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Does your District organise its own Rotary Community Health Fair? If so we would love to hear from you.

A Health Fair not only provides a wonderful opportunity to help people identify health problems that might otherwise be missed but it can also introduce them to practical and / or alternative ways in which they can improve lifestyles and health.

By organising a Health Fair, Rotary Clubs have a chance to work alongside healthcare providers, community groups, schools, first responders and local businesses to help improve the health and wellbeing if people from all walks of life.

As well as providing a much needed service to the community, Health Fairs can also provide excellent public image and membership dividends at both District and Club level.

If you are already involved in organising a Health event then please tell us all about it.

Contact RIBI Health & Wellbeing Lead Geri Parlbys on geri@theparlbys.uk.

Working Together in our Communities - Sharing our Achievements

Partnerships4Communities

We are all proud of what we achieve in our Clubs and Districts, achieving great things by working together. By sharing our ideas and successes and sometimes even the problems we encountered along the way, we can inspire other Rotarians and Clubs.

So please would you share your Rotary Stories with us, so we can celebrate your success and let others know what is being achieved around RIBI.

Please send your stories and pictures, with permission, to our Newsletter editor

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THE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2018 A FESTIVAL OF YOUTH MUSIC



The annual Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition culminates in the awarding of the Young Musician of the Year titles to one vocalist and instrumentalist.

Here's an extract from a letter received from a 2017 Young Musician, who made it to a Regional Final.

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"I'm writing to express my thanks for the recent opportunities I have been provided with through the Young Musician of the Year competition.

I am truly grateful for the experience and encouragement that this competition has given me.

Performing at four concert style competitions has given me invaluable experience of performing as a soloist which will undoubtedly benefit me in the future. I'm delighted to have gained such success in the competition and thank you all for your efforts in organising this event."

In 2017 750-800 Rotary Clubs participated giving some 8000 young musicians under the age of 18 this experience.

We hope that even more Clubs will hold local competitions in 2018.



Young musician continued....

From local held events, singers and instrumentalists are selected to go forward (organised at Rotary Area level and District level) from each District competition 2 singers and 2 instrumentalists then compete at Regional events. The winners there are invited to the Grand Final.

Families, sponsoring teachers, Rotarians and public in the audience all add to the sense of occasion. What could be better than a visit to the Grand Final in Edinburgh in the spring to enjoy a feast of young musical talent? It is an event not to be missed.

Saturday 19th May 11 am., James Watt Theatre at the Heriot Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh, organised by the Rotary club of Currie Balerno.

Young Musician - Dates

Regional and National – at time of print

Young Musician 2017/18	Host District	Date	Venue
National Final	1020	19-May-18	Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Campus, Edinburgh,
Region 1	1230	18-Mar-18	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, 100 Renfrew St, Glasgow G2 3DB
Region 2	1220	14-Apr-18	Doncaster
Region 3	1260	29-Apr-18	Luton
Region 4	1090	22-Apr-18	St Joseph's College, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT.
Region 5	1175	17-Mar-18	St Mary Parish Church, The College, Ottery Saint Mary EX11 1DQ
Region 6	1150	21-Apr-18	Islwyn High School, Oakdale, Blackwood, NP12 ONU
Region 7	1190	TBA	TBA
Region 8	1160	TBA	TBA

Children in Need



We have just had confirmation of the total raised at the Carfest South raffle for Children In Need this year which is an incredible £46,970. Rotary teams made up £20,740 of this.

There were 2 Rotarians at Carfest north, Harvey Kesler and myself Paul Fisher and 5 Rotarians at Carfest South, Harvey Kesler, Richard and Nicole Hockly, Nicola Antoni and myself.

It would be great to have more Rotarians at both events next year. We get free entry to the event and all meals provided.

You can drive in each day, camp or take a camper van or motorhome. We sell raffle tickets during the day and enjoy the music in the evening.

I am now contacting all clubs which took part in Children in Need last year to coordinate efforts this year and support clubs with resources such as merchandise and Pudsey suits to aid collections and events.

Anyone wishing to take part in Children in Need this year just needs to email me Paul Fisher on

volunteer@rotarycin.co.uk and I'll reply immediately with ideas, contacts etc.

Children in Need 17th November 2017

Clubs in district 1090 are contacting local schools to arrange Pudsey visits which are very popular and help develop strong links to schools which can then be used to promote other Rotary activities with schools.

Other popular activities include the Heathrow airport collection and Reading and High Wycombe train station collections.

Rotary Clubs across the country organise all manner of activities to raise funds for Children in Need from quizzes, jazz nights, supermarket or street collections, bake sales and fancy dress parties.

All money raised needs to be sent to a special bank account Children in Need have set up for Rotary. This ensures every penny is attributed to Rotary efforts.

The Rotary Children in Need bank account is as follows: HSBC 40-05-30 14454723 please use your club name as reference.





LET'S HEAR and Hearing Dogs



Andrew Thomas at Let's Hear

The Rotary Let's Hear Campaign has been going from strength to strength since August following our partner charity Hearing Link's merger with Hearing Dogs. Clubs are now able to support two very worthwhile charities that enable people with hearing loss to live well.

In August the newly formed Let's Hear in Portsmouth Steering Group, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cosham, was given special training in checking hearing loops by Andrew Thomas, of the International Hearing Loop Manufacturers Association.

This new group is working alongside Portsmouth City Council, Portsmouth Together, Rotary Clubs of Southsea Castle, Cosham and Rotary Social Innovation, Portsmouth Disability Forum, Portsmouth Deaf Association, Toucan-Diversity, Global Music Visions Community Interest Company, See Change Happen and Hearing Dogs. The group has a mission to promote the idea of Good

Hearing for all across Portsmouth and their first task is to recruit a team of volunteers to check all hearing loops installed in public buildings throughout the city.

One of the Rotary Club of Cosham's top priorities is to ensure that its own members can hear all that is communicated to them, at meetings, conferences and district council meetings.

They are already in talks with their own meeting venues to request loops be installed and would like to encourage other clubs across RIBI to consider following suit.

For further information on the Rotary Let's Hear Campaign please contact Tim Mason

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District 1180 Fun Games



District 1180 held its 17th Fun Games on Sunday 10th September at the NBMA Sports field on the Chester Business Park.

The games attracted over 300 participants from a wide

geographical area of Merseyside, Wirral, Wales and Cheshire. They took part in up to 17 sports activities, including Archery, Skittles, Velcro Darts, Target Golf and many others.



To stage this successful event over 200 Rotarians from many clubs in 1180 came together on the day to run all the activities.

The event provides an excellent day out for both participants and carers.

At the end of the day medals were presented to all participants by the Lord Mayor of Chester.

Rotary is indebted to the new owners of NBMA, Lloyds Bank who recently purchased the site from Bank of America and agreed to this year's games.



Stephen Turner
Community chair 1180



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Youth Speaks - Dates**Regional and National final**

Youth Speaks 2017/18	Host District	Date	Venue
National Final	1175	12-May-18	Exmouth Community College
Region 1	1010	11-Mar-18	St John's R.C. High School, Harefield Road, Dundee DD3 6EY
Region 2	1070	21-Apr-18	TBA
Region 3	1240	21-Apr-18	TBA
Region 4	1120	24-Mar-18	Maidstone
Region 5	1110	21-Apr-18	Shatesbury School
Region 6	1100	18-Mar-18	Monmouth Haberdashers Girls School
Region 7	1285	18-Mar-18	TBA
Region 8	1160	TBA	TBA

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Young Chef - Dates**Regional and National final**

Young Chef 2017/18	Host District	Date	Venue
National Final	1210	28-Apr-18	The Abraham Darby Academy, Telford TF7 5HX, 12.30pm
Region 1	1030	24-Mar-18	The Duchess's Community High School Taylor Drive Alnwick Northumberland NE66 2DH
Region 2	1040	TBA	TBA
Region 3	1130	10-Mar-18	Redbridge College
Region 4	1145	17-Mar-18	Merton
Region 5	1200	TBA	TBA
Region 6	1210	17-Mar-18	TBA
Region 7	1180	TBA	TBA
Region 8	1160	TBA	TBA

District 1110: Young Carers - Weekend Away

A Young Carer's Residential Training Weekend for up to 24 Young Carers and up to 8 adults.
(Summer 2017)

A weekend of Learning, and communication aimed at exploring what it's like to be a Carer and highlighting issues important to young Carers.

This pilot was specifically for training and supporting Young Carers, similar to RYLA; to help them cope with and improve their lives at a time which will have an effect on their future.

THE AIMS OF THE COURSE

1. To create an enjoyable period of time discussing issues that affect young carers.
2. To consider whether young carers are ever really consulted.
3. To look at ways of communicating more effectively, and speaking with one voice.
4. To explore issues of working together
5. To identify what would assist young carers
6. To empower young carers and enable them to be better heard.
7. To help course members become more confident and, therefore, more influential.
8. To meet and work with similar young people
9. To evaluate the course and help plan follow up and further courses.

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Young Citizen

The Rotary Young Citizen Awards 2018 and the Rotary Young Citizen Wheelchair Sports Award 2018 nomination forms are now available. Follow this link

www.rotarygbi.org/members/humanitarian-service-programmes/youth-service/young-citizen-awards/

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