

THE Bulletin



February 2019

Rotary North East

A MONTHLY CHRONICLE OF EVENTS IN ROTARY DISTRICT 1030



From the District Governor

Having passed the half way point in the Rotary Year, it is useful to see which of our club plans have come to fruition, or still work in progress.

The latest membership figures show the district having increased by just two in six months. Given 30 June sees a number of retirements this does not bode well. In four years, numbers across the district have fallen by 200 and the age profile suggests this may well accelerate in the next four years.

So, the questions are straight forward. How many of members will no longer be active in four years? And, what is our plan to maintain numbers going forward?

Your district team has resources to support clubs, and over the past seven months or so, my message has been to get closer to our communities, be recognised for what we do and be welcoming to anyone and everyone. We are not a secretive elitist organisation. We are here to improve the lives of those around us through projects and service: and enjoying ourselves in the process.

Over the coming months, we will be looking at new and imaginative ideas for developing Rotary in the North East. These will support growth which enables Rotary to thrive.

Stewart Atkin
District Governor



Raising funds on Ebay

Several years ago, whilst in discussion with members of my Rotary Club on how we could raise money for the Rotary Foundation, I happened to mention that I was selling some of our personal items on Ebay, which had been stored in the loft for years, and were no longer wanted. I suggested that if members were happy to give me their items they no longer required, I would try and sell them on the understanding that any unsold would be taken to a charity shop, not just discarded. Members were very forthcoming in bringing me items to sell, so I was kept busy.



I am often asked what are the best items to sell, but that is difficult to answer as it all depends on who is looking for your item at any given time. Many times I have thought that something was not going to sell, when I was proved wrong. It has been very good for our club, as I have managed to raise approximately £5,000 over the past few years.

Ann Eaton
Rotary Gosforth

Co-op Community Fund

Rotary Stokesley has benefited from two years of funding for youth projects, including the School Fishing Competition, Funding for four RYLA candidates this year, and Fresh Cooking for Young Carers. This year alone they received £12,481.21 !!

Stokesley Rotary Club already works with young people in the community, particularly those from less privileged backgrounds. They run the Rotary Young Carers Project (teaching young carers to cook) and an annual Rotary Fishing Competition (mainly for youngsters who are new to fishing). By expanding their programme to Leadership Training they hope to help create leaders of tomorrow in their own community.

All Co-ops are participating in the Community Fund, in which 1% of Co-op Blue Card spend - plus all the revenue from single use plastic bag sales - is shared between three local charities.

Stokesley Rotary has been part of the project since the beginning and have been amazed by the funding raised in this way.

The Club are very grateful to Stokesley and Great Ayton Co-ops for their support.

On Saturday 24 November a small group of Rotarians joined the team in local Co-op stores to show how delighted they are to have received the support of the Co-op for our local causes.

Peter Chandler
Rotary Stokesley



Ken Braithwaite and Liz Walmsley from Rotary Stokesley man the display at the Co-op.



ROTARY DURHAM BEDE ANNUAL GAMES NIGHT

Rotary Durham Bede are once again holding their popular Games Night at the Durham Indoor Bowling Club on **Monday 18 March** with registration before 7.00pm so that games can start promptly at 7.00pm.

Clubs are invited to enter teams of two people at a cost of £15.00 per team and as last year, this includes supper of Pie, Peas and Chips with each team competing against a team from another club in every game; the overall champions being the team with the highest number of wins. Clubs may enter more than one team.

We ask for your co-operation and please ensure that numbers and payment are received by Monday 11 March to help with catering and registration.

Entry Forms and payment should be returned by no later than 11 March.

The venue is to the rear of the Abbey Sports Centre and has its own car park.

Please come and join us for a great evening.

Kind regards

John Shaw

Tel. 0191 3885821

Email: JOHNSHAW5@aol.com



Please return to Rotarian John Shaw, 23 Longdean Park, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham DH3 4DF. From the Rotary Club of

We wish to enter.....teams of two @ £15.00 per couple and enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to - Rotary Club of Durham Bede)

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

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

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



JUST GOLF

Rotary Amble and Warkworth

Rotary Amble and Warkworth present their biennial Charity Golf Day at Alnmouth Golf Club, Foxton on Wednesday 10 July 2019. Teams of four gentlemen, ladies or mixed are invited at a cost of £100 per team. The day features excellent prizes, and early registration is advised due to high demand, and the limited number of spaces available.

Further details are available from the club Secretary, or alternatively via the club's website, which is www.ambleandwarkworthrotary.org.

In 2017, the event attracted forty teams throughout the North East, and a total of £6000 was raised and divided equally between SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association), and GNAAS (Great North Air Ambulance Service), and the Bobby Robson Foundation. This year the beneficiaries will be GNAAS, the Bobby Robson Foundation and Hospice Care North Northumberland.

Rotary Alnwick

Rotary Alnwick are holding their annual Charity Golf Competition at Alnwick Castle Golf Club on Thursday, 13 June. Commencing at 8.00a.m., tee off times will run through to approximately 3.00p.m.

The entry fee is £100 per four players, gentlemen, ladies or mixed. There are prizes for nearest the pin and longest drive, and a special secret prize for totals on an unspecified set of holes, so all teams will be in the frame for a prize even if they have a "bit of a mare" on the day. There is a "Halfway House", and food will be available at the clubhouse.

Entries should be sent to Rotarian Peter Lewis, at 19, Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AU, to arrive no later than Monday, 14 May 2019. Cheques should be made out to Rotary Club of Alnwick. For further information, contact Peter on 07419 984212, or 01665 604064.

Peter Lewis,
Rotary Alnwick.

Rotary Teesside West

Rotary Teesside West are holding their 20th Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, 21 June 2019 at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club. The entry cost is £40 per team of two, male, female or mixed, and team prizes will be awarded down to 6th place.

Entry should be made via Dinsdale Spa Golf Club web site, where various tee off times are available, or to Jeff Lupton at 18 Brisbane Grove, Hartburn, Stockton on Tees, TS18 5BW. Telephone 01642 645857, or email jeffrey.lupton@ntlworld.com. Cheques should be made payable to Rotary Club of Teesside West.

Daft As A Brush – Raise it for Ron

Margaret Reid, PHF, of Rotary Durham Elvet, has, once again, taken on a huge challenge. Never one to be defeated, she has promised to buy the brilliant charity, Daft As A Brush, another ambulance (like the one below) to transport patients with cancer, of all ages, to/from hospital for their treatment.

This is being undertaken in memory of her Husband, Ron, a key figure in Rotary as PDG, PHF, RIBI and District Extension Officer. As many will know, Ron worked tirelessly for Rotary, asking for nothing in return. He was instrumental in setting up many clubs in District 1030.

The ambulance costs £25,000 and Margaret is well on target, having raised over 30% of that total to date.

Various fundraising events have taken place and there are many in the pipeline so.....watch this space!



If you would like to make a donation to help Margaret reach her goal, please gift aid if you can and:

- 1. **Online via Virgin Money Giving.**
Follow the link to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/raiseitforron>.
- 2. **Cash to Margaret Reid**
Cheque made payable to: Daft As A Brush – Raise it for Ron.

And send to: Margaret Reid, 9 Whitburn Hall, Whitburn Village. SR6 7JQ

Scan the QR code:



Hexham Rotary completes a £27,000 Water Project in Nepal

Following the devastating 2015 earthquake in Nepal, Hexham Rotary Club was determined to provide help for a small village and a school. Brian Massey and his wife had recently returned from a visit to Nepal where they visited and made friends with Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Kantipur in Kathmandu. Using these contacts, Brian found that help was needed in a village called Khanigaun about 15 kilometers from Kathmandu where their only water supply from local streams had been devastated by the 'quake. In addition the Sri Prithvi Higher Secondary School at Goldhunga had an inadequate water supply also damaged by the earthquake. Its high location meant it had to buy in 2000 litres of water each day for the 700 pupils and 35 staff. This was not enough and the pupils had to bring water from home.



Villagers laying the pipeline

The Village



The solution for the village (above), was to make use of the supply the villagers had found. It was 300 metres below the village and was reached by a path 1.5 kilometres long down which the village women walked each day to carry water back to the village. After consultation with a local engineering firm and the villagers, it was decided to install a pumped system to pipe the water up to the village. This entailed providing storage at the spring and pumping the water in three stages up to the village. At each stage there would be a storage tank and another pump to lift the water to the next stage. The project was complicated by the intermittent electricity supply and voltage fluctuation problems. Tests showed however that if the pump was operated for two hours, twice a day, then enough water would be supplied for the village needs.

The villagers were enthusiastic about the project and helped to dig the trenches (above right), for the pipe work and manhandled a shed to store equipment up the poor access to the village. To ensure the equipment was maintained in working order a small charge was made on each family and this provided enough money to employ a maintenance man. He was trained by the engineers and this provided an additional job for a villager.

The school gave a different problem as, because of its location, there was no additional water supply within a sensible distance. However, the school buildings had a roof area of 5,822 square feet and this could be used to catch rainwater. It was decided to install a rainwater harvesting system which would supply six, ten thousand litre storage tanks. The water from these tanks would go through a bio-sand filtration system and would supply 550 l of drinking water and 4,500 l of water for sanitation. The Head Teacher was delighted with this plan and, when Brian told the children they cheered him.

Brian Massey spent some time in Nepal working with the local villagers, the School Staff, the Engineering firm from Kathmandu and the local Rotary Club of Kantipur. The Kantipur Club looked after the project finances and provided the local supervision of the project. The £27,000 was made up of £7050 from Hexham RC, £1000 from other local Rotary Clubs, £1200 from the RC of San Diego and £75 from the Kantipur RC. The remaining £17,675 came from The Rotary Foundation. This is Rotary's own charity to which most Rotarians contribute each year.

The overall outcome of the project saw 500 villagers get a clean and adequate water supply for drinking and sanitation, together with enough water for cultivation. The school was able to increase its numbers and had sufficient water for drinking and sanitation. In addition, classes had been given to teach everyone about Hygiene and Disease Prevention.

Finally, the project would not have been possible without a lot of hard work by Rotarians in the UK and Nepal, the help of the local villagers and the backing of the Rotary Foundation.



Children's reaction to the project

Rotary recognises Prime Minister Theresa May with polio champion award



Barry Rassin, right, Rotary International President, presenting an award to Theresa May, UK Prime Minister, as received by MP Alastair Burt, second right, on her behalf

Rotary honored Prime Minister Theresa May, Prime Minister recently with the Polio Eradication Champion Award for her leadership and political support toward ending polio.

Rotary International President Barry Rassin presented the prestigious award to Alastair Burt, the UK minister of state for International Development and Minister of State for the Middle East, at a roundtable discussion on polio eradication on 27 November in London, England.

Rassin told Burt, who accepted the award on May's behalf, that the UK has repeatedly demonstrated an unwavering commitment toward a polio-free world.

"Britain's leadership in making multiyear commitments in support of global polio eradication has been an example for other countries to follow," Rassin said. He added that flexible funding from the UK has given the Global Polio Eradication Initiative more resources to respond quickly to "dynamic needs."

Under May's leadership in 2017, the UK pledged about £103 million to the GPEI for 2017-19, bringing the country's cumulative support for polio eradication to £1.4 billion — second only to the United States. May has also been a strong advocate for other countries in the G-20 and G-7 to maintain their financial and political support for a polio-free world, Rassin said.

"The UK remains committed to reaching our goal of eradicating polio and ensuring that no child suffers from polio again," Burt said. "We are very proud of the

contribution we have made to setting polio on the road to becoming history. I want to take this opportunity again to thank all those involved in the fight against polio, especially those on the ground working in incredibly difficult circumstances, and Rotary colleagues all around the world who have helped us reach this point."

Rotary established the Polio Eradication Champion Award in 1996 to recognize heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions to ending polio. Past recipients include Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.



ROTARY HAS GONE TO THE HORSES

Rotary is always looking at new ways of forging business partnerships, and one Midlands club has joined forces with its local racecourse.



Rotary Warwick has gone to the races as part of an intriguing new corporate partnership. The Midlands club has joined forces with Warwick Racecourse through a corporate membership.

David Smith recently inducted Andre Klein, General Manager of the racecourse, as the club's first corporate member.

The Warwick club is keen to work with local businesses and organisations who want to support local charities and events, and to invite them to become corporate members of the club.

Since Andre Klein took over at the racecourse, he has been keen to involve the community and invites local schools on race days to see what goes on.

He approached the club two years ago to assist with parking owners' and trainers' cars on race days, and the racecourse has, in turn, supported Rotary club funds.

The Warwick Town Bonfire, organised by Rotary and Lions club members, has been held for many years next to the racecourse on St Mary's car park.

Last year the event outgrew its location and moved onto the main racecourse.



Andre Klein and his team have given every support to organisers and over 6,500 are expected at this year's event on Saturday, November 3rd with their facilities available for hospitality.

Similarly, the Thai festival moved to the racecourse in 2016 and has now become a fixture with staff lending a helping hand to ensure its success.

President David Smith welcomed Andre, who was accompanied by some of his team, and said how much the club was looking forward to the racecourse playing an active part in club activities.

Let's go fishing!

Sedgefield District Fishing Competitions

The Sedgefield Trophy for the heaviest Rainbow or Brown trout caught in U.K. waters takes place from 1 January, 2019 to 31 October, 2019. The same dates apply to the Stanley Cup for the heaviest Salmon or Sea trout caught in U.K. waters. The trophy for both these competitions will be presented at the Diastrect Council Meeting in November.

The Rotary Whickham annual Fly Fishing competition will be held on Tuesday, 16 April, 2019 at Sharpley Springs Trout Fishery, located near Houghton le Spring and Seaham, just off the A19. The cost for the day is £22 for three fish. There will be various prizes and a trophy for the heaviest bag. Arrive between 9.00a.m. and 10.00a.m. for refreshments on arrival. Tea and coffee will also be available throughout the day, and fishing will be between 10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m.

Entries should be addressed to Rotarian David Coxon via email at davidcoxon1@outlook.com, or alternatively by telephone to David at 0191 4103835.

David Coxon
Rotary Whickham

Rotary Ride

Saddle up for the Rotary Ride and help raise funds for prostate cancer charities



Help beat prostate cancer with Rotary Ride 2019

Rotary Ride 2019 is ready for action!

On and around Father's Day weekend 2019 (15th and 16th June), across Great Britain and Ireland, Rotary clubs will be holding bike rides for all to join in, whether a beginner with stabilisers or an experienced long-distance rider.

Thousands of pounds are raised for chosen charities, such as **Prostate Cancer UK**, **Prostate Scotland**, **Prostate Cymru** and the **Irish Cancer Society**, as well as local charities of choice. These charities offer tremendous support for those affected by the cancer, whether patients, relatives or friends.

The Rotary Ride event registration is now ready for Rotary clubs complete with new guidance pack, easy online donations and updated insurance information to help things get into gear.

In the UK, about one in eight men will get prostate cancer at some point in their lives. Older men, men with a family history of prostate cancer and black men are more at risk. It is estimated that over 11,000 men die every year which amount to one man every 45 minutes. This means there is a significant need to increase awareness, treatments and research. The survival rate is improving but early diagnosis is still necessary and can often lead to more successful care.

The Rotary Ride is hugely popular and has the potential to raise life-saving funds as well as showcase what Rotary has to offer in their community and beyond.

Rotary clubs – please download your guidance pack and register your Rotary Ride event at ride.rotarygbi.org.

Members of the public – please join the fun by locating your nearest event using our [clever map](#) or by contacting your [nearest Rotary club](#).

Got a query? Email the [Rotary Ride co-ordinator](#).





NORTH EAST

Terry Long
North East District RYLA Co-ordinator

One of the many youth programmes that rotary organises and runs is “rotary youth leadership awards” – “RYLA “.

Helping to unlock potential in young people.

RYLA is a leadership development programme for young adults. Rotary clubs throughout Great Britain sponsor many young people through RYLA programmes each year.

Whether you are a secondary school pupil, university student or young professional, RYLA will help you discover your potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in your community, career and everyday life. Our RYLA programme in the north east is residential and runs from Monday to Friday (during August) and includes a range of activities from hands on physical challenges, to presentations and workshops. it is open to 16 - 18 year olds, both male & female applicants.



During a RYLA programme you will :-

- gain exposure to leadership scenarios.
- explore problem solving strategies as part of a team.
- discuss and apply creative approaches to leadership.
- build confidence in yourself and what you can achieve.
- meet new people and make lasting friendships.
- learn how to arrange youth activities and Community Service projects at home and abroad.

Our north East RYLA course runs for two separate weeks in August each year.

Venue – the Kingsway Adventure Centre in Middleton in Teesdale.

if you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about this amazing opportunity please contact our North east RYLA co-ordinator :

Rotarian Terry Long. telephone: 01670 224410.
 mobile : 07824 660447; email: tmlong49@gmail.com



Answers to the January Quiz

Just a Second

What comes next in each of the following sequences?

N, W, H, O, I, I, - One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six.

A, E, A, P, A, U, - January, February, March, April, May, June.

O, U, E, H, R, A, - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

E, R, E, R, L, N, - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet

Second letter in each group

February Quiz

1. Gladys wishes to buy a coat in the sales for £80, but does not have enough money. If she had 3 times as much money, she would be able to buy the coat and still have as much money to spare as she is now lacking. How much money does Gladys have at present.

2. What comes next in the following sequence : ~ A, G1, G2, G3, G4, W4, V, E7, G5, E8, G6, ??

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

Rotary Young Citizen Award

Remarkable young people will again be recognised with Rotary Young Citizen Award in 2019, and it is time now to nominate outstanding positive young role models in your community. The deadline for nominations is 28 February, 2019.

This year's awards also include the Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award and Young Citizen Peacemaker Award.

Winners will be presented with their award at the Rotary Conference in Nottingham on 12 May, 2019. For more details, and to download the nomination form, visit the website at rotarygbi.org.



Join the Rotary Technology Team

Rotary's science and technology programme is growing fast - more schools and clubs are interested in Rotary's Junior and Secondary Technology Tournaments. The team are also appearing at more exhibitions, engaging with pupils and STEM teachers (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Maths) about the programmes.

The inaugural Rotary North East tournament is now fully booked. All twenty four slots have been booked by schools from our district. The event takes place on 22 March at Argyll House in Sunderland. In order to make the most of the PR opportunity, we need someone to take good quality photographs and/or a video.

It is a rewarding role - and great fun - being part of the team who are inspiring young people to consider a career in the STEM subjects.

If you are a Rotarian who would like to get involved, please contact Jacquimolyneux at JMoly56@aol.com as soon as possible.



Biddick Primary and Nursery School ~ Sensory ("Rocket") Room

With the help of donations received from Rotary Washington, and further increased with a District Grant, to a total amount of just over £1,000, the teaching staff at Biddick Primary and Nursery School, were able to open up a Sensory Room.

A Sensory Room provides a calming, friendly and secure environment for their pupils, some of which have been diagnosed with ASD.

It has been proven that children, who have access to a sensory room, improve their ability to access the schools daily routine. They feel calm and regulated, therefore providing a better opportunity to access lessons within the mainstream school settings. Quiet rooms are sensory controlled calming zones. The room is not a place for exclusion and it is not a place for the purpose of punishment. Rather, it is a space to help children to calm down, and to begin to use self-regulation skills. It can provide support for a wide range of children's difficulties but they must be used in conjunction with targeted intervention and coping strategy building. The aim is eventually for those who may use it regularly to reduce their dependence on it as their schooling progresses.

Finding the space, suitable for the children was a challenge, but the donations allowed them to transform a storage room into a usable space.

The sensory room is used by at least ten children, twice a day and provides a space for sensory de-stimulation and a valuable space for children with special educational needs, namely Autism, to take away from the demands of a mainstream classroom

Due to the success of their project, they have been able to provide support staff training to raise the profile of sensory de-stimulation in school to further support other vulnerable pupils.

The project is still ongoing as they continue to fundraise for equipment and new facilities for other sensory equipped areas throughout the school.

They have found, that it is not only children with a diagnosis of autism who benefit from sensory work, but it also having a positive impact on children who present with attachment, anxiety or sensory processing issues.

Their next steps aim to provide training for teaching staff and advice for parents so they can provide a consistent and therefore more effective approach for everyone's children.



Rotary Washington invited the local MP, Sharon Hodgson (above), to present the districts cheque to head teacher, Wendy Fowler and the special needs co-ordinator, Carling Baggott.

Four of the children were present and their enthusiasm for the room was infectious. They had decided that the room was to be called the 'Rocket Room' with the theme of space travel.

Keith Peacock Rotary Washington

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 forms can be downloaded 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. At the time of publishing The Bulletin, there are only eight rooms left at the hotel.

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.

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>

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 Washington Festive Treat

Rotarians of Rotary Washington and their guests were delighted to be entertained recently by Primary School Children from St Josephs in Washington village. They sang both old and new Christmas Carols. It was a full house in The Forge Restaurant, which years ago was the village Smithy; and it is said to be haunted.



After the meal Cliff and his rebel rousers set up and carried out their annual Karaoke presentation. It was a brilliant start to the Christmas festivities for all, and with having the children singing carols, brought home the true meaning of Christmas.

Neil Mconie
Rotary Washington



DEADLINE

The deadline for any article or information for publication in the MARCH 2019 issue of The Bulletin should be received by the Editor at brianshaw6@sky.com no later than 26 FEBRUARY, 2019.

Get in touch

This Bulletin is devoted to giving you the opportunity to have your say. Whether you want to advertise an event, praise or complain, suggest or advise, add information or correct it, or just get something off your chest, we'd love to hear from you. Contact the Editor at brianshaw6@sky.com

Dates for your Diaries ~ District & RIBI

- ▶ DOTS, 3rd February 2019
- ▶ Multi District Leadership Development Forum, 16th & 17th February
- ▶ Technical Tournament, Argyle House, Sunderland, 22 March.
- ▶ Rotary Annual Showcase at Nottingham, 10 to 12th May 2019
- ▶ PETS ~ 24th March 2019, Seaburn Marriott (now the Grand Hotel)
- ▶ District Council, Tuesday 9th April 2019, 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.
- ▶ District Council, Wednesday 14th August 2019, Federation Brewery
- ▶ District Conference at Skipton, 4th to 6th October 2019
- ▶ District Council, Thursday 14th November 2019, Federation Brewery.

Rotary Ride 2019, Date and venue to be Arranged, See the Rotary Website for further details

Compliance Seminar, Date to be arranged.
2 Membership Workshops to be arranged in 2019

District Council, Tuesday 21st April 2020, Federation Brewery.

Dates for your Diaries ~ RI

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