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Photography Competition and Purple Clothes Days for West Berkshire youngsters

Newbury Rotary Club is running a Photography Competition across West Berkshire. Open to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 18, the closing date for entries is Friday, February 28th.

Other Rotary events for local youngster participation during 2014 include Purple Clothes Days to raise their awareness of the End Polio Now global programme to eradicate Polio by 2018.

Newbury, Berkshire England, February 2014 :

Following on from its success in 2013, Newbury Rotary Club are running another Young Photographer Competition across West Berkshire this Spring.

Many of our local secondary schools and colleges run GCSE, AS and A level Photography courses and the Art Departments are delighted to be able to promote a local competition to encourage their students to put their skills into practice.

The 2014 competition is open to all "Young Snappers" between the ages of 11 and 18. The theme of the competition is "People". All entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 28th February either via a local participating secondary school / college or at the Main Library in Newbury.

Full details of the competition - rules and entry forms - are available on the Newbury Rotary Club website: www.newburyrotary.org or on the dedicated Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewburyRotary.YoungPhotographer>

The Young Photographer Competition has also been welcomed by our local professional photographers. Sponsors for the event include Newbury Weekly News, Adam Hillier Photography and Improve Photography. Improve Photography run regular workshops in digital photography and editing and Newbury Rotary are delighted to announce that a place on one of these courses or an Adam Hillier Family Photo Shoot session, each worth over £100, will be awarded to the winner of each of the two age categories.

Adam Hillier, a local professional photographer with a portrait studio in Leckhamstead, stated, " This is a great opportunity, linked with the photography training courses that we run, for us to engage with keen young photographers. The entries last year were just outstanding and I look forward to seeing, and to

help judge, their creativity again this year at the exhibition of entries at Newbury Library between March 24th - April 9th. ”

Will Job, President of Newbury Rotary, said, “We were amazed at the amount of talent there is out there in our community when we ran this competition last year. It is great that we, as a Club, can provide a forum for our youngsters to show off their talents and inspiring to see the level of enthusiasm and support that the art and photography teachers in our local secondary schools and colleges provide for their students.

We are running more and more events to engage with our school community. This year Newbury Rotary have a focus on the End Polio Now global campaign. To raise awareness and encourage fundraising for this long running but vital cause we are holding a series of “Purple Clothes Day” events at Primary and Secondary Schools in Newbury this year.

The first event will be at Falkland Primary School and Park House School on March 28th involving an array of fundraising activities: dressing in purple, purple cake stalls, purple finger painting for younger participants. In case you are wondering, the purple theme is because that is the colour inked onto the pinkies of children across the world when they have been vaccinated!”

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About Newbury Rotary Club www.newburyrotary.org

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Rotary’s main objective is service in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. There are 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world who all share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self. The Rotary Club of Newbury is one of those clubs.

The Rotary Club of Newbury is one of 1,850 clubs within *Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland* (RIBI) which has in total over 53,000 members. It in turn, is an integral part of Rotary International, the world's first service organisation.

In local communities alone, each club raises many thousands of pounds for community projects and local charities. Members also volunteer their time - supervising community events, running a host of projects aimed at promoting the achievements of young people, coordinating educational programmes, and supporting local businesses.

About Adam Hillier Photography www.adamhillierphotography.co.uk

AHP are a professional photography business based in Newbury Berkshire – offering family portraits, wedding photography and commercial photography. With a well regarded reputation for an excellent experience resulting in beautiful images presented in the most stunning products.

About Improve Photography Training Courses

Improve Photography run photography training classes & courses for beginners and amateur photographers. With a range of daytime and evening classes to suit all ages plus a 5 week evening class introduction into Digital SLR photography.

With Improve Photography, you can learn all about your Digital SLR and how to master it to take great photographs with confidence. We also offer Photography editing courses, Portrait courses and Wedding courses.

www.improvephotography.co.uk

About End Polio Now

End Polio Now is a global campaign to eradicate Polio. Started by Rotary International in 1985, 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated and Polio incidence has been reduced by 99%. Just three countries remain endemic: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. India has celebrated this January its 3rd successive year Polio-Free. But while Polio persists anywhere, children everywhere will continue to be at risk. In 2013 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged to triple any funding raised by Rotary International for End Polio Now.

www.endpolionow.org

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Newbury Rotarians, Philip Williams and John Winchcombe, promoting Newbury Rotary Club activities- including Purple Clothes Day and Young Photographer Competition- at the West Berkshire Volunteer Fayre held at the Corn Exchange, Newbury on Saturday 25 January, 2014.