



## District 1100 Newsletter – August 2018

The first month of the new Rotary year has flown by and I have really enjoyed Club visits and events. I am thrilled at the number and variety of projects that are undertaken by Clubs across District 1100; we just need to get our stories and enthusiasm across to our local communities, so that individuals want to find out more about what we do and hopefully want to join us.



One of the highlights in July was the extremely successful **RYLA** course. I spent a day with the leaders and participants and witnessed a session covering *How we give and receive Feedback*. The participants, already in 4 Teams of 10, were then split into 2 groups, one to observe with the other being observed, before swapping roles of the giver and receiver of feedback. Our RYLA candidates really entered into this activity and it was evident that they had listened to the theory session which had preceded the exercises. During the afternoon participants looked at the **4 Way Test** and again put this into practice, through various practical tasks. My thanks to Eddie Sims RYLA co-ordinator, Tony Bryant administrator, Sherry and David Phillips who kept everyone going with their great catering, and Grassroots who ran the course. A thoroughly worthwhile event which benefited 40 young people – who with encouragement, should become future Rotaract or Rotary members.



The end of July was also the final ordering date for this year's Crocus Corms. Keith Dunmur from North Cotswold Rotary Club was the District's Crocus Corm co-ordinator and he received 30 orders from Clubs and organisations making a total of 135,000 corms to be planted. A job well done, although perhaps a little disappointing that more Clubs did not get involved.

The latest news about the eradication of Polio is that since the start of 2018 the number of recorded cases in the world was 13 (as of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018). There were 27 cases in 2016 and 22 cases in 2017. The number is slowly coming down but it is now even more important that we don't become complacent and relax our efforts to finish the job.

At the start of 2018 I bought a **Rotary PEOPLE of ACTION** Calendar which is proving very useful. Each month it highlights a theme for the month so I intend to show the next 3 months themes in each Newsletter in the hope that it will be of use to Clubs - perhaps thoughts for events or Club meetings?

**August's** theme is **Membership and New Club Development Month** which fits in well with the new District Membership Grants that Clubs can apply for when planning a membership campaign or activity. You will find all the information you need including an application form on the District Website.

**September's** theme is **Basic Education and Literacy Month**, with World Literacy day falling on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. In addition, 21<sup>st</sup> September is Rotary International Day of Peace.

**October's** theme is **Economic and Community Development Month**. In addition, Rotary World Mental Health day is on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Rotary World Polio Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

In RIBI, Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> is the date of the **Bill Huntly Memorial Peace Seminar at Bradford University**. David and I will once again be attending this event as last year we found the presentations from the Rotary Peace Scholars truly inspirational. Details for the seminar are on the RIBI website under My Rotary/ Events.

Finally, as we move through August I hope all who are on holiday will have a refreshing and enjoyable time as well as enjoying and showing that you enjoy being a Rotarian.



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**D1100 District Governor 2018-2019**