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A damp Santa braves it out on a cold, wet evening in the run up to Christmas. More Santa news on page 9 ...

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The Editor writes



It is now two years since we were able to publish **Rotary Review** as a hard copy which was distributed to the Clubs at the District Council Meetings. The way the covid infection is developing new variants means that we will be continuing to use the digital format for more editions to come. This means that it is important for individual clubs to ensure that those members not using the internet do receive a printed copy.

The vaccination programme carried out through the year led to clubs being able to recommence many of their activities with physical meetings and community events. This, and the relatively late deadline for copy for the magazine, should have resulted in a flurry of items from clubs letting us know what they had been up to. Disappointingly, we only received material from 18 clubs, less than a quarter of the clubs in District 1220. However, I do believe the reports of the initiatives and projects which fill the pages do reflect the enthusiasm and drive of many of the members as they continue to give Service to Change Lives.

Please do act as ambassadors for Rotary and share this digital edition of Rotary Review with your friends and colleagues, so that they can see what good and useful things we have been doing over the last six months.

In conclusion, let me wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Peaceful New Year. The card below was produced by the Rotary Club of Carlton from a photo of the local Gedling Country Park. They created packs of Christmas Cards to sell, and the proceeds are being split between the Friends of Gedling Country Park and their Charity Account.

John Scotney – District Editor



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District Governor's Message ...



As we near the end of the sixth month of my term as District Governor, my schedule is still packed-full of Club Visits, and I am pleased to say more Club Charters are in the planning.

Susan and I with our grandchildren Layla and Lucas and not

forgetting Pixie completed the End Polio Now Sponsored Walk organised by **Sutton in Ashfield Rotary**.



I have also attended the Children's Art Competition presentation organised by Barnsley Rockley Rotary and the standard of the Artwork produced by the children was amazing.

At the **Church Wilne Rotary Horseride Presentation Evening**, the club presented three cheques totalling £6,300 to: John Bown representing Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and Children's Air Ambulance and Tim Spalding, Trustee and Operational Team Member from Derby Mountain Rescue, whose team helped marshal the event and provided essential first aid support. Great to see that we are

getting back into and collaborating with our local communities.

The **Annual Foundation Awards Dinner** was a success, and I am sorry that more clubs did not attend. I also appreciate that members are still cautious mixing in with larger groups (Report on page 12).

I am indeed fortunate to have a tremendous supporting team of district officers and leaders aiding me with all the tasks. The District Team are as keen as ever to hear from you with your views so please continue to engage with them so that together we can make Rotary in District 1220 appropriate to the challenges that we face going forwards.

Our **Virtual District Conference** on the 1st & 2nd of October was an immense success and the Virtual Wine Tasting and Entertainment was enjoyed by those who

attended. We had great speakers who left us with thought-provoking ideas. Please remember all the sessions were recorded and are now available for use at your Club Meetings. Contact me for the links.



Empowering Girls – District Governor's Project

Update 5 December 2021 I am delighted to be able to let you know that the project to provide tailoring courses for girls at the Sri Sai Vidyarthi School in Secunderabad is on course! The first payment was sent on 2nd December to our Rotary colleagues in India who will pay for the sewing machines and other equipment, together with salaries for two specialist teachers, when we ask them. At the time of writing, 14 District 1220 Rotary clubs and two individuals have signed up to the project. This is the first group of ten girls who are looking forward to learning a new practical skill. Each £300 donation sponsors a girl's academic studies and specialist tailoring lessons for 3 years! Thank you for the support so far, please become part of this exceptional project by sending donations to me.

Do not forget my DG Competition to guess my Carbon Footprint, Miles Driven and Hours Spent on Zoom during my DG Year. You can go to <https://district.rotary1220.org/dg-martyns-carbon-footprint> for more details and to enter.

We will be running a District wide event on World Water Day on Tuesday 22nd March to promote and raise funds for Aquabox. Details will be released soon.

We will be partnering with Kids Against Plastic on World Earth Day on Friday 22nd April in an event that will involve all Clubs and their Communities. Information will be circulated soon.

Susan and I send our best wishes to you all for the festive season.

Martyn Bye
District Governor 2021 - 2022



Food Banks

John Cavey, who was instrumental in setting up the District 'Rotary for Foodbanks' Initiative last year, brings us up to date with this interview with District Editor John Scotney:



Peter Wearn – our man with a van!

JS: OK, so you had the vision but how were you able to realise it?

JC: Rotarians, Rotarians, Rotarians – they are like education – very good for society.

JS: What did they do?

JC: They sorted stock – delivered to foodbanks – administered distribution, raised donations, and accounted for every penny donated whilst not charging a penny themselves.

JS: What was most valuable to you in this raft of volunteers?

JC: I appreciate everything that everyone involved did and, in many cases, continue to do and the list of volunteers is extensive. This project has been widely supported in a hands-on manner by Rotarians from numerous different D1220 clubs and from clubs outside our District. There has also been significant help from people who are not Rotarians. Rotary truly is a family and when you need help families pull together and often get support from outside the family. It takes a healthy family to make things happen in the first place which is why we must look after the family by introducing new members and supporting our own charity – The Rotary Foundation.

JS: What's next John?

JS: Well John, it seems like a very long time ago that we first talked about Rotary4foodbanks.

JC: March 2020 for me – 21 months ago and £182,000 in donations that has funded food donations to over 60 foodbanks - worth most of £250,00 at retail value. It's a lot of meals!

JS: That is some achievement – how did it happen?

JC: It happened because the Rotary Foundation provided £20,000 in the form of a Disaster grant at the very start – this enabled us to make initial very low cost purchases from a Leicester wholesaler. With the help of Taylors Transport in Mansfield and numerous Rotarians we were able to break down our container load purchases to foodbank sized packages and get them to foodbanks who were desperate for supplies.

JS: Amazing but where did the vision come from?

JC: The thing about Rotary is that if you have vision and the willingness to make it happen – you can. I guess that I saw the possibility but I was lucky to have a DG in David Hood who had already identified foodbanks as an area of potential need in the pandemic.

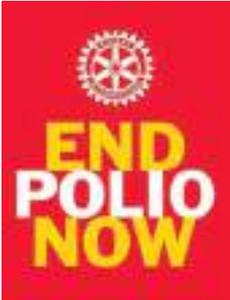


JC: We are committed to keeping Rotary4foodbanks running until the end of this Rotary year. After that it will depend on how we see the need – we may become a standalone charity like Aquabox with close Rotary involvement. Two years is normally the maximum duration for a District project as new DG's have their own projects to realise and need all the support they can get.

JS: I doubt that the need for foodbanks will disappear any time soon?

JC: I have to agree John but one merit of Covid is that the issue of food poverty has been more widely discussed and acted on than ever before but there are still people who need our support.





World Polio Day 24th October

The Rotaract Club of Sheffield

A video has been put together by the Sheffield Rotaract Club and their mentor, the Rotary Club of Abbeydale.

President John Moraes and his colleagues in Rotaract decided to make the video to mark the Polio Race, a Rotaract event worldwide, intended to contribute to the End Polio Now campaign.

I was their chosen subject for the day with a question-and-answer session being the focus of the video which runs for about twenty-four minutes. John Moraes is a young man, twenty-six years old, full of life as you will see if you view the video. John is from Brazil and working in Sheffield. The good news is that John made his mark by bringing the Rotaract Club of Sheffield together with the Rotaract Club of South Tenerife and the Rotaract Club of Madrid.

Well done John and also many thanks to Steve Walker from Abbeydale for organising the video sessions. We will miss John when he returns back to Brazil shortly.

Anyone wishing to receive a link to the video, then please contact me – jebox@btconnect.com

Two Rotary Clubs join with District to produce a video

The Rotary Clubs of Rotherham and Rotherham Sitwell, along with the District, have been working together over the last eighteen months to produce a video for World Polio Day 2021. The process has been lengthy and entailing much debate over ZOOM for the small group of Rotarians who were involved in its production.

Thanks to the organiser, Chris Holmes and his predecessor Tom Hunt, the video, has been distributed to all members of Rotary GB&I, and beyond, but should you not have received it, then please contact me - jebox@btconnect.com.

A happy Christmas and a very safe and prosperous New Year to you all,

John Box – Chair District Foundation



Bretby World Polio Day

This year the Club marked World Polio Day by planting a sea of purple crocuses opposite the recently opened Adventure Golf course at the entrance to Branston Golf and Country Club (BGCC), where the club meets every other Monday evening.

Planting organiser Rotarian

Peter Moralee said; "The prominent location of the belt of crocuses at the entrance to BGCC means that when they are in flower the colourful display will be a highly visible and ongoing reminder of both the success of the End Polio Now campaign to date and also the need to continue with the campaign until all countries in the world can claim to be 'polio-free', which requires that there are no new cases reported in the country in question for 3 consecutive years".

President Graham Rose added: "Polio eradication is perhaps Rotary's greatest contribution to making the world a better and safer place for everyone, but especially children in the Third World, where they are undoubtedly the key to the future prosperity of their homelands. It is but one of many initiatives and projects which Rotary Clubs and Rotarians throughout the world undertake to 'Make a difference', which is why most of us are proud to be Rotary members. Individually we can each make our own small contribution, but End Polio Now proves just how much more we can all achieve by working together, locally, nationally and internationally, in an organisation such as Rotary".

Peter Ball



The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield once again arranged for the Belper Central Methodist Church, sited on the busy A6 through the centre of the town, to be flood lit purple over the period of World Polio Day. As the attached photo shows, the exercise demonstrated that one of the lamps had failed! Members of the church have also planted a batch of purple crocus in the grounds to continue the message of **End Polio Now** next spring!



Long Bennington End Polio Now

Last year our members planted 4000 crocuses around our home village of Long Bennington. This year we tried something different. Four local Primary Schools in the surrounding villages were approached to join in End Polio Now by raising money for corms. We presented the project to each school - some to the whole school, some to their older pupils in Yr6. We showed a power point projection and explained the importance of what EPN entailed. The message about being 'that close' fitted in with their social responsibility education and each school raised the money in their own way – sponsored walks, teddy bear raffles, or whatever they chose. Implementing the project was left to the school as each school has its own ethos. The basis of the project was that Rotary showed the objective and the school implemented it in its own way. When we knew how much each school had raised, we presented them with a certificate of achievement and, of course, the corms. It was impressive how much the children took EPN to their hearts. They received one corm for every 10p they raised. Some raised so much money that they didn't want all of their corms! Later a Rotarian was present when they planted the corms, and we will return in the spring when the crocuses bloom to remind them of their achievement. All in all, they will have planted 8000 to decorate their villages and to remember the cause of End Polio Now. Oh, and we raised over £1000 too!

Norman Bertram



Belper and Duffield

Once again, the Club have supplied purple crocus bulbs for planting by a number of local schools and other organisations to remind people of the work carried out by Rotary to try to eliminate Polio from the world. Over the last 35 years, Rotary members, working with communities around the world, have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the fight to end polio.

John Minton, community liaison officer at the Ecclesbourne School, Duffield said, "Thank you Belper & Duffield Rotary for providing the purple crocus bulbs to highlight the 'End of Polio Now' campaign and also to enhance our campus".

John Stamp



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Ashbourne Shoebox Appeal



Working with Team4U and other Rotary Clubs the Club led by Rtn Kevin Barclays sent out an appeal to the people of Ashbourne to fill shoeboxes that could be given to people in Eastern Europe who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. The Boxes were designated for Boy or Girl in three age ranges and an additional area was a family box.

The response has exceeded expectations and 487 boxes have been despatched via Team4U to the Western area of Romania. The Club owes a huge thank you to the organisations, schools and clubs who all helped plus David Neil Mica and Springfield Stores who kindly worked as drop off points.

In 2020 some 43,000 boxes were collected Nationally and that total will have been passed by this year's effort.

Cliff Lewer

SEND LOVE IN A
BOX THIS
CHRISTMAS



"People say 'it's just a shoebox' but it isn't. It tells that child someone, somewhere, has done this for them; that someone cares about them."

www.teams4u.com **T4U**



Derby Shoebox efforts hit the headlines...

Member Anthony Attwood happened to be chatting with a local reporter and he mentioned the Teams4U shoebox project taking place in one of his warehouses in Darley Abbey Mills. Anthony, together with member John Worthy, organise the club's annual shoebox collection on behalf of T4U. The reporter, Callum Parke, immediately met up with John and had the full tour. He spent quite some time chatting to the volunteers some of which were in the throes of checking individual boxes whilst others were filling the large cartons which hold 10-12 of the smaller boxes. The result was a terrific piece in the Derby Telegraph as can be seen in the picture.

It was noted that this year the warehouse became the centre for collections as far afield as Sheffield with support from other Rotary clubs in Ashbourne and Belper and Duffield.

Since the newspaper article was published in early December, we have learnt that the final figure for boxes collected by the Derby group is 2838 and the national total reached 63,151. This sterling effort will bring some real joy into the lives of children living in poverty in Eastern Europe.

Richard Benfield



Christmas Shoe Boxes



Doncaster St Ledger Three Clubs Memorial Wood Project

On a cold Saturday morning, 20 November 2021 representatives of the three Rotary Clubs of Doncaster, Doncaster St Leger and Doncaster St George's joined together to plant a Memorial Wood in memory of those in the Doncaster borough who have sadly passed away during the pandemic.

The Rotarians were joined by 19 young volunteers from Club Doncaster Foundation (www.clubdoncasterfoundation.co.uk) and two media students from Doncaster College who took video and photos of the event. The young volunteers did themselves proud and 1,350 small trees were planted on Doncaster Council land with full Mayoral support, adjacent to Sandall Beat Wood alongside the Racecourse. Crocus corms and bluebells will be planted this winter.

In spring 2022 we will return to the area to install three bench seats and a memorial plinth in the central clearing. These will be funded by the three clubs together with a generous District Foundation matching grant.

As well as being a great example of co-operation between three clubs (RC Doncaster St George's is in D1040), it has established a core of young volunteers who are keen to help in future community projects. Eventually we would like to support an emerging Rotaract club in Doncaster. Thanks go to the District Foundation team and Pacy & Wheatley Construction for their financial support.

The project was managed by David Street, RC of Doncaster St Leger; Paul West and Colin Jeynes, RC of Doncaster; Ken Waight, RC of Doncaster St George's.

David Street



Market Rasen

The Club has planted 500 trees in the Community-owned De Aston Field in Market Rasen, consisting of English Oak, Green Beech, Silver Birch, Wild Cherry, Mountain Ash/Rowan, Field Maple, Sweet Chestnut and Common Walnut. All were grown and supplied by British Hardwood Nursery from locally sourced seed.

The mulch mats were made of jute and wool so will completely biodegrade. When the spirals are taken off after about five years, they will be buried in a compost heap where they will also completely biodegrade. The only things which will not biodegrade are the pegs used to hold down the mulch mats. They are a hard plastic which can be reused then later recycled.

David Mason

Tree Planting



Santa Sleigh



A Rotary Christmas ...

You can tell Christmas is coming if you are a Rotarian right from September when the first efforts are made to go to some obscure garage/storage area and check if the Santa sleigh is still there! You wipe off nine months' worth of dust, check whether the tyres still have any air in them and try the lights – after recharging the battery, of course. It might need some touching up of the paintwork, especially after some close encounters with the bollards at the local supermarket.

The next job is to contact the supermarket to book some slots for laying siege to their customers staggering out of the shop with laden trolleys and then contact the local authority to get permission to stand in the High Street and allow Santa's little helpers tempt passers by to part with some cash.

Then the fun really starts. Sheets of ruled paper are passed round at Club meetings appealing for volunteers to man the sleigh – have you noticed how the column headed 'Santa' is always the last to be filled? Thank goodness there is a category of Rotarian called 'Friend of Rotary' as friends and local volunteers scramble to join us as elves!

Finally, at the beginning of December, the Santa Sleigh takes off. Early Christmas shoppers are serenaded to a medley of carols and past Christmas hits. The faces of young children (and not so young) peer out of windows and dash out to meet Father Christmas. Even in the cold and wet, that is what makes it so worth while ... and we collect money for our charity funds which goes back to all the deserving projects in our local community.

Oh, I did forget a couple of things. Do carry out a risk assessment and make sure you follow all the covid guidelines

and have a very Happy Christmas!

Santa Sleigh Visits RETURN this year!!!

After extensive lobbying the Rotary Club has received confirmation that Santa will be able to join the Christmas Eve tour through the areas of Wortley High Green, Chapeltown Grenoside, Ecclesfield and Thorpe Hesley, starting at 15.00 from Wortley Post Office.

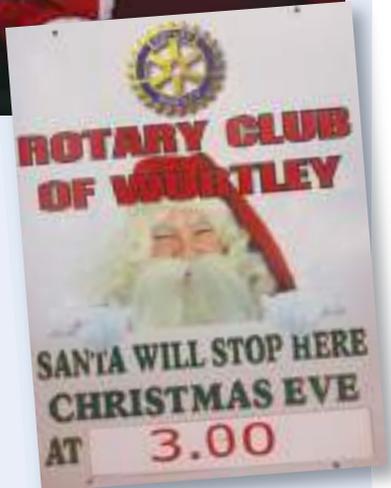


He has already attended the "Northern Lights" Santa run through Stocksbridge, Deepcar, Wharncliffe Side, Oughtibridge and Worrall in November.

Club members will attend at the designated stops for children to come along to meet Santa and receive chocolate bars and sweets. Due to the current Covid-19 situation, we would ask everyone to consider the wearing of a face mask.

Donations kindly made by the general public on these evenings will be subsequently distributed to local and needy causes, such as the Sheffield Children's Hospital.

John Evans - Wortley



Santa Sleigh



SOUND WARRIORS FROM HEARING AMBASSADORS



It is amazing to see what young people can achieve to make the world a better place. Just as Greta Thunberg has created a powerful youth movement which challenges world leaders to take immediate action to mitigate climate change, we would like Sound Warriors to spark a universal change in people's understanding of the dangers of prolonged exposure to loud noises. Greta talks in a straightforward and blunt manner to the world's leaders about what countries can do to reduce their carbon footprint. We can't see the chemicals in the air we breathe, but scientists now understand the irreversible effects they are having on our climate. The effects of noise induced hearing loss, on the other hand, has been on the radar for some time. That is why the UK Health and Safety Executive have long established noise exposure guidelines for employees who work in factories offices and shops, and the service sector. But loud noise doesn't just affect working people. The World Health Organisation estimate that around 50% of today's 12–35-year-olds are unwittingly putting themselves at risk of noise induced hearing loss as they dance to their favourite band, exercise in the gym, or play on their gaming devices. Many of us love the intense experience that loud music brings, but how would we change our behaviours if we knew that just one very loud sound, or prolonged exposure to quite loud sounds could change the way we hear the world forever?

With young people in mind, Rotary District 1220 Hearing Ambassadors decided to set up a project targeting 11–14-year-olds which we are calling Sound Warriors. Through games, activities, and competitions we provide sound advice for lifelong listening.

We were thrilled that the winning entry for our October "Whacky Noises" competition came from Chris in Chicago.

This Christmas we are launching a new competition which will inspire our next short film. We are looking for ideas that will alert



young people to the dangers of unwanted noise and how to protect their hearing. Here is the storyboard that we created for our very first video starring Aiden and Jess. Now it's time to do something different so, if you know someone who would like to create a brand-new storyboard, and get the chance to star in a professionally made video, please send them our link www.SoundWarriors.org

We would also love to hear from you if you would be interested in helping us with the full rollout of the project. Please email info@HearingAmbassadors.org

Gill Campbell - Rotary Hearing Ambassadors

Loud Music Damages Your Hearing

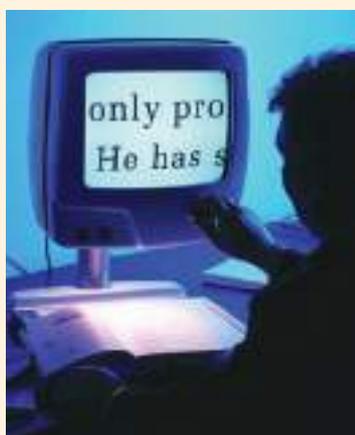
Practice Safe Listening

Turn Down The Volume

Youth/Schools



Levelling the playing field



Many of you in the District will know that I have recently been registered partially sighted; the worst part for me, beside the fact that I am banned, quite rightly from driving, is that I can no longer read. Reading emails, posters, documents etc has become a challenge for me and has hampered my input to Rotary and life in general.

This being the case I have over the last 6 months become increasingly dependent on technology. However, I am a luddite when it comes to manipulating computer related procedures; I always seem to press the wrong key! I knew there were programmes on the computer that would read and write for me, but did not know which programme would be best, and even if I did, I can't see to install anything!

So, I enlisted the help of the company that have serviced and repaired my machine for several years. When I explained my problem, one of the company's employees agreed to help me. We talk on the phone; he listens to my issues and comes up with solutions that may be useful. He remotely takes over the machine and installs what is necessary and talks me through how to use it. Over the last six months many of my issues and frustration have been overcome; there are still more to go, but I am getting there; it has not cost a fortune.

The reason for this message is that I wonder if there are others in the District who are experiencing similar problems? The company I use has a person who now has lots of experience in solving my issues; he is patient and understanding when I am not giving him the correct terminology! If you feel that this service might help you, please get in touch to find out more. I am very happy to talk to you.

Ann Norris – District 1220 Eclub

AQUABOX 2021



The past 12 months have not been idle at Aquabox HqO. Despite COVID, we have been able to ship our aid out to:

Belize, Yemen, Lebanon, Senegal, Nepal, Gaza and most recently Haiti.

In total, the water filters we have sent out in these shipments have provided over 300 000 people with the means to produce clean, safe water.

Whilst we are delighted to have been able to supply our aid across the world, it has come at increased cost to our charity, notably an increase in our freight charges.

The aid we have sent this year has to date cost Aquabox £160 000.

So once again we are asking you to help support our 'Clean Water for Christmas Campaign' by donating £25 towards a family filter instead of buying a conventional gift.

The details of how to donate are below.

On behalf of people who daily drink and washing in contaminated water, thank you for your help.

Want to see where your donations go? Please contact us to arrange a depot visit. www.enquiries@aquabox.org

Roz Adamson - Aquabox

Foundation Appreciation Evening

The District 1220 Rotary Foundation Dinner and Appreciation Evening was held at Ye Olde Bell Hotel, Barnby Moor, Retford on Saturday the 20th November. The occasion attracted 48 guests and the speaker was Matt Hancock who proved once more to be inspiring. Overall, a really enjoyable evening and one that I would like to think portrayed, to some extent, what Foundation is all about. My goal, eventually, is to see "to some extent" increased to "a great extent". Pipe dreams maybe, but then no effort, then no result.

I express my sincere thanks to the IP Foundation Chair John Cavey, for agreeing to present the Awards on the evening. Also, thanks to speakers DG Martyn Bye, John Moffat, Ashley Gray and our speaker for the evening, Matt Hancock. Finally, special thanks to Dr Jill Bethell MBE IPDG for presenting me with the Rotary GB&I People of Action Polio Award

A happy Christmas and a very safe and prosperous New Year to you all,

John Box – District Rotary Foundation

Aquabox
Foundation Appreciation Evening





ABBEYDALE

Working for the community

Several Abbeydale Rotarians met at Whirlow Brook Park, Sheffield on 18th October to assist the local U3A for the regular pond clearance. This time we also started to dig out the link between two of the ponds, which was full of silt, to reveal an old path which U3A members did not know existed. We were joined by Gareth, our new Associate member's partner, who also put in a good shift to move the silt. We also removed large quantities of skunk cabbage, an invasive plant.

Phil Haywood



ASHBOURNE

The Club revived the Annual Charity Horse Ride on the 8th August at Carsington. Over 170 riders braved the poor weather to enjoy an 11 mile ride from Owslow Farm overlooking Carsington Water onto the hills over to Brassington and back on a circular route. Members of the club ensured that all road crossings were safe, and all gates were open when riders approached so allowing an uninterrupted ride, a feature hugely appreciated by the participants.

One rider fell and was recovered from the hills by the Derbyshire Mountain Rescue group and taken to hospital for a check over. Food and drink were provided at the base for hungry riders and helpers.

The club hope to have raised about £4000 from which a substantial donation will be made to the Riding for the Disabled at Scropton who are bringing new horses into their activities as they rebuild after the Pandemic.

The Club is very grateful to Rotarian Peter Oldfield and the landowners over which the riders passed for their generosity and cooperation.

Cliff Lewer



ABBEYDALE

Bradway Funday, Sheffield

It was fun and a real opportunity to showcase Rotary and Abbeydale in particular. Thanks again for the use of Heath Village's gazebo, in which we were able to put up displays showing all our environmental projects and 'Young Artists' competition. There was a lot of interest from the large number of visitors in Rtn Phil's demonstration of how bottle greenhouses are built. Good attractions pulling in the crowds were the dog show and a WWII Dakota, (the only surviving one in the RAF's Battle of Britain's Memorial Flight), flying over — three times — so VERY low you felt like ducking!!

Julia Massey





BUXTON

During December we have partnered with Morrisons supermarket to provide 100 boxes of Christmas biscuits to local organisations: 50 boxes to the Residents Association of Fairfield and 50 boxes to Buxton Cottage Hospital and Cavendish Hospital. Morrisons will then donate another 100 boxes to charities of their choice through their Community Champion.

Kim Priestley



BELPER & DUFFIELD

Club members and a number of volunteers from the local community have spent the summer months clearing overgrown graves in Belper Cemetery. Their work has uncovered a total of 182 graves and 240 builders' bags have been filled with brambles and other invasive plants. This autumn we have sown a mix of grass and wildflower seed to give us some natural meadowland next year and we have also planted crocus and daffodil bulbs to give a splash of colour in the spring. We have also created a new rockery at the entrance to the plots, planted with bulbs and spring plants.

In addition to the physical restorative work, a number of the volunteers have recorded the details from the freshly uncovered headstones and inscriptions and carried out extensive genealogical research. This has resulted in the production of a booklet listing comprehensive details of some of the inhabitants of Belper in the 19th century, based on the 182 graves uncovered. This material will be held by the Belper Historical Society.

Dave Ashley

BUXTON

In September we held our rescheduled Grand Charity Bazaar and Autumn Fair in the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. We organised the bazaar to enable local charities and organisations to showcase their work in the community and to give locals and visitors an interesting and fun day out. The exhibitors were very happy to once again have an opportunity to tell and show people what they do. The theme was "There is no Planet B" which ties in nicely with Rotary's new area of focus and the club was presented with a Plastic-Free Champion certificate by Transition Buxton.

Kim Priestley





CARLTON

Helping The Royal British Legion

Carlton Rotary joined with Mapperley & Arnold Rotary to support the poppy collection each day at Sainsbury's in Arnold. It was an honour to be able to help and we were again gratified at the generosity of the Sainsbury's customers. (Carlton IW President Jen Crosby and Carlton Rotary President Elect Paul Hicking - masks removed for purposes of the photo!)

Joint President David Styles was proud to lay a wreath at the Gedling Memorial on 14 November following a service at All Hallows Church.

Susan Bye



DERBY

Derby Christmas Tree Sales – Changeover Complete

For over 20 years the Rotary Club of Etwall and Hilton has been selling Christmas trees in aid of local charities. This year it was proving difficult to marshal the resources, so they approached the Derby club to take it on. A core team was quickly set up comprising John Beswarick (team leader), Olivia Dean, John Cheadle, Pat Zadora and Simon Scargill and with massive input from Rob Corby (who had masterminded it in previous years) the team managed to make it a continuing success.

As we go to press, we believe the club has made nearly £5,000 from the sale of trees and the accompanying raffle. In addition, with the handing out of a 'thank you' card together with the club's new pamphlet this has been a terrific PR opportunity.

Feedback from Facebook:

"Alison Furlong

We LOVE our tree!!! Thank you so much to the Rotary Team who helped us choose and were so friendly and smiley even though it was really cold and wet!! Merry Christmas to you all xx"

Richard Benfield



CHESTERFIELD SCARSDALE

President Alan Goodall welcomed over 90 members, their wives, partners, guests, members of the public, and representatives from the local Royal British Legion and the Armed Forces Veterans Association to the Rotary Club of Chesterfield Scarsdale Centenary Poppy Ball, held at the Technique Football Stadium, on Saturday the 6th of November 2021.

Among those attending were Martin E Thacker MBE JP, President of the Staveley AFVA and President Paul Cooper of Bolsover Rotary Club, who was representing the Royal British Legion.

Our thanks go to PP Clive Robbins and his wife Linda for organising the event and for all those who attended and donated tombola prizes which helped to make the evening such a success, raising close to £1,000 for the Poppy Appeal.

Neil Baker





MARKET RASEN

Rotarians Mark Strawson, Harold Bates and Richard Lewis, after successfully bolting down a new bench on Market Rasen Railway station, supporting the successful Station Adoption Group in their efforts to give a good impression to individuals arriving in the town.

David Mason



MARKET RASEN

Throughout the lockdown, Market Rasen Rotary has been collecting used, redundant spectacles. The Caistor Co-op has been the key collection location for this venture, as they have been for the last five years. Rotarian Mason keeps an eye on the collection box at the Co-op and passes the glasses on to Rotarian Richard Lewis (pictured), who transports them to the Glanford and Lindsey Lions.

The usual rate of collection is about 20 pairs a week, totalling some 1000 pairs a year and yielding 5000 pairs over the lifetime of the project. Every pair that is cleaned and re-used is giving sight, perhaps a better life, perhaps the ability to work, to read, and to generally see more clearly.

David Mason



NEWARK

It was a great surprise for Newark Rotarian Mahes Maheson when a pink tuk tuk turned up to take him and wife Penny to the Club meeting for lunch. Mahes was due to hand over a donation to the Rosie May Foundation but did not know they would collect him from home in their new electric vehicle. The Rosie May Foundation was created by a Bingham couple in memory of their murdered daughter. This foundation really began a year after the incident when the couple were trying to recuperate with their two sons on a Christmas holiday in Sri Lanka. They had planted a palm tree in memory of Rosie May and then the tsunami struck. They witnessed the devastation but, miraculously, found the newly planted palm tree had survived, perhaps a sign? This gave them a focus and they first established a school for girls orphaned in the tsunami. By sheer coincidence, elsewhere in Sri Lanka, was Mahes, visiting his homeland.

Back in Nottinghamshire, the link was forged and Mahes has since visited the Sri Lankan School as well as following their more recent venture: pink tuk tuk taxis. The idea is to supply the distinct tuk tuks and train women in Sri Lanka, giving them an independent living and lift them from poverty. Having heard a recent presentation, Mahes wanted to donate to the foundation. This was arranged by the Rotary Club of Newark, through their charity account, which they boosted to £1,250. Whilst Rtn Penny was in on his surprise, Mahes knew nothing, but the smile on his face says it all!

Jim Wishart





RIPLEY

Rotary Ripley got back into what it does best, helping out in the community! Club members were stewarding at the Crich Tramway Museum 1940's War Years Extravaganza and the picture shows them with visitors in period costume. There was also the Open Day at the Butterley Railway Museum. Two great days out for visitors from far and wide.

Stuart Rice



NOTTINGHAM

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Nottingham and I visited Las Vegas recently in November 2021. While there, I attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Las Vegas and I met Rotarian Barbara Castro, who is heading their environmental group, which is actively running campaigns with local schools for planting trees in Las Vegas. I talked about the role of all Rotary clubs to be involved in climate-change projects globally.

It was a pleasure to meet President Mike Ballard and I was presented with a pennant of the Rotary Club. It was a most interesting experience to see how clubs in other parts of the world conduct their Rotary business. I thought I would share a couple of photographs with you.

Sadaf Khalid Khan





Caitlin receiving her award from Dr Gurnam Basran.

schemes were set up both of which recognised personal achievement under challenging circumstances.

Caitlin Cooper who is now studying at Sheffield Hallam University received her bursary following commendations from Thomas Rotherham College staff. Caitlin said "I am settling into my course very well and already enjoying my time learning to live independently. I will use the bursary for my uniform and specialist books. Thank you, Rotherham Sitwell Rotary for helping me".

The student from Rotherham College wishes to remain anonymous at this time but she was highly successful in her studies despite significant personal adversity much of it related to Covid-19. She is currently studying on a Sheffield Hallam University Foundation Degree course at Rotherham College. She said "The Bursary will help me to purchase books for my studies and later I may be able to invest in my own laptop because I'm currently loaning one from the college" This is the first year that the bursaries have been awarded and it has offered Rotherham Sitwell Rotary the opportunity to develop relationships with the two colleges.

Peter Waudby

ROTHERHAM SITWELL

Rotary supports tomorrow's Nurses

Two prospective nurses from Rotherham have received a boost for their studies. In early September, Caitlin Cooper of Thomas Rotherham College received a bursary for nursing and now a second student, this time from Rotherham College, has received financial support to kick start her studies.

The bursaries have been allotted from the club's special educational fund which was pump-primed with a generous donation from the family of past president Dr Gurnam Basran. The Covid-19 pandemic prompted Dr Basran to propose that this fund supported nurse education and preferably for candidates who lived in the Rotherham area. Following approaches from Rotherham Sitwell Rotary to Thomas Rotherham College and Rotherham College, two



local projects will benefit. A big thank you also goes to Rufford Park Golf and Country Club who were amazing hosts. Our next event is booked for 20 May 2022, so, if you fancy a great golf day, look out for details in the District Newsletter. The picture shows the winning team with President Dave Denis (2nd left) and Louise Richardson of Jones & Co Solicitors.

Malcolm Bevan

SHERWOOD FOREST

In September we held our Annual Charity Golf Day at Rufford Park Golf Club. It was a brilliant day with good weather, 17 teams and a course which was in great condition.

Many thanks to Jones & Co Solicitors who continue to support this event. With their help we raised over £2000 for local projects. Previous years have raised awareness and support for a number of charities and President Dave will shortly be announcing our 2022 beneficiaries. We would like to thank all the local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes on the day and those who donated to our raffle. It was truly a community effort from which





WORTLEY

Cancer and Leukaemia Ward Project

Last December, for the first time in 50 years, the Club had to cancel the annual Christmas Eve Santa Sleigh ride. However, Rotarian Trevor Fletcher, with the support of club members, friends, relatives and members of the public decided to have a "Virtual Christmas Raffle" which raised £3100 and with a further donation from our charity fund, a total of £4,500 has been forwarded to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity towards the new Cancer and Leukaemia Ward project.

The new ward is the principal treatment centre for children with cancer and leukaemia from South Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Derbyshire. It will have many features such as, a bigger and better playroom in the heart of the ward, space for computer workstations, specialised visual aids, space to accommodate patients with or without walking aids and improved space for parents to stay with their children.

President Steven Patterson said, "we feel sure that the disappointed children and their families from last Christmas will find some satisfaction in knowing that this donation is going to helping children less fortunate in health than themselves".

John Evans

WIRKSWORTH ROTARY

Paul Harris Fellow for Roger



At the Wirksworth Rotary Handover on July 1st, Rotarian Roger Cassidy was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for services to Rotary.

Transferring to Wirksworth in 2014 from Marlow Thames, Roger hit the ground running, becoming President and Club Services chair in 2015/16. During his Presidency, in 2015, he founded Wirksworth Memory Café, which is still thriving and now in its 7th year.

From 2016 to 2019, Roger served as Community Services chair, and from 2019 became Chair of the Trustees for Wirksworth's flagship charity, Aquabox, a position he serves to this day. With the help of his wife Heather, Roger has taken a lead role in organising both the popular Burns Night Supper every January, and the Plant Sale every May.

The award was presented to Roger by long standing Rotarian and fellow PHF, Norman Laud. Congratulations Roger, the award is well deserved.

Our picture shows Roger and Heather busy working on the Rotary Well Dressing in 2019.

Ruth Fantom





District 1220 Seminar *GROW YOUR OWN* **FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

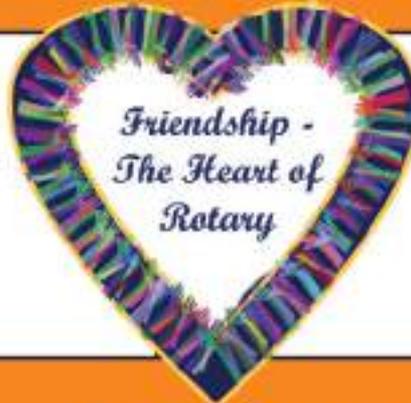
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Wednesday 19th
January 2022
@ 7.30pm
on Zoom



Join us for an in-depth presentation on the benefits and rewards of your Rotary Club having its own Friendship Group, and how to achieve it.

- Learn how to get the group started
- Practical Advice
- Start up Costs
- Club motivation
- How to get support from your Club Members
- Friends & Members working together
- Promotion & Marketing
- Event Planning
- Encouraging Friends to become Members
- Inspiring others
- How to gain momentum



"Remember it's never too late to start your own friendship group - anyone can do it if it is the perfect way to introduce new people to your Club. We MUST spread the word of Rotary and strengthen its roots in our local Community. It's in our hands".



Presentation by Jayne Hopkins from The Rotary Club of Long Eaton, Honorary Member and founder of friendship group Hopkins Heroes. There are currently 47 members and they have raised thousands of pounds for the Club in 2 years.

Register in advance for this Seminar:

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Friday 21st January 2022

The Barn, Whirlow Hall Farm

Traditional Burns Supper

Three-course meal: Haggis, Roast Beef, Crannachan plus tea/coffee

£30 per person

Traditional Toasts

Raffle & Bar available

Organised by Rotarians from Abbeydale, Dronfield and Sheffield Vulcan

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