to visit the Royal School of Music in London and soon afterwards, her family were hit hard by the loss of her much-loved grandfather, followed by



Annabella being home schooled for the next six months. A surprise offer of an assisted scholarship came from Mount St Mary's at Spinkhill and by Christmas 2020, her practical violin skills had leapt from Grade 5 to around Grade 8 and she had moved on to a more advanced repertoire.

Offers to perform arrive frequently. One came from Caroline Campbell, a big violin star in the United States and Annabella joined her and other musicians from across the world in a zoom performance of the 'Star Spangled Banner':

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=W8xq1tPFEHE&feature=share>

We are confident that one day, with her outstanding determination, work ethic, excellent attitude and musical talent, she will succeed as a Concert Violinist.

Ron Enoch

CHURCH WILNE

The Rotary Club have been able to support Karl Moore of Borrowash by donating £1,000 towards the cost of parts to refurbish laptops & tablets.

Karl is a Governor of Ashbrook School, Borrowash and at the start of the first lockdown was horrified to hear how many children in our Parish would not have access to basic IT equipment when home schooling. Karl is an IT specialist and started refurbishing laptops and tablets to be given out to referred families in the community.

To date Karl has passed on 80 laptops/tablets throughout the parish. He aims to keep going, even though he has a day job, and to keep supporting families in IT need when the children return to school. He also wants to offer IT to senior citizens via Borrowbrook Home Link in the future.

Paul Fleming



Youth / Schools

ECKINGTON & DISTRICT



Following the donation of an eco-greenhouse by Abbeydale Rotary to Killamarsh Nursery/First School, Eckington and District Rotarian Ann Norris has continued to work with the school. The children furthered their environmental explorations by completing a series of tasks around the school. Each child is receiving a certificate of participation from the Club and the school will receive a certificate from District 1220.

Ann Norris

E-CLUB

We were welcomed with huge smiles ...

Thanks to the generosity of fellow Rotarians and friends, the District 1220 E-club has been able to help four schools in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire with IT equipment. At every school that we visited we were welcomed with huge smiles from both staff and the children. We are so proud to be helping Rotary District 1220 make a difference in our local community.



However, our job is not yet done

We still have several schools on our books which need IT equipment to help the children catch up with all the teaching time that they have missed during the pandemic; indeed, one head teacher told us that the need for IT equipment is even greater now than before.

Please help us to locate unwanted IT equipment which is still in good working order by advertising in your area. One of our 14 members will collect the equipment from you and deliver it to the schools that need it most.

If you would like to know more about the E-club, who we are and what we do, please email us on 1220eclub@gmail.com

Ann Norris

SHERWOOD FOREST



Sherwood Forest Rotary have been supporting Maun Infant and Nursery School through a District Grant.

Many of our children start school with poor motor skills because children do not play outside as much as they once did. We wanted items that would help develop the children's muscle tone and which can be climb on as well as being used to create different objects and buildings.

We bought some building blocks that would help build up children's muscles as well as allowing them to use their imagination and problem-solving skills. Along with these items we bought a set of wheels including steering wheels and once the children have built their house, car, bus, motorbike they feel so proud of themselves. The children also must learn to share and cooperate whilst using the bricks.

Communication and language are areas we are keen to develop so we chose a robust but simple house so the children can use their imaginations.

Finally, we wanted to develop a mud kitchen/café area, so we bought lots of equipment to support the role play. The children can use the pestle and mortars to crush and grind the herbs we have been growing.

This has been an enjoyable project to support, and we hope that it becomes a successful addition to the school's curriculum.

Malcolm Bevan

Youth/Schools

BUXTON AUTUMN FAIR

Buxton Rotary is holding a Grand Charity Bazaar and Autumn Fair on Saturday September 25th from 11am - 5pm in the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. The Bazaar will enable local charities and organisations to showcase their work in the community and give the charities a chance to do some much-needed fundraising.



The theme is "There is no Planet B". There will be various children's workshops and talks focusing on Aquae Arnemetiae, while adults can take in talks from Buxton Town Team's Safer

Walk and Ride initiative and try e-bike and cargo bikes. There will also be displays from the Moors for the Future Bogtastic van, the Youth Environment Forum, Recycling Alliance Environment Services and Buxton Civic Association's 'Stronger Roots' project.

Things will be happening inside and outside The Octagon and in the Gardens.

Inside The Octagon

Stalls including toys; accessories; bric-a-brac; games of chance; handmade crafts; jams; chutneys; plants; fancy goods; "good as new"; handmade cards; artworks (various); jewellery; soaps and bath bombs; scarves; handbags; charity merchandise; books.

Attractions and entertainment including storyteller; colouring competition; spiral wishing well; face painting; games and quizzes; children's handwriting and picture competitions and dancing; decorating goddess Arnemetia; Billerettes; activities area; environment awareness workshops and short talks.

Outside and in The Pavilion Gardens

Food and drink stalls; environment displays (e.g., recycling, sustainable transport, energy conservation, Moors for the Future Bogtastic van, Southwest Peak and Woodland Trust); model boats on lake; Erin Hounds; sandy beach; brass band; fairground rides; bouncy castle; soap bubbles display; archery; falcons and "Hedwig" snowy owl; hockey training and more.

Kim Priestley

Notices

CARLTON

£36,000 and counting



At the time of writing this piece (April 6th, 2021) that is the amount that Rotarian Mike Storr has raised in support of Asthma UK over the past six years presenting his whimsical talks 'Masters of Mirth' and the follow up talk cleverly entitled 'Masters of Mirth - The

Sequel' to over 580 clubs including Probud, U3A, Women's Institutes, TWG, and of course Rotary Clubs.

Mike has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Carlton for 43 years serving the club as president on two occasions (1992/3 and 2016/7).

He is probably best known in District 1220 serving as the District Sport Co-ordinator for a few years and he has been the District 1220 Quizmaster for the past 11 years.

Mike is a lifelong asthmatic and in these testing days of Covid, asthmatics are very much in the high-risk category - he had to cancel numerous 'live' presentations in 2020. However, he has not been wasting his time as he remains shielding but is entertaining Rotary Clubs (and other organisations) on ZOOM. Between September 2020 and May 2021, he will have 'visited' 185 Rotary Clubs all over the United Kingdom, many weeks doing 4 or 5 talks.

William Pearce: Secretary Rotary Club of Seaham - November 2020

'Just a line to thank you for your brilliant efforts today and many congratulations for what was not just a Talk or Presentation but more a Tour de Force which, professionally and often hilariously, came right at us! You are a true Master of Mirth in your own right.'

Tim Creed: President, Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis - January 2021

'Just a quick thank you for your presentation given to us last Wednesday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even to the extent that straight after the event, the club decided to double its donation to your charity. You have a great talent and put a smile on everyone's faces.'

If you are looking for a speaker for the next Rotary year, Mike is available for bookings. Contact him at: mike@mikestorr.co.uk

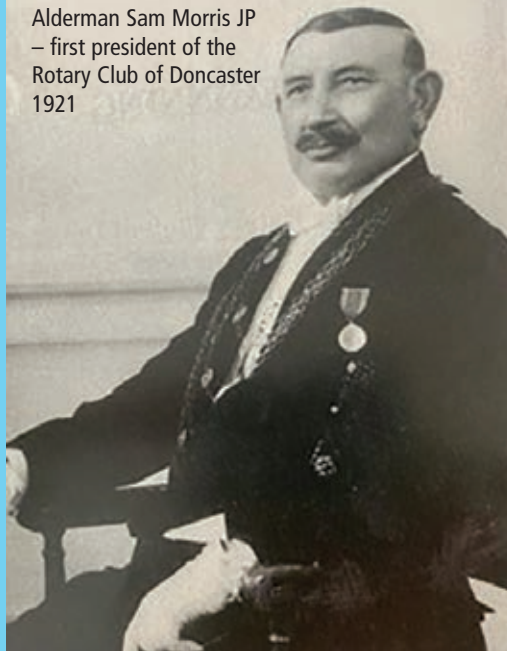
Susan Bye

DONCASTER

The first 100 years – and beyond!

Doncaster is not the first club in the UK to celebrate 100 years and it is only the eighth in Yorkshire, but it has a long and distinguished history in Europe, having sponsored Budapest, Prague and Vienna in 1925. We still have regular contact with Vienna, having recently joined a meeting addressed by the Foreign Secretary

Alderman Sam Morris JP
– first president of the
Rotary Club of Doncaster
1921



of Austria. (We responded with a meeting addressed by the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, who happens to be a local MP).

We are also twinned with Montbrison in central France and with Doncaster, Australia, which is a suburb of Melbourne. These contacts not only foster international relations but assist us when applying for global grants for certain projects.

With this wealth of history, how do we intend to welcome the next 100 years? There will be celebrations, although they are unlikely to rival the extravagancies of earlier years; the Golden Jubilee was marked

by a banquet of seven courses accompanied by three different wines and ending at 2.00 am! Our plans so far include:

Charter Celebration Dinner

on February 5, 2022. The Guest Speaker will be Steve Lloyd PHF, chairman of Doncaster Rugby Club and the Toast to the Club will be proposed PDG David Hood, and

Centenary Celebration

on May 7, 2022. Guest Speaker will be Terry Waite CBE, Toast proposed by DG Martyn Bye and entertainment by the Opera Dudes.

In addition to our usual charitable obligations we will also be presenting two major fund-raising events:

Golf Tournament

on October 13, 2021, at Doncaster Golf Club in aid of the NSPCC, and

Concert

on November 13, 2021, at Doncaster Minster, for Children's Air Ambulance. This will feature Buddy Holly and Frankie Valli tribute acts.

Further details of all these events will appear in the District Newsletter; more details can be obtained from adrian.hattrell@outlook.com

Adrian Hattrell

Sound Warriors

How Loud is Too Loud?



Interactors from Long Eaton and Ecclesbourne are working together with Rotarians from District 1220 to create a brand-new safer listening initiative for young people. We are called Sound Warriors and we are

delighted that Long Eaton Interact President Ivy designed our fabulous logo.

5 things about safe listening from Sound Warrior Aiden...

1. Sound Warriors are aware that almost half 12–35-year-olds are exposed to unsafe levels of sound in recreational settings.
2. Sound Warriors know how to get the full experience and atmosphere from listening to music in a way that is cool yet still protects their hearing.
3. Sound Warriors know that loudness counts both when they are out with friends and when they are relaxing at home.
4. Sound Warriors take control of their listening because they know the difference between loud and too loud.
5. Sound Warriors will be launching in September 2021

Can you help with our launch?

Sound Warriors is a Hearing Ambassadors initiative which will help young people to understand how loud is too loud so that they can take measures to protect their hearing today and still enjoy good listening as they get older.

We are planning our launch with lots of pictures, videos and games on our brand-new website www.SoundWarriors.org. We would love to hear from you if you know anyone who can help us to devise competitions, crosswords, wordsearches or colour-me-pictures on the theme of everyday sounds. We are also looking for people who can help us to set up the Sound Warriors SCRATCH <https://scratch.mit.edu/community>.

If you would like to know more about what we can do, or if you can help us with our launch, please contact us on info@HearingAmbassadors.org

Notices





BURTON

Milk in on the menu at Burton YMCA Foodbank, which believes everyone deserves food to eat and are absolutely committed to providing emergency food parcels, giving out on average 130 parcels a month. This month the foodbank has received a boost from the Rotary4Foodbanks scheme with a pallet of mixed food worth £500 including a consignment of milk.

The Burton Foodbank is based in the Reconnect Building on James Street Burton where people in difficulty or homeless can go for shelter, food and social support and advice.

Foodbank Co-ordinator Natasha Aishford said, "The Rotary4Foodbank scheme is great. We can choose from a list of foods up to £500. One of the things we have been short of is milk, so I was able to order more milk to help local people."

The complex can offer shelter for the homeless and support and food those in need. Natasha said, "Although Covid lockdown is easing, many families, young people and adults are still experiencing food poverty. We try to provide a range of foods including gluten-free, halal and vegetarian, so donations like this, with tinned food, pasta, coffee, tea, cereal, sugar and milk, are really appreciated."

John Stamp – District PR Officer



BELPER & DUFFIELD

During lockdown, Rotary in Belper & Duffield have clocked up over 750 hours of service, supporting local charities and projects plus donations amounting to over £4,000. A defibrillator, bought by Rotary, has been used 13 times with 7 successes, and our thoughts are with those who lost family members.

Probably the most unseen, yet significant Rotary lockdown work, is that of the 'Memory Café' for people living with dementia. Fortnightly telephone calls from Rotary volunteers Hilary Surga, Dot Pipe and Eileen Murphy support café members in this difficult time.

Under normal times, the monthly Café is run by volunteers at the Baptist Church near Belper Triangle. For a couple of hours craft work, music and other activities along with afternoon tea helps people living with dementia engage and gives their carers some respite.

Eileen said of the telephone calls to Café members, "Its usually the carer we speak to who is often feeling isolated. So, during the call we can lend an ear, show we care, give advice on covid vaccination and just be a friend."

People can become members of the Rotary Memory Café even during lockdown and volunteers and donations are always welcome - just ring Hilary on 07969 909695.

John Stamp



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Belper & Duffield**

ASHBOURNE

Club raises over two thousand pounds at Charity Golf Day

The Rotary Club of Ashbourne raised over two thousand pounds for the Derby branch of The Samaritans and other deserving good causes at their Annual Golf Day on June 4th on a beautiful day at Ashbourne Golf Club. A record twenty-six teams took part and played, for the most part, under clear blue skies with the high points scores reflecting both the overhead conditions and the superb condition of the course which had hosted a Midland Boys event earlier in the week.

At the presentation of prizes, David Williams, on behalf of the winners, thanked the Rotary Club for organising the day and praised both the excellent catering and Course Manager, Richard Walker, and his staff for the superb condition of the course.

Organiser John Griffiths thanked all those supporting the event, including the sponsors and he also encouraged everyone to support the many local retailers who had generously donated raffle prizes to the event.

Cliff Lewer



DERBY

Arboretum Project ready for Community Use



A community project in Derby's historic Arboretum is finally reaching a key milestone and will soon be open for business. The Rotary Club of Derby has been working with the Friends of Derby Arboretum (FDA) for more than five years on this project to refurbish a wreck of a building as a base for the Friends group.

The building was an end of terrace house until the mid-1900's when it became the Joseph Strutt bowls club, named after the benefactor who bequeathed the Arboretum as the first public park in Britain in 1840. Then, around 12 years ago the bowling club

abandoned it and the owners, Derby City Council, boarded it up while the bowling green started to be developed as a community garden – now managed by the FDA.

To mark the Club's centenary in 2019 some members embarked on a community project that would serve as a legacy going forward. The club joined with the FDA to arrange the building contract and supervise the comprehensive work. A separate contract was arranged for all electrical rewiring and provision of fire and security systems and emergency lighting.

Club members have continued to volunteer with decorating the rooms and general tidying up; we can boast over 400 hours of service in the last year alone! Soon the Friends of Derby Arboretum can have their meetings here, creating workshops and presentations and begin hiring out the spaces to local groups. We as a Rotary club can also start using the space, offering local charities this unique location for activities.

We may have missed the target of our centenary year for delivering this challenging project but nevertheless we can be proud of this legacy that will last well into the next century.

For more information on this project please visit our website:

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=805949&ClubID=1301>

Richard Benfield



CHURCH WILNE

Although the elements have thrown snow, hail, cold icy winds, rain and shine, Church Wilne Rotary and Inner Wheel have four members supporting the co-vid marshalling, Good Sam and Call to Arms Voluntary vaccination programme since December 2020. Service Above Self has seen our members, like many others, put themselves in a potentially dangerous position volunteering at the vaccination centres to aid others through this distressing time.

Rtn Susie Collins, PP Adrian Perkins, Inner Wheel PP Paula Beenham and PP Tony Beenham between them are supporting the vaccination programmes at Derby Arena, Long Eaton MC, Swadlincote-Oakland Village.

We are all enjoying providing a route to a co-vid protected community as well as meeting and helping others, providing a big smile and some costume jewellery!!!!

Tony Beenham



CARLTON

Second Eco Greenhouse

Delayed by a year, but we got there in the end! Six Carlton Rotarians used two days in the Easter school holidays to assemble their second Eco Greenhouse. All Hallows Primary School in Gedling were the recipients. The school had prepared an area and the children had collected bottles. It was a shame that no pupils could help us this time, but the weather was kind and the job got done! Now the planting begins.

Susan Bye



DERBY SOUTH

I was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer in 2018; if it wasn't for the results of research that was concluded in 2016, which was instrumental in my treatment, I may not be here today to write to you.

This year I have been involve with my local cricket club - Mickleover Cricket Club for 50 years.

To celebrate if you wish my "golden anniversary" and the fact prostate cancer research has had and still is a major contributor to my ongoing care I have arranged a charity match to raise money for further research. To this end I am excited by "immunotherapy" research which could revolutionise treatment for advanced prostate cancer. This is working on a vaccine that triggers the immune system to recognise and attack prostate cancer cells. A team at Queen's University Belfast are creating new techniques that will give the vaccine maximum effect without the use of a needle.

I am asking for your support to achieve my target with the match taking place at Mickleover Cricket Club, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby on Sunday 8th August 2021 commencing at 1.30pm

Adrian Heaton



Pushbike Paul; Bike collection team from left: Pete Wearn, Barbara James, Paul & Pauline Wilcox

LONG EATON

Bicycle Recycling for Treetops

In 2019, Junior Vice President Paul Hopkins and wife Jayne started a new group Friends of Long Eaton Rotary Club. Paul Wilcox, aka Pushbike Paul, an old schoolfriend of Paul Hopkins, joined the group. They soon had an enthusiastic membership keen to help with fund raising projects and they got behind the recycling project taking on extra publicity with their own leaflets designed by Jayne. Paul then channelled some of the proceeds of this project to our Charity Fund which has been a fantastic help when lockdown has curtailed most of our usual fund-raising activities. Increased publicity from both Treetops Hospice and the Rotary Club has led to a large growth in the number of donations; the current tally is 160 bikes collected in 8 weeks. To help Paul deal with the increase, Barbara and Gavin James, and Pete Wearn have been assisting with bike collections over a wide area. The bikes are delivered to Pushbike Paul's in Breaston who refurbishes them and then go to Margaret Gregory who puts them on Facebook Marketplace and deals with customers who call at her house.

Retro bikes and spare parts are taken to Sam Bennett who sorts and cleans them up for sale on his e-bay page. In April 2021 Paul received £3270 from Sam's sales.

Peter Wearn

DERBY ROTARY YOUNG HERO AWARDS

Darley Atkinson and Elizabeth Willis, who attend Walter Evans School, walked 150 miles in December to raise money towards the repair of the fire damage to St Matthew's. They beat their own target of walking 80 miles and raised over £400 for the church. They walked in their own time, after school, at weekends and during the Christmas holiday, in rain, snow, ice and wind. In recognition of their achievement, they were nominated for the Rotary Club of Derby's Young Hero Award, which celebrates the inspirational achievements and commitment of young people across Derby. It focuses on the acts of kindness that young people have done, in helping both individuals and their communities. Darley and Elizabeth won the award for their age group and were presented with certificates and cups by members of the club on 8th June. They were also given a cheque for £100 from the Club, to donate to a charity of their choice and they chose St Matthew's Church. The event was kindly hosted by David Brown, the Head Teacher at Walter Evans, with parents Jane and Kieran Atkinson and Helen Willis present.



Richard Benfield - Derby





MAPPERLEY & ARNOLD

The club continues its commitment to maintaining the grounds at Hayward House at Nottingham City Hospital.

David Curtis

ROTHERHAM SITWELL

Shiloh Moving On

Rotherham Sitwell Rotary, with the valued support of a District 1220 Grant, have given funding to Shiloh Rotherham to pay for a two-day course for four residents placed in emergency COVID-19 accommodation. The course, "Moving On", equipped the delegates with the knowledge and practical resources they needed to move into a home of their own.



Prior to the commencement of each course the delegates are asked to score their understanding of several areas related to Universal Credit, housing costs, budgeting and types of accommodation. By the end of the two days, there was a marked improvement in the delegates' knowledge.



MARKET RASEN

Assistant Governor Richard Lewis is the next link in the chain, getting used spectacles to their new owners in Africa. Some 1,500 pairs are collected annually by Rotarian David Mason, from the Caistor Co-op and this is a quantity that has been repeated over the past six years.

Caistor is a town of just 3000 residents, so think of what could happen in larger towns!

Every renovated, recalibrated pair will enhance the life of their new owner, whether in relaxation, in work, in getting about or in meeting people.

David Mason

As a result of the course, two are now exploring supported housing pathways and currently applying for this with Shiloh's support. Two others are exploring private housing options alongside bidding for council properties.

The money from the Rotary grant will be used to assist at least one delegate with moving costs such as a deposit or months' rent upfront. This can take a number of weeks following completion of the course due to house availability.

Two of the delegates from the first cohort proudly showing off their completion certificates!

Paul Daniels

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Rotherham Sitwell**





SHEFFIELD VULCAN

Declining Numbers of Swifts – a Solution

It is estimated that a reduction of 30% in sightings of Swifts has occurred, due, it is believed, to changes in the building industry. A cabinet maker in Derbyshire, Lester Hartman, has designed and built nest boxes using sustainable plywood, which are simple to mount.

Swifts, once they have left their nest, stay on the wing to feed, mate and poo. They fly to Southern Africa to over winter and return to our area mid to late April. They seldom use a new box in the first year of erection, but birds will look to see where they are for future years.

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club have bought several boxes to give to places of learning, schools, uniformed young people organisations, residential premises for disadvantaged young people, and colleges.

One swift group recorded 12-15 birds in 2019. A photograph, taken in 2020, after boxes had been erected, shows over 40 birds.

The first of our boxes was erected by Sgt Daley at the Sheffield Sea Cadets Unit in April.

Roger Hart



SHERWOOD FOREST

The Yard Sale

Raising money has been hard for everyone through the last year and the Village where Rotarians from Sherwood Forest Rotary live held a Village Yard Sale in May. Each participant paid £5 to host in their Yard, and they could raise monies for whatever they wanted. It was organised by the Friends of the local Primary School. Rotarians Stella Herbert, Mary & Don Brown, Derek & Heather Storton and friends Jacqui and Ann helped to set up the stall in the drive – complete with Sanitisation Station and a Disinfectant Bucket. There was plenty of space to browse and images of Rotary in Action were displayed. This was the first event for over a year and fifty Sites were open all over the Village with lots of visitors. We may not have made that much money but flew the flag for Rotary and its activities which was great!

Stella Herbert

SHERWOOD SUNRISERS

Thank you to District for releasing Reserves – see how some was used.



The Rotary Club of Sherwood Sunrisers proposal to release some District Reserves last year was accepted and acted upon by District. The Club is really pleased to report that with their application for £500, matched by the Club and with further support from a local company, it was able to donate £1,400 to local charity "Bags of Blessings" who have been able to provide nearly 300 Care Packs to NSPCC, Framework - including Aiden House, and others. The Aiden House Service Manager has sent the following message.

"We have just received 20 female care packs for our women here at Aiden House from Bags of Blessings, everything they need in a wonderful make-up bag - it was full to the top!"

Chris Shuter, of Bags of Blessings, said "None of this would have been possible without your help - so a big thank you!"

Good to see the funds being put to such good use to make the lives of those in refuges just a little better.

John Bray





Foodbank at the Buttercross in Bingham

VALE OF BELVOIR

The club made the decision to concentrate the use of the reserve monies in our Charity Account to support local organisations that were reaching out to help those in most need in our community.

Through Rotary4FoodBanks our club has provided funding to supply food and support to the following charitable organisations: Community Kitchen, Cotgrave; Tara's Angels, Gamston ; The Friary, West Bridgford; Rosie May, Bingham; RadCooks, Radcliffe on Trent; Helping Hands, Bingham and Community Volunteers Service, Rushcliffe. The total value of donations to date is in excess of £3,500.

Through the Rotary 'Kids Out' Christmas Toy Box appeal we contributed funding for 12 toy boxes given to children living in abuse refuges in the NG postcode on Christmas morning. We also organised 'Donation Days' on the Buttercross in Bingham supporting Tara's Angels (sufferers of domestic violence), Emmanuel House (for the homeless) and Grantham Food Bank (Trussel Trust). We were able to present our annual donation of a personal illustrated 'Dictionary for Life' to all Year 5 children in our catchment area.

We were able to add to our funds when we collected over £3,400 at Blue Diamond Garden Centre in the run up to the Christmas period, which was an amazing demonstration of the public's generosity, for which we are very grateful. This will assist our charitable and community projects in 2021.

Tony Lord

WOLLATON PARK

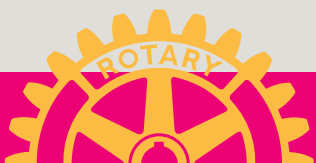
The Laligurash Community Hospital

It happened by chance! Twenty years ago, PHF Dorothy O'Brien retired from teaching and went for a trek around the Annapurna circuit in Nepal. The trek leader talked about his village high in the Himalayas of Eastern Nepal which had no electricity, no running water, no education and no health care. Two years later, Dorothy and her husband, PP Chris O'Brien travelled to the village, a day's drive and a five hours walk from Kathmandu, and have been returning every year since then.



With the help of Rotary and other charities and individuals they have supported the area in introducing electricity, clean water and sanitation, a school for 250 pupils which emphasises girl's education, and decent health care. They set up a district health post 15 years ago, and a team of midwives and community health workers, and resolved to develop a hospital to serve the needs of the wider community. Attracting doctors to this remote area was not easy, and so they supported one of the villagers through medical school in China and through various internships, who has now returned to be the Director of the hospital. It has been a long journey, but satisfying to see the hospital open at last, and reaching out to treat victims of the Covid pandemic in the surrounding villages.

Graham Hayes





CHURCH WILNE CITIZENS AWARDS

We recently presented our Citizens Awards to individuals for their good works within the community over the past 12 months. A record 17 nominations were received, and we acknowledged them all with certificates of commendation; however, two nominees stood out to receive cash prizes.

Donna Allen has turned so many negatives into positives over the years, raising money for a children's Cancer ward, for Alzheimer research and the Royal British Legion. She has rallied the community together to support the homeless and made-up Christmas shoe boxes for our soldiers at Christmas. Donna is currently walking and raising money and awareness for the charity Mind.

Sarah Cresswell is the very epitome of the community champion. Throughout the pandemic, she has helped to run both the Ockbrook and Borrowwash Community Foodbank and the School Uniform bank. Sarah is a violinist and music teacher, and she has voluntarily run a recorder group at Ashbrook Infant School. During the first lockdown she arranged music to play for neighbours and outside local residential homes on Thursday evenings. Last summer she raised £100 for the food bank through the sale of homemade mango chutney.

The club also presented their Community Award to The Borrowwash Coop and Chloe the Manager who goes in at 4am every Thursday to make sure all Home Deliveries are completed for the isolated and vulnerable shielding in our community. The store has also supported the Christmas Bags for the Food Bank and BorrowBrook Home Link as well as with other worthy causes in Borrowwash.

Paul Fleming – Church Wilne

Church Wilne • Wortley

WORTLEY

Now we remember the loved ones we lost.

As a memorial for local Covid victims the West Ecclesfield Ward Parish Council, covering the Grenoside area, along with the Rotary Club of Wortley, have placed flower tubs around the town. The project has been funded by Sheffield Council with the award of a local grant of £800.



Working with local Councillors and members of the Rotary Club of Wortley, eight empty whisky barrels were purchased, cut in half, painted and plaques fitted by local farmer Andy Hardman.

The Rotary Club have selected 16 locations, planted flowers in the half whisky tubs and placed plaques on them in remembrance of the families who suffered during the Covid pandemic.

We feel sure the local residents will respect these tubs in the various locations and keep them in good condition.

Rotary President Steven Patterson said, "Covid has affected communities all over the UK, and we are united through loss and grief. By remembering, we cannot change the past, but we can acknowledge its pain and commit to building a better future together".

John Evans



Over the last few years, and particularly over the last fifteen months' Zoom initiative, I have had the opportunity to visit many clubs in a variety of Districts; Districts not only in the UK but much further afield, both in person and on Zoom. I have come into contact with many Rotarians I would not ordinarily have met had I not been giving talks about 70+ years living with Polio, and of course Zoom.

Prior to the Coronavirus "situation", I had been invited to speak about my experiences of living with Polio to the District 1060 (Heart of England) Conference in Liverpool in early October 2020. That, of course, was not to be. However, it was rescheduled to this year and surprise, surprise, it was to take place virtually

That happened on the 24th April, and with my wife Gloria, I travelled to Birmingham: we were out on parole! Such a sense of relief; it was like entering into a different world.

Arriving at the venue, we were just there in time for lunch and to listen to the talk from Sir Martin Lewis, the broadcaster; incidentally, his sister had Polio. We were made so welcome; it said to me that "this is what fellowship, in Rotary, is all about".

Not so sure I took totally to the virtual presentation, but then any port in a storm. What I did take to was the interaction of Rotarians, and more over, and just as importantly, the interaction of two Rotary Districts.

John Elford Box – Rotherham





BELPER & DUFFIELD

Environmental Volunteers Needed

Rotary in Belper and Duffield is supporting Amber Valley Borough Council to help carry out general maintenance and restoration of long untended graves by clearing certain areas of weed and brambles and hopefully bringing them back to a more presentable state.

Rotary will work on the oldest area behind the chapels and mortuary where some of the graves include fine examples of grand Victorian monumental grave architecture. Rotary will clean the graves and do some genealogy work to identify the names and possible living relatives.

Dave Ashley said, "We would like to have enough Rotary people and volunteers to have two teams to help us with this. The work will be similar to gardening - clearing brambles and weeds and brushing down the stonework. We would also like to hear from people interested in genealogy to do research on the people buried in the middle 19th century to discover interesting information and local links."

John Stamp

ROTHERHAM SITWELL

Phone Box Defibrillator

Rotherham Sitwell Rotary's President Trish Lister is shown completing the latest installation of a defibrillator which is available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When a disused telephone box in the Moorgate area of Rotherham became available Trish and Rotarian Roger Green set about replacing the glass, repainting the metal (the pink undercoat surprised passers-by!) and finally installing the security box that holds the defibrillator.

Trish said "In 2013 my husband, Stuart, quite suddenly and publicly died of a heart attack at the Club's AGM. This highlighted to me the need for greater access to Defibrillators."

The Phone Box and another installation at the local cricket club were both featured on Look North in response to the cardiac arrest of the Danish footballer, Christian Eriksen at Euro 2020. Trish was able to explain that she set up the charity, START-A-HEART 24:7, to provide 24:7 temperature controlled, secure access safe to house the Defibrillator.

Paul G Daniels



SHERWOOD FOREST

Laura and Dave Dennis from Sherwood Forest Rotary came up with an idea late in 2019 to ride 1220 miles (Sherwood Forest to Rome!) during this Rotary year. They chose a worthwhile cause, Prostate Cancer UK, a charity close to the heart of the club.

We came up with the idea that people of all ages and abilities could take part not just on cycles outside but on exercise bikes in the safety of their own homes. As we come to the end of the Challenge, we have over 20 riders, walkers and a rower who are all doing distances they feel comfortable with but all with a sole purpose of challenging themselves, keeping fit and raising money for a good cause. One of our riders is now on his way back from "Rome".

As we write, we have raised on the JustGiving page, £2985 but we have had other donations from businesses and individuals; and some of the cyclists raised their own sponsorship so we know we will have raised around £4000.

There will be a final update when we have completed the challenge, and we want to say a massive THANKS to everyone who has taken part or donated money.

Stella Herbert

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