

ROTARY DISTRICT 1220

in the East Midlands,
South Yorkshire,
and North Lincolnshire

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NEVER FORGET!

**IF POLIO IS NOT DEFEATED EVERYWHERE,
THEN IT'S NOT DEFEATED ANYWHERE**

WELCOME! To the final [4th] District Foundation Newsletter of 2021/22

Welcome to this somewhat short 4th and final Foundation Newsletter for 2021/22. The Foundation Team - see below – has worked enthusiastically in this Rotary year and endeavoured to provide what it intended to provide at the beginning of the year.



Whereas not all was accomplished in 2021/22, the final goal will continue into 2022/23. and beyond. The Team now comprises of 9 members and the format is somewhat changed as you will be able to see from the Team Structure for 2022/23 on the Web-Site.

This has arisen as a result of Neil Swanwick standing down – after many years as the Grants Sub-Committee Chairman – and that position is now being taken over by PDG Michael Longdon.

All our sincere thanks to Neil for all that he has accomplished and achieved over those years for the Grants element of the District Foundation Team and the District as a whole. Best wishes to Michael in his new role. Neil stays with us on the Foundation Support Team in an advisory capacity and will work with Michael in the transnational period. Michael continues as the Sustaining Members Officer, but to prevent a conflict of interest stands down as Stewardship Officer.

Richard Lewis, Vice Chairman of the Foundation Support Team, now takes over in the latter role and also as the Foundation Support Team Secretary.

Rotary GB&I Volunteer Expo [Birmingham] 6th May 2022

I attended the Volunteer Expo Foundation Dinner, in Birmingham, which was also attended by EMGA Ian Priestly our Fund Raising Officer, and Roy Bright our ever vigilant Treasurer.

For my part to be seated with the incoming Rotary International Jennifer Jones [Canada - Ontario], the first RI Lady President in the organisation's 117 years, and her husband Nick, was a privilege.

After I made a short presentation Jennifer auctioned off a framed football shirt [England Team 2015 and signed by Wayne Rooney and all the team] that was gifted to me by the Rotary Club of Gibraltar. It was gifted to them by William Hill to be used at their 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2016 and Gloria and I were there to witness it making considerable funds for EPN.

In turn I gifted it to RFUK to be auctioned off to raise funds for the same reason. With the Gates Foundation “add on” it made about £11500.



What was really incredible was that when Jennifer held the auction The Shirt raised about £1900 and the person who had made the successful bid immediately presented it back to Jennifer as a gift from him to her.

Jennifer then auctioned it off again, and this time it raised almost the same amount of money as the first time. It has to be said *you could not make it up* but the overall story is always worthy of telling and a tremendous end result for EPN.

The District 1220 Foundation Web-Site

Just keep looking and learning!

The Rotary GB&I Web-Site

The story relating to The Shirt can also be viewed on the above Web-Site

Membership feedback - The Foundation Team would be pleased to receive the views, and any observations, from members as to the concept of this Newsletter, and indeed its future and how it can help in furthering all matters relevant to the Foundation cause.

The Ukrainian Disaster

All of Foundation within Rotary GB&I, and RFUK, have embraced the Ukrainian Disaster with gusto. And District 1220 is no exception. Whereas some Districts have come together in their Cluster Groups, as yet D1220 has not taken that approach. That is not to say that that situation may not change in the future.

I have sent out to all the Assistant Governors a *D1220 Ukrainian Disaster Response Grant Application Form for the Rotary year 2022/23* to pass on to all their Clubs. No doubt by the time you read this issue of the District Foundation Newsletter no.4 all matters will be well in hand.

And to end with

Finally I have to say it has been a pleasure to work alongside DG Martyn Bye who has always been such a support for Foundation. Martyn assures me that that support will continue into 2022/23, his second year as DG, and I have no doubt that will apply.

In return the Foundation Support Team will support Martyn in his second term as our District Governor. He tells me it will be an exacting time for him. No doubt it will be, but given Martyn continues as DG for a second time, that might not have been something he may have anticipated. All I can say to him is *the best of men, the worst of luck!* Martyn.

**Sincerely,
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