

HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Rotary North East

A MONTHLY CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN ROTARY DISTRICT 1030

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From the District Governor

I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season: a time for family, friends and giving thought for those whose circumstances are vastly different from our own. A timely message has just been received from our Rotary Foundation, who had congratulated Alnwick club and their partner in Kandy on the completion of their Sri Lanka project which supported the severely disabled in that area.



There are also a handful of new projects seeking Global Grant status in areas as widespread as Nepal, Uganda and The Gambia. The grants system can multiply club funds six or seven times and are well worth the effort. They can easily take a year of planning and a further two years to implement, but the lasting changes they will bring are enormous to those communities. Now is the time for clubs to review giving to The Rotary Foundation; remember, half the donations to the Annual Fund return to districts for local and global projects.

During the first half of this Rotary year I have been emphasising the need for clubs to be relevant in their communities and ensure they are attractive to the next generation of Rotarians. The Rotary 2 and Think Differently programmes are designed to make Rotary fit for the 21st Century, by being inclusive, flexible and above all participating in local life. We will be seeing much more over the coming months, particularly as the continuity events are rolled out. Watch the calendar of events for more information.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Stewart Atkin

Easy fundraising

One very easy fundraising idea for your club. The first step is to register your club with at the following website: www.easyfundraising.co.uk as a 'cause'. You do not need to be registered as a charity – so you can register 'Rotary Club of Derwentside' or any specific cause you want to raise money for. Once the cause has been accepted you then recruit people i.e your members and family and friends to register as 'supporters' for your cause.



Once this is done every time they spend money with certain retailers (and there are thousands, including sites like Amazon, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis) they need to get to them through the easyfundraising website. Your cause will then get commission on whatever they spend. Commission paid varies but John Lewis gives 2% and Tui gives 1%.

So far my club has been given £228 in this way – just automatically paid into our account every quarter. It really is that simple.

If you want to know more visit the website www.easyfundraising.co.uk

In addition they will provide advice and tools about increasing your number of supporters – again all FOC.

I'm sure there are similar websites out there but this is one that we are familiar with in the RC of Derwentside.

If anyone has any questions I am happy to answer, if I can.

Jacqui Molyneux

The hard road to Everest

On the evening of Tuesday, 12 March 2019, Rotary Hexham are organising a lecture in the Forum Cinema when Doug Scott C.B.E. will be the guest speaker.

Doug Scott is an internationally renowned Mountaineer who first became famous on Chris Bonington's expedition in 1975 for his ascent with Dougal Haston up the South West face of Everest.

His talk will be entitled 'The Hard Road to Everest' and you can learn more about him on his website, which is www.dougscottmountaineering.co.uk.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between Hexham Rotary Club Disaster Fund and Doug Scott's Community Action Nepal's earthquake reconstruction fund.

The Forum Cinema Café will be open from 6 p.m. and the talk will start at 7 o'clock. It is hoped that ticket holders will arrive early in order both to inspect Nepalese goods that will be on display for sale (with the proceeds going to Doug's charity), and perhaps to have a drink before the talk.

Tickets £15 (£12 concessions for students and U.18's) from: Brian Massey, whose email is mbmassey@waitrose.com, or telephone: 673413; or from the Forum Cinema Box Office or Online at www.forumhexham.com



The Rotary handshake...or not!

What happened to the good old handshake on meeting members of the opposite gender.

Now its maow maow on both cheeks or even stranger, air kissing on both sides of the face to people you hardly know.

Is it the new Rotary greeting, because it never happened in my work place. If it did then there would be some strange looks and comments from colleagues on a darkened bridge in the early hours of the morning.

This time of the year it gets worst, add in all your aunties that drop by even the mother in law wants to join in, I cannot hide under the table, Grandson is already there.

Should we get in touch with the 'Training Team' to learn how to do the handshake again, before all is lost.

Anonymous



Online treasure hunt

In a bid to find a novel way of fundraising, one Rotary club has come up with a treasure hunt with a difference – you don't even have to leave home!

You've heard of treasure hunts, but now a Rotary club is planning one with a difference to raise funds for charity.

The Rotary e-Club of Innovation was chartered in 2014 and meets online weekly.

One of their major challenges has been to identify sustainable projects to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation.

"Our membership is widespread both in the UK and abroad so direct local community service is not really an option although our members, if asked, are always ready and willing to assist local clubs as required," explained Eddie Higgins..

They have come up with an original fundraiser – a treasure hunt which can be carried out from your own home using internet search engines and Google Earth.



Their initial game will include a number of puzzles with cryptic clues that lead to answers which may be related to anywhere or anything in the world.

Eddie, from the e-Club added: "We promise that the clues will be challenging but if you are a crossword or quiz night addict and have basic internet skills then this new entertainment activity for an individual, a family or group is for you."

They are looking for volunteers to help trial the treasure hunt before it is launched in February/March. The hunt will run for three weeks, giving plenty of time for clue solving, with a proposed entry fee of £5 to raise money for the Rotary Foundation.

"Although we are not proposing a prize for the winner, each Rotary member who submits a full set of correct answers will receive an electronic certificate of merit," added Eddie.

To find out more, visit rotarygb.org

As a quick taster, have a look at the cryptic clue to see how you get on.

*In the daytime gaze from The Peak so high,
At night time from the Temple buy,
In the harbour bob about,
Light and Sound shall make us shout,
Ferried by a famous star,
Now I wonder where we are?*

An Interact Debating Competition

Rotary Barnard Castle has instigated an initiative which has, as its primary objective, the bringing together of interactors from different Interact clubs in order that they will, in the fullness of time, become involved in joint projects. Arrangements for "Talking Heads", the inaugural Interact Debating Competition, are well under way with Interact teams from both Barnard Castle and Darlington taking part.

Anticipated positive outcomes for the young people competing include: increasing their critical thinking skills; improving their ability to form balanced, informed arguments; growing their confidence and self-esteem and learning to be a team player.

Additionally, this competition will strengthen ties between Barnard Castle and Darlington Rotary club, who are both committed to the success of this project. However, perhaps the best possible outcome is that it is an opportunity to have young people taken seriously whilst debating real world issues. And, as you can see, it is real world issues that will be debated.



The First Debate: "Humanity should fear advances in artificial intelligence"

Arguing for the motion: Barnard Castle School

Arguing against the motion: Polam Hall School

The Second Debate: "Social media sites should filter out fake news stories"

Arguing for the motion: Teesdale School

Arguing against the motion: QE Sixth Form College

The judging panel comprises:

Hannah Chapman, Editor, Northern Echo (or nominee)

Chair: Michael Colclough, Head of Operations,

Foundation of Light – the Sunderland AFC charity

Rachel Dyne, Operations Director of Teesdale YMCA

Time and Date: 2pm Saturday 9th February 2019

Venue: All Saints Church Hall, Ravensdale Road, Darlington DL3 8DT

This is going to be an exciting day. Please do try and come along and support these young people.

If you do require any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Colin Dunnighan,
Rotary Barnard Castle

Tomorrows Rotary

The world is changing fast and until recently Rotary looked at its rules and procedures, which are the responsibility of the Council of Legislation, only once every three years.



Now there is an additional online annual review with district representatives.

This year the review was held in November. There were several resolutions from across the world and here is a selection of the more interesting ones. All were voted upon, some were adopted, and others rejected.

1. Request the Board to issue a club guide spelling out mandatory and discretionary practice (adopted).
2. Ask the Board to reduce the minimum number of members needed to start a new club (rejected).
3. Ask the Board to produce legislation to eliminate single gender clubs (rejected).
4. Official (RI) recognition for Internet Communications Officers (adopted).
5. Ask the Board to require districts to hold vocational service seminars (rejected).
6. Adopt a definition of positive peace (rejected).
7. Official recognition of Rotary Kids (rejected).
8. Consider allowing Rotaract, Interact and Inner Wheel to have pages on rotary.org (adopted).
9. Promote women in Rotary (adopted).
10. Increase opportunities for women, and people of different races etc. for leadership roles (adopted).
11. Establish regional decision-making bodies (rejected).
12. Reinstate the previous version of the Rotary Wheel (rejected).
13. Adopt Alzheimer's/ dementia research as a world wide programme following the eradication of polio (rejected).
14. Amend the global grants policy to allow funding of Rotaractors in peace and conflict resolution. (adopted).
15. Amend the grants model to improve amounts and flexibility for district grants (adopted).

You can view the Resolutions and the result of the on-line voting at Rotary.org.

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.

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.



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

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, 11 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, 11 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.

RIBI Conference & Showcase - Slavery Symposium Royal Albert Hall, Nottingham - 11 May 2019

The next RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland) Conference and Showcase will be held in Nottingham over the weekend of 10 - 12 May, 2019. For the first time the event will include a session open to non-Rotarians (NGOs, anti-slavery activists, general public etc.). The "Ending Slavery in our Communities" Rotary Slavery Symposium is being organised in partnership with RAGAS and experts from the University of Nottingham's "Right Lab". The Symposium will be held on Saturday, 11 May and will bring together the latest advances in anti-slavery research, policy and practice to help people to be aware of and to combat slavery within their own communities along with some of the world's leading anti-slavery experts.

The morning will provide a choice of interactive workshop sessions, with case studies and information designed to appeal to businesses and professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, including health, law enforcement, local government and the voluntary sector. After lunch there will be an opportunity to hear some of the leading experts in the field and a chance to debate how Rotarians can help to address this pressing global challenge. The ticket price for the day's sessions will be £35 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments.

The ILO and the Walk Free Foundation's Global Survey index estimates that there were 136,000 people living in modern slavery in the UK on any given day in 2016. The National Crime Agency recently revealed that it had discovered cases of modern slavery in virtually every large town and city within the UK.



Please note the relevant links for booking are below:

Slavery symposium

To book for the full day, please visit <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/beacons-of-excellence/rights-lab/events/2019/may/ending-slavery-in-our-communities.aspx>

To book the afternoon only, Available to those who have booked to attend the whole conference only.

To book the conference, please go to <https://rotarygbi.eventsair.com/2019-conference-and-showcase-nottingham/ind/Site/Register>

Rotary campaign ambassadors

Rotary has a number of celebrity ambassadors supporting Purple 4 Polio, many of whom know the trauma of the disease well

Meet our supporters.

We are extremely fortunate to have a number of celebrity Purple4Polio Ambassadors supporting our campaign and Rotary's efforts to rid the world of polio, and so many of them know about the impact the disease can have all too well.

Ade Adepitan

Paralympian and broadcaster Ade, has pledged to support Rotary "all the way" as we continue our efforts to rid the world of this life threatening and crippling disease. Ade has been on our screens throughout the last few years after presenting Channel 4's coverage of the Paralympic Games in Rio and joining Pudsey Bear on by hosting BBC Children in Need. Ade contracted polio in his birth country of Nigeria, a country which has had a recent setback and is on the polio endemic country list again alongside Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Ade commented: "Rotary always does a lot of good work on polio, and is one of the leading charities on polio if not the leading charity." Referring to the recent cases in Nigeria, Ade added "All the agencies must have a blueprint on how to tackle the Nigeria issue. The last mile is always the toughest."

Jonathan Cavendish



Polio is a cause close to film Producer Jonathan Cavendish's heart. His father, Robin, contracted polio in Kenya in the 1950s, just before he was born. Robin, with the strength and support of his wife Diana, Jonathan's mother, refused to let polio stop him from living life to the full. Their inspiring story was brought to life in the film *Breathe*, which Jonathan produced and jokingly has

dubbed "probably the most expensive home movie ever made".

Jonathan commented: "I am pleased to be able to help publicise the great work done by Rotary and the Purple4Polio campaign. The world must remain vigilant in ensuring that this horrifying disease is finally and totally eradicated."

Robin founded the charity **CS Disabled Holidays** (formerly The Cavendish Spencer Trust), the union of two charities, Refresh and the Robin Cavendish Memorial Fund. These two charities shared similar aims in helping to provide holidays and respite breaks for people with severe disability due to neurological or neuromuscular disorders. Jonathan is a proud Trustee.

Donovan

Donovan was born Donovan Philips Leitch in Scotland as part of the post-war baby-boom in 1946. In 2012, he was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He is a legendary folk-rock-pop troubadour that remains an important part of popular culture since his career began in 1965. He truly is one of the preeminent members of British Rock Royalty.



Donovan contracted polio as a child growing up in Glasgow and said it played a huge part in his successful musical career: "I spent a lot of time in bed as a child after having polio while my dad read poetry to me. It made me interested in words, writing and being creative. If I hadn't had that experience maybe I wouldn't have gone on to write and sing my own songs for the past half a century."

Konnie Huq



In 2009 Konnie, a keen supporter of Rotary went to India, along some of our own Rotarians, to make a public awareness and schools' educational film about the Rotary End Polio Now campaign. 67 million children under the age of five were vaccinated against polio in just two days. Konnie Huq is best known for presenting *Blue Peter* for ten years until 2007.

Since then she has interviewed leading stars of music and film as well as former prime ministers, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. Music is her passion and she feels lucky to have had the opportunity to present *Top of the Pops* for BBC1 and *The Tube* for Channel 4 Radio.

Her versatile presenting style enables her to lend her experience to a wide range of topics, from covering New York and London fashion weeks for ITV to presenting major sporting and fashion programmes.

Anne Wafula Strike

Born in Kenya, Anne contracted polio when she was just two and a half years old, but like so many inspiring survivors of the virus, she did not let it hold her back. After obtaining a Bachelor of Education degree in her native Kenya she moved to Britain in 2000 before taking up wheelchair racing in 2002.



A testament to her talent and determination, just two years later Anne became the first wheelchair racer from Sub-Saharan Africa to compete at the Paralympics when she represented Kenya in the T53 400m, 800m and 1500m races at the Athens Games.

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Campaign ambassadors (cont. from previous page)

Julia Roberts

Author, television presenter and polio survivor Julia contracted polio as a toddler and spent five months quarantined in hospital before she was discharged on Christmas Eve 1957. Despite having her left leg



in a calliper, Julia's parents were keen to ensure she would be able to walk unaided so took her to weekly physiotherapy and swimming sessions and, at the age of three, she began ballet classes. At school her creative flair came to the fore and although she had severely weakened muscles from the waist down on her left side, caused by contracting the virus, she did not let this prevent her from taking part in a number of drama and dance festivals, before travelling the country and the world as a professional dancer.

Julia has gone on to be a successful author, publishing her memoirs *One Hundred Lengths of the Pool* in 2011 as well as the *Liberty Sands* trilogy of novels. Julia has also been a regular on Britain's television screens and was part of the launch of QVC in 1993 where she still works today.

Colin Powell



Colin Powell fell ill with polio in 1949 when aged just six months old. An innocent swimming trip with father turned into paralysing his life. Colin joined Radlett Rotary Club in 2009, and

already holds the office of Rotary Liaison Ambassador from the British Polio Fellowship.

Colin not only promotes the global eradication of polio, but also supports those, like himself, suffering horrendously of Post-Polio Syndrome with the British Polio Fellowship.

If you wish for Colin to be a speaker at your event, to maximise the value of his energy, it needs to be a large gathering such as a district, regional or national conferences, or similar.

He does not charge a speaker's fee, but merely requests that he and his carer's travelling and accommodation costs are reimbursed.

Despite being wheelchair bound, he travels extensively both throughout the UK and overseas.

Contact Colin by emailing direct to arrange for him to come and talk at your event.

Alan Titchmarsh



It is a delight to announce Alan Titchmarsh as an ambassador as part of our World Polio Day celebrations. As one of the nation's best loved gardeners, after starring on programmes such as *Gardener's World* and *Ground Force*, Alan was particularly interested in one element of the campaign: "I am delighted to be able to support the [Purple4Polio](#) campaign developed by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland."

"The campaign, which members of Rotary clubs across the UK will plant in excess of seven million crocus corms during October and November that will bloom in late February and early March, is very innovative and clearly shows that members of the Rotary organisation bring colour into people's lives through all its activities."

Chris Tarrant

Chris Tarrant, best known as the host of game show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, was also excited to get on board with Rotary's latest initiative: "I am delighted to support Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland in their 100th year of fundraising through the Rotary Foundation."



"This campaign, which began with a vast colour expanse in late February/early March, is very much close to my heart. I am hopeful will focus people's attention on polio, which is a debilitating disease and which Rotary across the world has been fighting to eradicate for the past 30 years. With so few new cases, it clearly is very important that the fight goes on."

"I wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing the 'blooming crocuses' in both my local area and across the country."

Rotary fit for Tomorrow?

So what needs changing?

Just like most organisations Rotary has its policies, rules, practices etc. Within Rotary North East, as with every other district across the world, our Clubs have to operate within the rules and requirements of Rotary International.

Rotary is a dynamic member led organisation and policies and rules can be changed.

If there is something about the way Rotary operates that needs changing any club can propose change.

There are two main methods:

Resolutions

A Resolution can ask the RI Board or the Foundation Trustees to consider changing, or perhaps affirming, a particular rule or practise.

The Council of Resolutions (COR) meets on-line annually to vote on Resolutions. Those adopted go to the Board of Trustees for action, or for consideration by The Council of Legislation.

Enactments

These are direct proposals to change the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary and how these impact upon any part of our organisation.

Enactments are considered and voted upon by The Council of Legislation (COL), which is Rotary's Parliament, where every district is represented. COL meets every three years.

The Change Cycle

Voting for matters which were considered by 2018 Council of Resolutions has just finished. The results are available on "**My Rotary**". Log in to see which ones were adopted.

Any club, or district, that wants to submit a Resolution for the 2019 Council of Resolutions has until 30 June 2019. A copy of the submission form and FAQ's is available on the "**Councils**" page of "**My Rotary**".

**Something you want to change?
Don't just complain or moan, do
something about it.**



***Our District Representative is PDG Len Burns who is always
happy to talk to any club.***

District Conference 2019

Friday 4 October - Sunday 6 October
The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton



District Conference 2019 will be held between Friday 4th and Sunday 6th October at The Rendezvous Hotel Keighley Road, Skipton North Yorkshire BD23 2T. All meals, plenary sessions and entertainment will take place at the Hotel.

Skipton is a delightful traditional market town and is known as the Gateway to the Dales. On the banks of the canal, surrounded by the beautiful Yorkshire dales and within easy reach of York and Harrogate, the hotel offers the best of traditional Yorkshire hospitality.

Accommodation On the outskirts of Skipton, in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, this 3-star charming, family-run hotel boasts a wonderful canal-side restaurant, great leisure facilities and idyllic views of the Leeds and Liverpool canal.

Please Note: There are a maximum of 96 Bedrooms, so early booking is advised if you wish to be in the Rendezvous Hotel. However, accommodation is available nearby, which can be booked by delegates directly. (for details see the booking form) A free coach will be available to transport delegates to & from Conference Venue from the nearby hotels)

Speakers and Entertainment

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

Wheelchair Foundation – Milton Frary
RIBI President - Donna Wallbank
Literacy in a Box - Ian Parker
Street Vet - Michelle Southern
Laughter - The best medicine - Robin Graham
Map Action - Roy Wood
Princes Trust - Nick Stace
Vet in Army - Neil Smith
World of Herriot – to be confirmed

Places to visit include - Yorkshire Dales / Skipton Castle / Skipton Market

Excursions are available – a Canal Boat trip including afternoon Tea (Friday & Saturday and an afternoon Brewery Trip (Friday & Saturday)

In a change to the norm, the Friday night “Casino Night” will be Black Tie and on Saturday Night you are invited to join in the spirit of the Abba Tribute Band by dressing 70’s style.

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 Rendezvous Hotel, meals i.e. Friday Dinner, Saturday breakfast, Gala Dinner, Sunday breakfast and entertainment. The cost is £160 per person

Delegates arranging their own accommodation wishing to attend:

Friday Dinner and entertainment, £30 per person
Saturday Gala Dinner and Dance, £30 per person

Booking and Payment

Registration opens on January 1st, 2019 (Registration forms can be downloaded from page twelve of this Bulletin, or from the District Website)

Please Note

Because demand for accommodation at the conference hotel is expected to be high, bookings 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 Alan Cartwright, 8 Bullfield, Westgate, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL13 1JA phone: 01388 517742 mobile: 07929 302934 e mail: denaln@tiscali.co.uk

District Governor Elect Jacqui looks forward to seeing you all again in Skipton for another fantastic weekend.



Rotary District 1030 North East of England
 Annual District Conference
Friday 4th – Sunday 6th October 2019
 Conference headquarters will be The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton

Booking information and Notes

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Registration Procedure The separate Registration form should be completed and returned to the Registrar, cheques payable to District 1030 Conference Account as specified on the Registration form. Please note that the £30 registration fee is Non-Returnable.

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However, the following accommodation is available nearby, which can be booked by delegates directly. A free coach will be available to transport delegates to & from Conference Venue from the undermentioned hotels, and don't forget to register and book for the dinners in advance.

Herriots Hotel, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1RT: Tel: 01756 792 781:

Email: www.info@herriotsforleisure.co.uk

Premier Inn, Hellifield Rd, Gargrave, Skipton BD23 3NB. Tel 0871 527 8980: premierinn.com

Travelodge Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1UD, Tel: 08719 846177 travelodge.co.uk

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation within 4 weeks of the commencement of the conference will result in a 100% retention by the hotel and full loss of your booking fee. See advice on Personal Insurance overleaf.

Entertainment and Dress Code For all plenary sessions the dress code will be "smart casual. In a change to the norm however, the Friday night "Casino Night" will be Black Tie and on Saturday Night you are invited to join in the spirit of the Abba Tribute Band by dressing 70's style.

Excursions

On both Friday and Saturday afternoon two excursions have been arranged as follows

Brewery Trip (max number 15 per trip)cost £10

Tea & cakes on the canal boat trip..... cost £20

These excursions are booked directly with the Rendezvous Hotel, quoting "Rotary Conference".

Transport There is ample parking available at the Rendezvous Hotel, however car sharing is encouraged.

Rotary Showcase Displays and Exhibits will be located in the Rendezvous on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Latest Information Booking forms can be downloaded from page twelve of this Bulletin, and from The District Website The District Website is where any updated information will be posted.



2019 District conference registration form

Registration 1 Category..... Registration 2 Category.....
 Categories: Rotarian, Spouse, Partner, Guest

Surname..... Surname.....

First name..... First name.....
 This should be preferred name for use on the Conferences badge etc.

Rotary Club of..... Rotary Club of.....
 Club President in 2019– 20 YES / NO (please circle) Club President in 2019 – 20 YES / NO (please circle)

Rotary Office / Awards..... Rotary Office / Awards.....
 PDG, AG, District Officer, PHF

Preferred room type:

Mobility/ Visual/ Hearing needs

Double.....

Twin.....

All subject to Room availability

Special Dietary requirements:

Contact Postal address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone; Home..... Mobile.....

Email with case sensitive format (This will be used to confirm your booking)

Accompanying children. Name (s).....D.O. B (s).....

Supplementary information

Hotel (If not Rendezvous)

My Booking details are:

This form is for up to two adults as detailed by you. Please tick your requirements and put the final cost in the total column

		Cost per person	Reg 1	Reg 2	Total cost
1	Registration fee Payable by all Conference attendees (Except children under 16 years)	£30			
2	The Rendezvous Hotel D.B&B and Entertainment for Friday and Saturday	£160			
3	Dinner Friday Evening (if not staying at The Rendezvous Hotel)	£30			
4	Dinner Saturday Evening (if not staying at The Rendezvous Hotel)	£30			
	Grand Total				

Please Note: delegates are advised to consult their personal holiday Insurance policies which should cover the cancellation and or booking amendments within 31 days of Conference.

Please make all cheques payable to District 1030 Conference Account.

On registering for the Conference, a cheque amounting to £30 per person should be sent with the registration form.
This is non-refundable.

Accompanying cheques for £80 per person dated July 1st. 2019

Accompanying cheques for £80 per person dated September 1st. 2019

Accompanying cheques for dinners only (£60 per person) dated July 1st 2019

Those delegates who prefer to do so may send an accompanying cheque for the full amount dated as day of sending i.e. £190 per person.

Alternatively, email the registration to the Registrar and credit the conference fee to Barclays code 20-40-09, account 10467685 and quote your name and club in the reference section, then diarise for the next 2 instalments as above.

Registration forms should be sent to:

Rtn Alan Cartwright, 8 Bullfield, Westgate, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL13 1JA phone: 01388 517742

mobile: 07929 302934 e mail: denaln@tiscali.co.uk

GDPR: Please note information may be shared within the conference committee

Exclusive access to mesmerising polio fundraiser



Rotary members have special access to a one day exclusive sale period for a very unique [Purple4Polio](#) fundraiser - a live performance of composer Roy Budd's epic score to Rupert Julian's 1925 silent film version of **The Phantom of the Opera**.

The event is coking to The Barbican Theatre, London on 18 March 2019, where the work was due to be performed 25 years ago.

Sadly Roy Budd, who was a member of The Rotary Club of London, died from a brain haemorrhage shortly before the original performance was set to take place. Now, 25 years later, his widow Sylvia has fulfilled his dream, and brought his masterpiece score to life.

Rotary members and Barbican members have exclusive access to purchase tickets from the Barbican website at barbican.org.uk. Tickets are £29 (+ booking fee). You can also purchase tickets over the phone by calling 020 7638 8891.

A small number of VIP tickets are also available, priced at just £100. These include enjoying the best seats in the house, and give ticket holders access to an invitation-only post-show drinks reception with the conductor, production team, and VIP guests.

These tickets are not available via The Barbican. Please contact GBI Rotary Polio Champion Jannine Birtwhistle, on pauljannine@icloud.com to buy these special VIP tickets.

Answers to Decembers Quiz

Amelia is 14

Bella is 11

Connor is 7

Only one correct entry was received:

David Raine ~ Rotary Bishop Auckland

January Quiz

Just a Second

What comes next in each of the following sequences?

N, W, H, O, I, I, _

A, E, A, P, A, U, _

O, U, E, H, R, A, _

E, R, E, R, L, N, _

Email your answers to Keith Peacock at kepanddep@antlworld.com. Sorry, no prize, just the prestige of getting it right!

Oxford University welcomes the Rotary Foundation

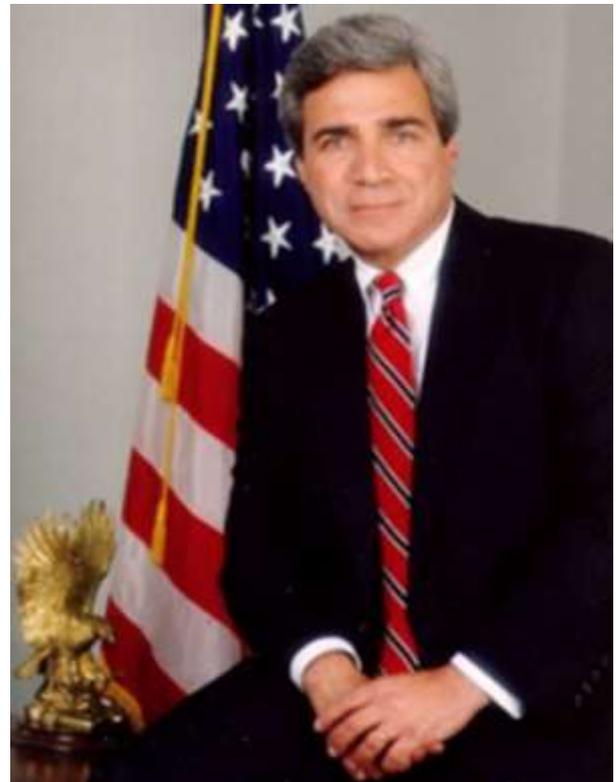
The Rotary Foundation has been welcomed into the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors.

Since 1949 the Foundation has provided scholarships to over 200 Oxford scholars including a former US Ambassador, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and a director of the Ansari Africa Centre.

"The university is enormously grateful to The Rotary Foundation for its support of graduate scholarships at Oxford" said professor Louise Richardson, Oxford vice chancellor. "For almost 70 years, this support has enabled students from around the world to benefit from all that Oxford has to offer".

The Chancellors Court of Benefactors celebrates and recognises Oxford's exceptionally generous friends and supporters.

(The Rotarian, January 2019)



Connection to Rotary North East

Philip Laider was Bill Clinton's Ambassador to the UK from 1997 to 2001. In April 1998, he was guest speaker at the Durham Rotary Club 75th anniversary dinner. At that dinner, he recalled his days as a Rotary scholar. Whilst on a weekend in Paris, his Oxford host received news of the death of his father. A telephone call was made to a nearby club in Paris and Rotarians arranged a direct flight home for the young student.

Philip told those present that experience endeared him to Rotary throughout his life. He signed the club visitors' book "Philip Laider, United States Ambassador to the Court of St James's".

(Stewart Atkin DG)

Rotary Newton Aycliffe Christmas Fundraisers

Christmas 2018 has been a very successful fundraising season, with the support of our friends at Tesco and the Jones family, who provided a brand new sleigh on the back of a truck, as well as Santa and Mrs Claus and any number of elves. One night out of the eight that were planned was rained off, but, despite this, the sum raised equalled that of 2017.

The Tesco collections were also very successful, raising over £800.00 on the Saturday before Christmas and establishing a new record for the total raised in one day. A number of santas took part in the collection and this year an elf made his very welcome debut.

Overall, we raised more than £8000 and slightly exceeded the total achieved in 2017. So well done, and a very big 'thank you' to everyone who made this happen – including the children, teachers and families who attended our annual Christmas event at the Leisure Centre. The generosity of the people of Newton Aycliffe continues to impress, enabling us to provide, amongst other things, Christmas hampers for families in need in our area.

Brian Winwood
Rotary Newton Aycliffe



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