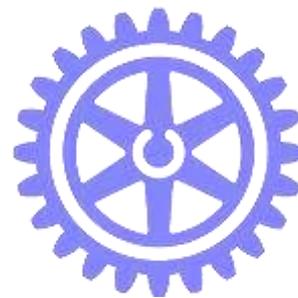


THE Bulletin

April 2018

Rotary North East



A MONTHLY CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN ROTARY DISTRICT 1030

From the District Governor...

Trees – 25 April

This is the deadline for letting us know how many trees you have planted over the past 9/12 months to meet the Rotary World Challenge “Every Rotarian to plant a tree(s) to help the environment”.

Paul Keeley our Tree Champion is away supervising the tree planting in Africa, so please let me know how many trees your club has planted so we can tell RI/ RIBI how well we have done in Rotary North East.

Remember we have entered the national competition for the most trees planted by a district and, although there are a few strong competing districts, we hope to do well. Working with Young People

Our clubs are doing amazingly well within our District working with schools and parents setting up and support Rotakids and Interact Clubs. BRW Club (Blaydon, Ryton and Whickham) are one of the most recent clubs to charter two Rotakids clubs since January. Across the District more Rotakids clubs are planned for 2018.

Rotakids clubs are for young people less than 12 years of age. They have fun developing team work skills and making good friends, whilst doing projects that make a difference both in their local community and abroad. It is about good citizenship and community awareness.

Interact clubs are clubs for 12-18 year olds. Every year Interactors aim to complete projects in their communities, one of which is overseas, helping them build friendships and a better understanding with young people in other countries. They develop leadership skills and are encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be drawn from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community and can be either single gender or mixed.

Our district chartered the most Interact Clubs across the whole of RIBI during the last year and we are proud to have been awarded the Vernon Schwarz Interact Trophy.

Data Protection Regulations

This is European law which comes into force on 25 May 2018 and a number of clubs have been asking how



this will impact upon Rotary.

There is a lot of media and legal “hype” about this, but we have been applying data protection principles for very many years so the principles are not new to us.

RI and RIBI are working hard to ensure that everything we do will comply with the regulations, and over the next few weeks I will be attending the RIBI General Council to agree the programme for the communication to our district and clubs.

There will be information which we will distribute through District Notices over the next few weeks and a webinar on Wednesday 16 May to which every club officer and member are invited to participate.

Len Burns
District Governor

Rotary2 – Club Action Seminars

Rotary2 is our action initiative to revitalise Rotary across the UK and Ireland. It has been in operation now for over 9 months.

Many of our clubs have already taken advantage of the opportunities to make changes and recruit new members. We have new ideas, new support materials and new support opportunities to help our existing clubs, and where necessary start new clubs.

**A Rotary2 action seminars in Rotary North East England (D1030) is taking place on :
11 April 2018 at Hallgarth Manor.**

Timings: 6.00 for 6.30 – with coffee, finishing at 9.00pm. All club members are welcome – but places are limited. The programme has lots of opportunities for discussion, it will include:

Where we are with Rotary2, and where we are going
Success stories – both across RIBI and locally
Council of Legislation – the opportunities
How are you doing? – the club health check – your priorities

The new promotional and marketing materials
District and national support.

The seminars will be led by Kevin Walsh our RIBI Membership Chair and the District Membership Team led by DG Len Burns.

To get the seating and the coffee/ tea right we simply need numbers from you.

Please drop Michael Dynes an email to let him know how many of your club will be attending.

Michael Dynes:
michaeldynesis@gmail.com

Dragon Boat Event 29 July 2018

This event is run by Dragon Boat Events and organised by 6 Rotary Clubs in the Tyne/Wear Area and proves that working together we can promote Rotary to the public, but we do need your support with more and more teams

You do not need to be expert at paddling, or as fit as an Olympic rower to take part in the next Rotary North East Dragon Boat Event, being held at Hetton Lyons Country Park. You could join up with other Rotary Clubs. You do not even have to take part, you could sponsor a local club.

It's £400 to enter a team of preferably 20 people, 1 drummer, 16 paddlers and 3 spare paddlers, which you will need as you progress through the heats. This may seem a lot, but divided up by 20, it's £20 per person, a lot cheaper than the Great North Run. The big advantage is that all money you raise through your sponsorship goes to the charity of your choice, There is no minimum or maximum you have to raise and Rotary North East does not take a penny of your sponsorship. ***They organise the event, so you can support your local charity.*** If you so desire, just enter the team for fun, your choice, just have a fun day.



Last years winners, were from the Round Table.

If you are interested or require further information, please contact Keith Peacock, mobile: 07720046644, email: rotary.washington@virginmedia.com

Website: dragonboats.co.uk

Facebook : [facebook.com/dragonboatsuk](https://www.facebook.com/dragonboatsuk)



Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) for Rotary North East England

District 1030 - Rotary North East England – is rejoining the Rotary Friendship Exchange programme this year, so that Rotarians and their partners can again benefit from international exchanges with other Rotary Districts in 2018 and in future years.

Four types of exchange are available, Cultural, Service, Fellowship and Vocational and we will take part in both **Fellowship** and **Cultural** exchanges. Our first Fellowship Exchange team, from District 7430 South East Pennsylvania, will visit us in late Aug/early Sep 2018, and Apr/May 2019 is suggested for our return visit.

A well-designed exchange relies on a successful partnership between two Rotary Districts, with each District hosting a two week stay for a team of Rotarians and partners from the partner District, and later sending an exchange team to visit that District for a similar stay. During each stay, each couple or individual in the visiting team will be hosted by different Rotarian families for 3-4 nights in three locations across the district, with transport to and from Newcastle airport and between the locations provided by local Rotarians. The hub for the southern stay will be Stokesley/Middlesbrough, with Barnard Castle/Durham in the centre of the district. The northern location is still to be finalised.

The visitors are expected to attend and make the same short presentation at a Rotary Club meeting in each of the locations during their stay. Four meetings of the full RFE team will be organised before the visit to prepare and plan the event in detail, and District will provide full support to the team to produce and rehearse the presentation well before the visit takes place. There is no District budget for the RFE programme, so international travel, travel insurance, out-of-pocket expenses, cost of excursions and meals out, will be the responsibility of the visiting team, though the host families will usually provide accommodation and meals taken at home. Following their return to the UK, the team members will be required to submit a summary report to our District, and some may wish to make a short presentation to their own Clubs of what they have learned from the visit.

This means that for each exchange team hosted in our District, we will need to provide up to six host families in each of the locations across North East England, and in return we will later send a team of 12 to the partner district. Clearly this means that not all members of the UK host families will be able to visit the partner district, but experience shows that some Rotarians are happy to act as hosts without wishing to visit another country, as they enjoy the cultural and fellowship benefits of hosting international Rotarians in their homes. In the event that more than 12 members of the hosting group wish to make the overseas trip, a ballot will be used to select the team to make the visit. It is of course expected that all of those making the overseas visit will have previously hosted a guest family in our district.

More information from IPDG Peter Chandler
peter.chandler@which.net

Just Golf

RIBI Golf Championship

The RIBI Golf Championships are again taking place this year with the beneficiary again being the 'End Polio Now Campaign', which raised over £11,100 last year. cation for the National Final of this team championship is on a District Knockout basis. The 32nd National Final will be held at the Leicestershire Golf Club again, on Monday 3 September, 2018. An entry form together with the rules can be obtained from Simon Gravett at the Rotary Club of Leicester, ribigolfcomp@gmail.com.

Again, this year, in order to widen participation from smaller clubs, entries of teams comprised of members of two different clubs within a District are permitted.

NEW THIS YEAR

On Finals Day there is as usual an individual competition. Entry this year is open to any golfing Rotarian and their guests. The number of available tee times will be limited and will be allocated on a "first come" basis. Make a provisional reservation by email at ribigolfcomp@gmail.com. Full details will be available in late July.

Charity Texas Scramble

Rotary Blyth are holding a Charity Texas Scramble Golf Tournament at Blyth Golf Club on Thursday, 10 May 2018.

Teams of two ladies or gents are permitted, and tee off times commence at 10a.m. Entrance fee is £25 per member, and includes refreshments at the ninth, and a meal at the nineteenth. Prizes to be determined.

Contact Colin Baxter on 01670 360329, or John Keenlyside on 01670 352725 for further information.

Rotary's new drive to end polio

Join the "Banger Rally" to help raise funds for Polio and publicise the great achievements of Rotary.

If you have a "cherished car" or an "old banger" this is the opportunity to have a run out in Spring 2018 (21 to 24 May) to both have some fun and help raise money for Polio.

Get your "banger" out of the garage:

Pick your team - Pick your route - Work out where to stay - End up in Yorkshire!

[Register your interest now](#) – use the link below.

More information will follow.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio-banger-rally/>

DG Len Burns

Charity Ball

Rotary Hartlepool are holding a Charity Ball On Saturday, 21 April 2018 in aid of children's charities Springwell School and NSPCC - Childline.

The event will be held at The Grand Hotel, Hartlepool, 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Dress code is Black tie or Lounge Suit. Entertainment is dancing to the Rockaholics, and there will be a DJ, raffle and bar.

Tickets for the event are available from Regent Travel, York Road, or alternatively by emailing rogersimpson@btinternet.com, and are priced at £25.00. Carriages at midnight.

Presidents Ball

Rotary Washington recently held their annual President's Ball at The George Washington Hotel, where President Bill Stephenson and his wife Jean were on hand to welcome everyone to the evening. Guests included Rotary's District Governor Len Burns and his wife Valerie, along with Washington and Sunderland West MP Sharon Hodgson and husband Alan.

Past Presidents, and fellow Rotarians, along with other guests from Rotary Clubs, were entertained throughout the evening by the duo 'Fatal Attraction'.

Neil Mconie
Rotary Washington



Annual fishing spree

Rotary Whickham's annual fly fishing competition will be held on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at Sharpley Springs Trout Fishery, cost £22 Trophy for the heaviest bag of 3 fish and various other prizes. Arrive between 9.00am and 10.00am. Tea and Coffee on arrival. Fishing from 10.00am till 4.00pm. Presentation of trophy and prizes will take place at the end of the day.

Entries to Rotarian David Coxon via telephone 01914103835 or email davidcoxon1@outlook.com

The Sedgefield trophy for the heaviest Brown or Rainbow Trout caught in UK waters from January 1 and October 31 2018. The Stanley Cup for the heaviest Salmon or Sea Trout caught in UK waters from January 1 and October 31 2018.

Entries for both these competitions to Rotarian David Coxon. The winners will be presented with the trophy at the District meeting in November 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

David Coxon
Rotary Whickham

Charity Meal

Rotary Tynedale are holding a Charity Meal on Tuesday 15 May 2018 in aid of ShelterBox. The venue is The Barbeque House, Priestpottle, Hexham, and will commence at 7.30p.m.

Tickets for the event, priced at £22.50 per head, along with further details, are available from Celia Leach at cellis.leach11@gmail.com.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

In 2018, District Conference will be held between Friday 5 and Sunday 7 October at The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate. HG1 2HU.

Conference Hotel

A significant change in 2017 was that the plenary sessions were held in the main ballroom, meaning that the entire conference was held on one level, thereby dispensing with any access issues or climbing up and down flights of stairs.

This proved to be an unqualified success with many favourable comments from delegates. However, to maintain this preferred arrangement, **we have a maximum capacity of 320, so please book early to avoid disappointment**

Speakers and Entertainment

The District Conference Committee, working with District Governor Elect Stewart Atkin, is assembling a fabulous programme of speakers and entertainment, intended to inspire, motivate and entertain. They already include:

Tricia Stewart, the original Calendar Girl, an incredibly inspirational, motivating and amusing speaker, played on screen by Dame Helen Mirren and on stage by everyone from Linda Bellingham to Anita Dobson!

Judge Peter Armstrong will entertain delegates with humour, anecdotes and his experiences, whilst practising and sitting in the North East legal circuit

The fabulous Persuaders return to transport you back to the 1960's as part of the District Governor's Ball

Leo Cheng, surgeon who volunteers on **Mercy Ships**.

Mel Pears, retired Commanding Officer, Personnel Recovery Unit, Catterick.

RotaKids from Saltburn by the Sea.

Friday night entertainment will be a speaker on Kynren a celebration of English history, and a military band.

Cost to Delegates

Registration Fee Payable by all conference attendees is £30 and is **non-refundable**.

The Conference fee is an inclusive fee covering two nights' accommodation at The Majestic Hotel Harrogate, meals i.e. Friday Dinner, Saturday breakfast, Gala Dinner, Sunday breakfast and entertainment. The cost is £153 per person.

Delegates arranging their own accommodation wishing to attend:

Friday Dinner and entertainment, the cost is £32 per person.

Saturday Gala Dinner and Dance the cost, is £32 per person.

Booking and Payment

Registration opens on 1 January 2018 (Registration forms can be downloaded from the District Website).

Registration Fee(s) of £30 dated at time of registration.

Conference Fee Cheque for half of the cost of accommodation £77 dated 1 July 2018.

Conference Fee Cheque for second half of accommodation £76 dated 1 September 2018.

Those delegates who prefer to do so may send an accompanying cheque for the full amount dated as day of sending i.e. £183 per person.

Please Note

Because demand for accommodation at the conference hotel is again expected to be high and we have a capacity of 320 so allocation of accommodation will be strictly on a first come, first served basis.

All cheques payable to District 1030 Conference Account.

Registration forms should be sent to:

Rotarian. Malcolm Proud

Premnagar

Potters Bank

Durham

DH1 3PP

Home 0191 3867615

Mobile 07801 334642

Email m.proudrotary@gmail.com

District Governor Elect Stewart Atkin and Christine look forward to seeing you all again in Harrogate for another fantastic weekend.

Bop at the Biddick

Rotary Washington anticipate a big turnout for the Bop at the Biddick event taking place on the evening of 27 April at The Biddick Club in Washington. Entertaining on the evening will be five piece band 'Rockafellas'. The event will be in support of Biddick Primary School's Sensory Room

Staff from Biddick Primary School, Carling and Dawn, kindly accepted an invitation from Rotary Washington, to come and enlighten the Rotarians as to why a "Sensory Room" enables staff to provide a calming friendly and secure environment for their pupils, many of whom have a diagnosis of ASD or sensory processing difficulties.

Parents, staff and children have all commented on the positive effect of sensory regulation, and an improvement in the children's ability to access daily school routines, after using the facility has been noted. The Sensory room, affectionately named The Rocket Room, recommends a personalise sensory menu, and daily timetabled access for the children.

The use of the Rocket Room, (Sensory Room), enables the children to feel more calm and regulated, therefore providing a better opportunity to access the lessons within the mainstream school setting. School staff have sought specialist advice from Autism Outreach, based at Columbia Grange school, and Treetops sensory team to share skills and recommend essential equipment.

Tickets are priced at £5.00, and are available from The Washington Arms, The Biddick Club and Neil at neilmconie@talktalk.net.

Neil Mconie

Rotary Washington

Under 12 Rugby Team Sponsored

Since Rotary Cleveland's move to Acklam Rugby Club as The Club's meeting place, the relationship between Rotary, the Rugby Club and the Easterside community has developed. The recently formed under 12 team at the rugby club were looking for a sponsor for their kit. This was organised by the Rotary Club and the presentation of the kit was made at a function on 21 February, 2018.

The youngsters were delighted with their new kit and the Rotary emblem and club name is proudly displayed every time they play. The sponsorship and presentation has also provided an opportunity to let the parents of the players know about Rotary and all that is happening in the local community. Paul Mines who is looking after membership in the Rotary Club has been instrumental in this development.

The aim is to support the Under 12 Rugby team at Acklam as part of Rotary involvement with the club and the local community.

Alan Hall
Rotary Cleveland



The team show off one of the sponsored shirts

Rotary Barnard Castle lecture

As part of Barnard Castle Rotary Club involvement in the Community a series of Public lectures are arranged each year to raise funds for Rotary & local Charities. This next Lecture will raise funds for the MRI Scanner Appeal for our local hospitals in Bishop Auckland and Darlington.

The lecture is on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.00 pm. at Barnard Castle School, and is entitled "*The Rise and Fall of the Provincial Jewish Communities in Britain – with a focus on the North-East*" The Speaker is David Newman OBE who is the professor of Geopolitics at Ben-Gurion University in Israel where he has lived since 1982.

He studied for his Ph.D at the University of Durham between 1979-1982, during which period he lived in Newcastle and was an active member of the local Jewish community. The Jewish community in Britain today numbers approximately 250-300,000 people. At its peak in the post WWII period, it reached some 410-420,000. David will discuss the growth and decline of provincial Jewry, the reason why certain communities grew and others did not, and the degree to which they became an integral part of their local communities before eventually declining and moving on elsewhere. Tickets, available online - £8.50 + Booking fee <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/476975>, or by email from ianhodgson@gmail.com or from C Michael Hanby, 8 Galgate Barnard Castle. 01833 638287.

THE TALL SHIPS AND ROTARY

The Tall Ships is coming to Sunderland from July 10th to 14th. This will be a prestigious event for the city and Rotary will be taking part in it.

Many cities and towns vie to have the ships visit their harbours so this occasion is a feather in the cap for Sunderland.

It is anticipated that up to 80 vessels will take part and visitor numbers are expected to reach 1.5 million. An occasion of this size will enable Sunderland to promote the city as an event location.

Rotary North East is planning an exhibition marquee located at the main site of the South Docks and also three Sunderland youngsters are being sponsored to take part in the voyage crewing as Sail Trainees.

For Rotary this is an outstanding PR opportunity with a membership dividend and a working party is developing the displays which will be located in the exhibition marquee.

Volunteers will be needed to man the exhibition so this will give the Rotarians in the area to play their part.

The visit of the Tall Ships has provided Rotary the opportunity to sponsor three Sunderland youngsters over the age of fifteen, as Sail Trainees and give them the adventure of a lifetime. They will sail from Sunderland to Esbjerg crewing on a vessel where they will have an almost unique opportunity to discover their own strengths and talents as they learn the value of working as a team. During the time in Esbjerg the trainees will take part in the festivities and the crew parade. On their return to Sunderland there will be an official reception.

An essential part of Rotary's commitment to communities is to support young people in developing their abilities and skills. Every year Rotary North East holds a leadership development course for north east youngsters.

John McLoughlin
Rotary North East



Rotary Northern Games for the Disabled

Improving Lives -We Need Your Help!

A sub group of the organising committee for the Rotary Northern Region "Games for the Disabled" has been tasked with increasing the knowledge, and the understanding of the purpose, of the Games both inside and outside of Rotary. The aim is to promote the Games with the hope of attracting additional funding and increasing competitor numbers.

Extensive efforts are being made to attract an external sponsor of the Games together with persuading a high profile individual to become Patron. This will raise the profile of the Games. It will help in attracting new groups of disabled competitors and provide financial stability in the longer term. The Sub-group wants to encourage participation by Rotary clubs in identifying potential competitors in their local areas and supporting their involvement in the Games.

This year's Games are to be held on Sunday 8 July at the Eston Leisure Complex in Middlesbrough and to maximise / optimise the number of competitors, **we are inviting each Club within District to nominate an individual(s) to attend one of three one and a half hour workshops that are being organised across the Region.** Please send your nominee's name, Club and email address to mike.very@ntlworld.com by the 30th March 2018. (Dates, times, venues of the workshops will follow once final numbers are established).

The aim of these meetings will to fully brief all attendees and to provide a toolbox of items/information to:

- Ensure a full understanding of the Games e.g. scale/scope of the events – to be used both internally at individual Clubs and externally with appropriate disabled groups
- Help in further identifying ways and means of increasing competitor numbers with the target of getting 200+ competitors to participate this year (last year's figures were 128 plus the footballers)

The toolbox itself will include:

- Publicity material – DVD of last years Games, Posters, Flyers, Past Brochures
- Lists of typical types of organisations that currently actively participate
- Approaches that might be successful in gaining additional competitors and/ or brochure advertisers
- Suggestions on liaison with local newspapers/radio stations

The Games are now in their 24th year. Throughout their existence many Rotary clubs have been involved and currently 20 Clubs within the Region are actively helping with competitors, supervising individual events at the Games and providing financial support. Competitor numbers have been increasing recently but to ensure the continuing success of the Games we need a further drive for new competitors whilst at the same time consolidating the individuals/groups that already attend on the day.

Success is in our hands fellow Rotarians – in the medium long term doing nothing is not a viable option . Please support our publicity initiative.

Volunteering to keep India Polio free

Past District Governor Dave Sadler and his wife Rotarian Anne Sadler will represent Rotary North East when they attend a reception hosted by William Wragg M.P. on behalf of Rotary International's Polio Immunisation Teams

A Keynote address "**CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING IN INDIA**" followed by refreshments, will be given by the International Development Secretary Rt. Honourable Penny Morduant M.P in the House of Commons Terrace Pavilion on Tuesday 24 April from 7.00p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Dave and Anne visited India in 2015 as part of the RIBI Polio Immunisation Team and together with local Rotarians took part in Polio immunisation in the slums of New Delhi and visited hospitals and refuges where victims of this terrible disease are treated.

Both feel proud to be representing District 1030 and hope that events like this, and his own club, Saltburn's Afternoon Tea for Polio, on 18 April, will help direct attention to Polio Eradication to a much wider audience.



Get set for Rotary Ride



Join hundreds of others who are cycling to raise money for Prostate cancer on or around Father's Day weekend. With a choice of challenging or cheery routes. Rotary Ride is something that anyone can take part in.

By committing to organising a ride, you will help support one of four national charities, or a local one of your choice and raise awareness of Rotary too through hosting such a lively community event. Prostate Cancer incident rates have increased by nearly 45% in the last twenty eight years, so help is needed.

To download your guidance pack, visit ride@rotarygbi.org.