

THE Bulletin

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Rotary North East



A MONTHLY CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN ROTARY DISTRICT 1030

*Rotary Washington enlist children's help.
Read Neil Mconies article on page three.*



Swimmers take plunge for 11th annual challenge in Durham

MORE than 100 people made a splash for an annual Swimathon to raise cash for charities across the Durham area.



Durham City Swimathon was held for the eleventh time over a recent weekend at Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre. Thirty four teams of between four and six people from eleven organisations and charities embarked on the challenge.

A collaboration between Rotary Durham and the Mayor of Durham, Councillor John Lethbridge's charity appeal, all cash raised will be split between the appeal, in aid of The Royal British Legion, and the teams' chosen charities.

Tony Ford, President of Rotary Durham, said "Thank you very much to all who have been involved in preparing and supporting this 11th annual Durham City Swimathon event, to Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre, and to our participant teams. We are thrilled that the event has become such a permanent part of the city calendar. The turnout has been terrific, and the proceeds from the event will once again be a great help to our local charities".

Participants were invited to make up a team of swimmers from in and around Durham for the 30 minute Swimathon. Swimmers taking part were from DASH (Durham Action on Single Housing), St. Leonard's School, Durham, Framwell Gate School, Durham, Downs Syndrome North East, The Cheesy Waffles Project, Rotary Durham, Durham Inner Wheel, Elver Scouts, Elver Methodist Church and other private groups.

This year's fundraising total is yet still to be counted, but the 2017 Swimathon raised more than £9,500 for local charities. The event is organised entirely by volunteers, and over the previous eleven years it has raised more than £90,000 for many local causes. All of the participant organisations will gather at Durham Town Hall to receive their Durham City Swimathon proceeds cheques from Councillor Lethbridge in March, 2019.

Washington schoolchildren plant purple crocus corms



To highlight Rotary's world wide campaign, "End Polio Now," Rotary Washington contacted Washington Old Hall, which is the ancestral home of George Washington, located in the Village. They were asked if they would allow local Primary schools to plant Purple Crocus Corms, signifying the Pinky Finger of children, that have been pressed onto a purple ink pad, in Polio affected countries. This shows they have received their droplet against catching Polio.

Five schools took part, at different times, planting over 1000 corms each, 6000 in total. The area was selected by management and prepared by volunteers at The Old Hall.

This was a unique opportunity for the children and Rotary Washington to be allowed to do this in the Old Hall. A plaque will be placed in the planting area that will allow visitors from all over the world to learn the story behind the planting of the Purple Crocus corms by local Washington Primary School children, who are all eagerly awaiting the spring to see the fruits of their labour.

Neil Mconie
Rotary Washington

A photographic display appears on page one



Washington go “Down the Tubes”



Washington Forge Rotarians joined with members and former members of The Rainbow Youth Theatre and Fatfield Musical Stage Society, to present 'Down The Tubes' at The Harraton Community Centre.

This is a story of families in London during World War two who faced the horrors of 'The Blitz' and who experienced the shortages of food and clothing that war can bring. It showed how people bonded together to keep up morale and the determination of all those who kept 'The home fires burning'.

The show contained many songs of that era and some originally from the time of 'The Great War'. Active audience participation during the two performances resulted in a most enjoyable day and hearty singalongs. A great community get-together with monies raised going to the Kerala Flood Appeal.

Washington resident, Freda Brennan who wrote the script for the show, has a long association with the Fatfield Junior Operatic Society and The Rainbow Youth Theatre. She has devoted a significant amount of her lifetime to help and develop countless children in the area of musical theatre. In acknowledgement of her work with young people in the community over many years,

Washington Forge Rotary were delighted to award Freda with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Philip Hopps
Rotary Washington Forge



Above: the rousing finale of the show



Above: District Governor Stewart kindly made the presentation to Freda on behalf of the club.

Rotary Tomorrow Time to Think Differently

In 2017 Rotary2 brought a fresh approach to Rotary.

It challenged us to stem the decline and make our clubs attractive to potential members.

Think Differently is the cultural change that can make it happen.

Over 200 Club Rotarians came to Salford in March 2017 for a joint public image and membership seminar. The aim was to help Rotarians see the benefits about

Thinking Differently about Rotary for themselves.

The post seminar survey revealed that 79% of respondents reckoned that it had made them think about the future of Rotary in their clubs. 87% insisted that they would discuss Thinking Differently in their clubs.

So what was this all about? Well, the idea originally was to hold a district membership seminar to talk about new, flexible ways of doing Rotary. As discussions unfolded, it became clear that it needed to be more than telling Rotarians you don't have to attend meetings every week, or meet at different times, or even relinquish the evening meal. What was wanted was a cultural change in the district, and we wanted club Rotarians to see the benefits of thinking differently about Rotary for themselves.

Outcomes: Rotarians need to critically assess the future of Rotary in their town. They need to determine whether they are positively enhancing the image of Rotary and future-proofing the organisation. By adopting some of the cultural changes which Think Differently proposes, Rotary will be revitalised and continue to thrive.

In line with Rotary 2, clubs are encouraged to offer flexible packages to new members; less traditional, more inclusive and participatory, flexible clubs, e-clubs and satellite clubs. Think Differently takes it beyond that framework and makes quite a few bold statements.

Language: suggesting that the use of the words membership and members are replaced with volunteers and volunteer engagement and that the formal language used in much of our correspondence and in meetings is replaced with more current business language.

Projects: the prime motivator to attract new volunteers is to offer projects, not just fund-raising schemes. These are local and international projects

which will attract future volunteers. This is in stark contrast to a membership drive as the primary function. Projects will attract a larger volunteer base and, in turn, enhance the offering to potential volunteers.

Larger projects:

encouragement of large scale projects and working together with other Rotary clubs and external partners. An example is the Rise Against Hunger meal packing events recently held by a number of Rotary districts.

Other models: look towards other volunteer sector models as good examples of what can be done to attract volunteers and how service organisations can be made to flourish and survive. For example The National Trust.

Your Club: Rotarians should think about how Rotary is perceived in their town and community and the impact it is having.

Think, is your club inclusive and participatory? Does it meet the needs of the community, either at home or abroad?

By changing a few simple traditions, this can positively impact the way volunteers, potential members and stakeholders view Rotary in the community.

Think Differently will be coming to the North East (D1030) in 2019.

Want More? If you want to know more contact Len Burns or

any member of the D1030 Membership Team.

For the complete article see Rotary Magazine of October/ November 2018.



SHOWCASING THE BEST OF ROTARY



Join the Rotary Conference and Showcase in Nottingham from **10 to 12 May, 2019**.

Expect something a little different this year with a weekend dedicated to showcasing Rotary at its best locally, nationally and internationally.

With a variety of registration packages, ranging from full weekend or single day packages, book now and tailor your perfect Showcase experience.

The event will get off to a fabulous start with tea and cake with Rotary International and Rotary GBI Presidents Barry Rassin and Debbie Hodge, and the opportunity to network in the Showcase exhibition.

Saturday, 1 May, 9.00am to 12.30p.m.
Rotary at home and abroad.

Amongst other speakers, Lorin LaFave from the Breck Foundation will be talking about playing safe whilst using the internet, and Executive Director of Mercy Ships UK, Lea Milligan will be on stage to provide the latest updates on the organisation's work and the connection with Rotary.

Saturday, 1 May, 13.15 - 17.00.
Modern Slavery Symposium.

Organised with the University of Nottingham Rights Lab, this symposium will focus on how we tackle modern slavery, with some of the world's leading international human-trafficking experts; this will be a truly inspirational and eye-opening afternoon.



Saturday, 11 May, 14.00 - 16.30.
Polio - nearly there.

In any challenging journey it is often said that the last few yards are the most difficult, and they are right. Polio has been eradicated for several years in almost all of the countries in the world, but there are a few isolated battles to win before we can claim it as a complete victory.

Sunday, 12 May, 09.30 - 13.00.

Let youth be heard.

This session focuses on our influential young people in a culmination of the national Youth Speaks final and annual Rotary Young Citizen Awards. Prepare to be seriously inspired.

The host city of Nottingham is a vibrant city in the heart of the country. The conference venue, The Royal Concert Hall is located right in the middle of the city centre, and boasts a range of accommodation. Register now and visit the designated booking site at rotarygbi.org.

Bulletin Quiz ~ November answers



The answers to the November quiz are as follows:

1. Alaska, Alaska, Hawaii, Alaska.
2. Anne of Cleves.
3. 6,076.12 ~ would accept 6,080.
4. North.
5. H2O.
6. Snowy.
7. Dog.
8. Voulez Vous
9. Lloyds of London.
10. John Harrison.
11. 116.
12. Sioux.
13. Thousand.
14. Copenhagen
15. Theresa May
16. 144
17. 30 degrees.
18. Presidents Helicopter
19. Winston
20. Belgium

Only one correct answer was received, and a cheque for £50 will be sent to Rotary Cleadon & District.

Quiz for December

Age Riddle Puzzle

Amelia, Bella and Connor, all share the same birthday and on their most recent birthday, Connor made the following observations.

Amelia is twice as old as I am now.

Bella is closer in age to Amelia than I am in age to Bella

A year ago, Bella was twice the age I was two years ago

The sum of mine and Amelia's ages is 21.

Can you work out how old Amelia, Bella and Connor are?

Send your answers to Keith Peacock rotary.washington@virginmedia.com, but please note that this month's puzzle is just for fun.

Purple gin is just the tonic for polio

To mark the occasion of World Polio Day, a special purple Gin was created and promoted by a Rotary Club in Lancashire



Bottles cost £35 each plus packing and postage of £5.50.

Every bottle sold will raise £6.20 towards the End Polio Now campaign.

Every £6.20 raised will attract a further £12.40 from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This is the equivalent of providing potentially life-saving vaccinations for 93 children.

This special limited edition gin will not be available in the shops, it can only be purchased online through Rotary Lytham and or via District Governors for Rotary

The cork is out of the bottle, following the World Polio Day successful launch of Passionately Purple gin by the spirit of comedy and local star Bobby Ball, assisted by Past Rotary GBI President Denis Spiller and Lytham President John Edwards.

A gathering of enthusiasts heard that hundreds of homes across Rotary GBI and internationally want the high-demand release.

This took place at the iconic Lytham Windmill overlooking the Ribble Estuary and was captured on drone as the the windmill is illuminated in a rich purple.

Rotary Lytham has pushed the boundaries of possibility by creating a Rotary-first purple craft gin, distilled exclusively for them on the South Fylde coast in Lancashire by Sandgrown Spirits.

Purple is the colour of the End Polio Now campaign and Sandgrown Spirit has created 'Passionately Purple', a magical colour-changing gin, bursting with the flavour of blueberries to mark World Polio Day on 24 October and to raise funds in a unique and enjoyable way.

Deceptively dry, this smooth juniper-led gin has been made with nine carefully selected botanicals and it has an extra

members.

In an attempt to cut costs, bulk order opportunities are available for Rotary districts and clubs, but individuals who require a speedy service, perhaps for a birthday or a wedding anniversary, can order single bottles and have them home delivered for only £5.50 extra.

Cases consisting of six bottles can be delivered overnight to the UK mainland from £9.95.

Larger orders, such as boxes of six or 12 can be delivered to the Rotary Support Centre in Alcester for collection by a member of the district team.

A meeting up service is possible for large orders, please ask for details using the contact details below.

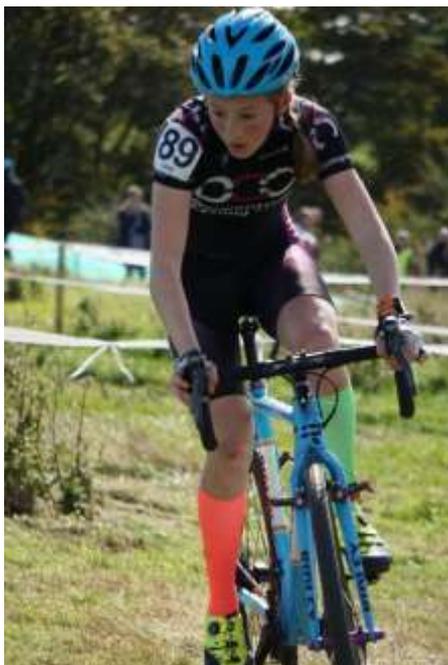
Please download the order form at rotarygbi.org to complete your purchase. Order forms can be sent via post on the address provided on the website.

If you have any further questions please contact Rob Duncan on 07736 742777 or Herbert Chatters on 01253 836381.

Rotary Washington support local cyclist

A local Washington teenager Elizabeth McKinnon was guest speaker at Rotary Washington recently. Elizabeth's family also came along, as support, but she was very confident with her power point,

Elizabeth is 13years old, and lives for competitive sport, mainly National Trophy races, Cycle Cross (CX). This is her first year at U14, She enjoys all types of cycling, her dad Neil said she started riding a bike at nine months coming in Third in the Mini Great North Run, competed in The National Trophy event in Derby, and had a tremendous competition against the best in the country, making the British Cycling podium, in second place.



Elizabeth travels around the country competing; she won the North East road race championship in June and recently came second at Derby, and first at Crawley, In the National Trophy races, she competes against boys. so she always now wears odd coloured socks and is easily spotted by all.

She started the season well with five wins out of five for the local North East series, and is already ranked at number one in the country!! She is heading for the coveted "GREEN Jersey" !!

Dad Neil is a Coach at Derwenside Cycling Club of which Elizabeth has been a member since she was eight years old. She also loves doing the Triathlons Elizabeth, has five bikes, and trains five days a week, including Gym work, and competes at weekends. She also gets excellent school reports from Oxclose, on her academic work.

Mam Victoria is also sporty, so it runs in the family, all are extremely proud of their daughter, Rotarians and guests were overwhelmed with young Elizabeth, with her obvious dedication and confidence, and gave her a well earned round of applause.

Rotary Washington have previously supported Washington's Paralympic GB Swimmer Matt Wylie, and GB Tumbler Shanice Davidson from an early age, so are looking forward for a triple gold with Elizabeth.

Neil Mconie
Rotary Washington

Rotary Friendship Exchange

The dates of our return RFE visit to District 7430 SE Pennsylvania are confirmed as 30 April to 11 May 2019 (12 days) and this message is the last "Call for Interest" for Rotarians and partners in our District to apply for places on the visit.

We expect to be home hosted by North Penn Rotary first, then to attend the District 7430 Conference for two nights (spending 3 & 4 May at the host hotel, which would be fully paid for by their District). This would be followed by home stays hosted by Allentown Rotary and finally by Emmaus Rotary.

Our hosts recommend flying to Newark airport, where the visiting team will be collected in a minibus, which will transport the whole group throughout our stay in Pennsylvania. All activities will include the whole group, and at the District Conference (attended by around 400 Rotarians and guests) each member of our group will be required to make a short presentation (2-3 minutes, supported by 1 or 2 Powerpoint slides) describing their Rotary experience and their family.



Members of the exchange are welcome to extend their stay in the US before and/or after the RFE, but they must join the other members of the RFE group to be collected at a hotel near Newark airport on 30 April and must remain with the group until 11 May 2019, when they will be returned to Newark airport or a local hotel. All members of the team will require a US tourist visa or ESTA for the whole period of their stay in the US.

You can apply now by emailing PDG Peter Chandler, whose contact details are below, for an application form. Each member of the team will require the approval of their Club, but you can apply now, as a period of two weeks will be allowed after the application has been made to confirm Club approval.

The principal cost of the trip will be the return air-fare from Newcastle (or Edinburgh) to New York Newark airport, which is currently available at around £400 including taxes. All local accommodation, car/minibus travel are covered by the Rotarians who are hosting us, though there will also be some local expenses, of course. It should be noted that District 1030 does not provide funding for members wishing to travel. More details of the likely costs are available on request from RFE Coordinator Peter Chandler, on (cemantix0@gmail.com).

Peter Chandler

Secretary update

Rotary Tynedale now have a new Secretary in Simon Sherwin. Simon's email address is simon.sherwin@outlook.com.

Community Service Cup Award

The Community Service Cup Award is given annually to recognise a club which has established a project or scheme in its Community for the benefit of that Community.

The award will recognise a new innovation or existing project with a pedigree of success.

Eligibility: Any Rotary Club.

Deadline: All entries to be with the RIBI Home Team Chair/Leader by no later than **31 December, 2018**.

Email: marshall.lynne@gmail.com

You can find more information and a nomination form by going on the RIBI Website to Awards in the Members Area or alternatively contact Lynne by email at marshall.lynne@gmail.com

Len Smith Cup for Vocational Service

Vocational Service is a major avenue of Rotary Service and is focused on fostering and supporting the application of the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. Vocational Service is at the heart of the Rotary movement. This award is to recognise annually a Club whose vocational activity has encouraged and fostered 'The Four Way Test'

The award will recognise a new innovation or a project that is already established and has a pedigree of success.

Eligibility: Any Club, District or Rotary Action Group project involving UK & Ireland Rotarians.

Deadline: All entries to be with Geri Parlby, the Vocational Lead within the Home Committee, by no later than **31 December, 2018**. Email: geri@theparlby.com.

You can find more information by going on the RIBI Website to Awards in the Members Area.

Young Chef and Young Musician Competitions

I am currently working with DG Stewart to co-ordinate District Youth Competitions. We hope to have details of the Chef and Musician Competitions to clubs shortly. Please let me know if your club is planning to participate in the Chef or Musician or that you have already held a club competition, hence have a candidate for a District Competition.

Full details of the Young Writer and Photographer have previously been circulated to clubs. Please let me know by telephone or email.

TEL: 01388 517742 e-mail: denaln@tiscali.co.uk

Alan Cartwright

District Home Team Chair

District Fishing Competition

The Sedgefield Trophy for the best rainbow or brown trout was won by Rotarian David Coxon of Rotary Whickham, who caught and returned a 3lb brown trout at Thurnton Long Crag trout fishery near Wooler.

The Stanley Cup for the best salmon or Sea trout goes to Rotarian Andrew Rigg Hexham Rotary Club who caught and returned six salmon and three Sea trout in three hours fishing on the River Tyne at Hexham. Included in the catch were salmon weighing 15 lb and 19lb. Congratulations to the winners.

David Coxon
Rotary Whickham

Bells ring out in Chester-Le-Street Rotary raise £3,000 for Royal British Legion



The sell-out Wars End concert in Chester-Le Street's ancient Parish Church on Saturday, 3 November raised a total of £3,000 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Eric Ingram MBE DL, County President Royal British Legion Northumbria, said "The 'Wars End' concert in St Mary's and St Cuthbert's Parish church on Saturday, organised by Fred Richards on behalf of Rotary Chester-le-Street, was an outstanding success. It will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to be in the audience, and I congratulate Fred and all who were involved in running it".

"Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect was the outstanding talent on display from the younger generation; the Durham ACF Band and Bugles are spectacular musicians and possibly the best ACF Band in the country; the Youth Connection Theatre Company were brilliant, I could not believe the number of individually talented singers. Backed by local singers Jane Westwater and Bob Nicholson, the concert had the 'Wow' factor".



"On behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal can I say a huge thank you to the organisers, the entertainers and the audience for their support. The money raised will go a long way to help us help those who have served".

Kevin Jobson
Rotary Chester-Le-Street

Blyth Presidents Night

Rotary Blyth are holding their Presidents Night at the Seahorse pub in Blyth on Tuesday 5 March 2019, 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Contact Secretary Colin Baxter at colinmbaxter@hotmail.com for further details.

RIBI TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENTS

Rotary Technology Tournaments are a challenging, enjoyable and rewarding experience for those taking part. We guarantee an interesting and fun day out of school which will test the knowledge, ingenuity, innovation, application and manual skills of the participants and their ability to work in a team.

There are three age levels for team members - Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced. All costs are paid by the organising Rotary clubs and there is no entry cost to school teams other than transport to and from the event.



DESIGN, DEVELOP, BUILD, TEST

The team of four students has to solve a design and technology based task which it knows nothing about until the day of the event. Each team is required to design, develop, build and then test its solution to the task from the materials supplied.

The day culminates in the testing session when teams demonstrate their best solution to the task and can observe the efforts of competing teams.

Stewards are on hand to guide the student teams. The tournament is judged by Rotarians and guests with backgrounds in engineering, technology and design.

TAKING PART

Technology Tournaments take place from February through to October to suit local education timetables. Some areas have just a few competing teams whilst others host up to 50 teams across the three age categories. Schools are invited to enter one or more teams per age category.

Certificates are given to every student and the winning team in each age category is presented with a certificate and trophy. Every year over 100 events are held across Great Britain and Ireland engaging over 5,000 students. Technology Tournaments are accredited by The British Science Association so that every participant successfully completing the TT day can apply for a CREST Discovery Award.

For more information and to get your school or college involved please visit:

rotarygbi.org



The North East Rotary Clubs (District 1030) are working together in partnership to offer secondary schools from across the region the opportunity to enter teams for the North East Regional Technology Tournament to be held on Friday 22 March 2019 in Sunderland.

The aims of the Technology Tournament are:

- To offer students a new opportunity to develop their skills in design and technology
- To encourage students to develop interpersonal skills such as team-working, problem solving and communication
- To encourage closer relationships between our Rotary clubs and their local schools

The main features of this one-day Technology Tournament are:

- Rotary clubs will fund the event and provide all materials for the task
- There will be no charge for teams to take part
- Schools can send up to three teams (four students per team) ; one each for Key stage 3, 4 and 5
- The best team solution to the task in each age group will win a trophy
- All students will receive a personalised achievement certificate.

Many of our Clubs have already offered some financial support for this event. We believe that we now have enough funding to run the event, but we would like to make it better by encouraging companies in the region to show the entrants what technology companies in the North East can do.

Some companies may wish to become event sponsors, but more importantly, we would like companies in the region to have a display area in the hall so that the youngsters can experience the range of technology that exists "on our doorstep". We especially welcome those who can offer "hands on" experience at the event, such as 3D Printers, robotics, and micro-electronics.

Already ten teams have registered, and we will be limiting attendance to 24 teams, so we expect that all of the remaining places will soon be filled. If your local school has not yet applied, please encourage them to do so.

Some Rotary clubs may wish to support the travel costs of their local schools to and from Sunderland to ensure that all schools may take part.

Every secondary school in our District has been invited to take part, whether large or small, state-funded or private.

Peter Chandler

Rotary Way development

District 1030 recently very kindly gave Rotary Amble and Warkworth a grant of £500 to help with their project to sow wild flowers on Rotary Way. Our Rotary Way is the part of the A1068 which connects the town of Amble with the village of Warkworth in Northumberland. It is a beautiful place and with the aid of many other bodies they have enhanced this stretch of road.

Rotary Amble and Warkworth are in the final stages of the enhancement process and their aim is to create a wild-flower meadow along the whole two kilometre length of Rotary Way. This has proved to be the most challenging and expensive of the improvements which they have brought about to date.

The Way is bordered on one side by the estuary of the River Coquet (a site of AONB) and on the other side by a wide border (up to 12 metres in width) which in part, slopes steeply towards a hedge/fence separating the road from farmland. This border is the subject of the Rotary club's attention.



The planting is being tackled in stages. The unkempt weed infested existing border has to be cut, mowings removed, sprayed on three separate occasions with weedkiller, then harrowed, sewn with wild flower seeds (locally sourced in Northumberland) that are then rolled in. Cars must be kept off the newly sewn areas until the seeds have germinated and established, and the areas have to be maintained after they have flowered, which involves cutting the wild flowers once they have set seed with a cross cut mowing blade and then removing the dead grass after the seeds have been shaken out.

This exercise has already been performed on 200 metres of the Way and the grant has enabled the Rotary club to start on the next 220 metres, which have been sprayed once.

Whilst taking photographs, a juvenile pheasant was seen settling down amongst the flowers, taking advantage of the camouflage they offered.

It will be another 18 months before the final fruits of the planting to the current areas can be seen – it will not be planted until September 2019 and they should flower in June 2020. I will keep you posted.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Paul Creighton
Rotary Amble and Warkworth

Rotary Washington Service of Remembrance



It was a very moving Service of Remembrance at Washington Village recently, which also included the unveiling of the "Village Soldier".

It was one of the largest gathering for Sundays commemoration for those who died in the Great War 100 years ago, and also those who have given their lives for their country since then.

Contingents of HM Forces were represented along with Dignitaries and community organisations, Youngsters played a major part in the service, watched by their family and friends, whilst the unveiling of the Village Soldier was carried out by Washington and Sunderland West MP Sharon Hodgson,

Rotary Washington gave a donation to help finance the Soldier project. Club Rotarian Cliff Chapmans company produced the profiles.

The Village Soldier is now sharing the prominence and attention of Washington village cenotaph.

Neil Mconie
Rotary Washington



A juvenile pheasant settles down amongst the flowers

Millennium Bridge glows “Purple for Polio!”

On 24 October, the Millennium Bridge in Gateshead was lit up in Purple to publicise the 'Purple for Polio ' campaign. As you can see from the photo it looked magnificent. Hopefully some people will have seen the press release submitted by Catherine Bush to the local press to explain the significance of the purple lighting. Every little helps!!



District Conference 2019
Friday 4 October - Sunday 6 October
The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton



Bookings open - January 2019
Don't miss out - book early
Friday is Casino Night
Saturday features Abba Tribute
What more could you wish for?

‘Hexham Kids Coding Dojo’



Chris Baylis, President of Rotary Hadrian's Wall, proudly presents £500 to Peter Davies, Leader of the 'Hexham Kids Coding Dojo' on Saturday 24 November to fund the meeting space (Dojo) for children from seven years old to seventeen years old to learn computer programming skills.

Many of the children enjoyed joining in with the presentation after a morning's enjoyable work. This funding gives children the opportunity to get involved with no charges.

Website: <https://hexkcd.org.uk>

Hadrian's Wall Rotary will continue to support the Coding Dojo along with other community projects in Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge and Hexham area.

Dates for your Diaries ~ District & RIBI

2019

AG Workshop, 5th January

Inner Wheel Day ~ 24th January 2019

DOTS, 3rd February

Multi District Leadership Development Forum, 16th & 17th February

Technology Tournament, Argyle House, Sunderland, 22 March.

PETS ~ 24th March 2019, Seaburn Marriott (now the Grand Hotel)

District Council, Tuesday 9th April, Federation Brewery.

Secretaries meeting prior to District Council, starting 1730

District Assembly, Thursday 2nd May, Dryden Centre, Gateshead.

Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland Conference and Showcase 2019, Friday 10th – Sunday 12th May 2019, Nottingham, at the Royal Concert Hall

District Handover, Sunday 30th June 2019, Beamish Hall Hotel.

Games for the Disabled, Sunday 14th July 2019, Eston Leisure Centre.

Rotary Ride 2019, Date and venue to be Arranged

Compliance Seminar, Date to be arranged.

2 Membership Workshops to be arranged in 2019

Dates for your Diaries ~ RI

December 2018

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Early registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

January 2019

Vocational Service Month

13-19 January — International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA

February 2019

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2019

Water and Sanitation Month

11-17 March — World Rotaract Week

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2019

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2019

Youth Service Month

June 2019

Rotary Fellowships Month

1-5 June — Rotary International Convention, Hamburg, Germany

30 June — Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

A look ahead to international events in 2020 and 2021. All dates are tentative.

2020

19-25 January — International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA

6-10 June — Rotary International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

2021

12-16 June – Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

Dates and information will be updated as received