



District 1100 Newsletter – March 2019

First an apology for the delay in circulating the March Newsletter. I was living in hope that DMS would be up and running last week. As of this morning Tuesday 5th March DMS seems to be working again.

The Area of focus for March is Water and Sanitation.



Here are some ideas that Clubs may like to consider when deciding on projects: Improving sanitation, promoting good hygiene habits through education, building wells, harvesting rainwater and providing home water treatment capability through the use of filters. These are just some of the many ideas that are available for you to view on My Rotary.

Rotary Restarting Hearts in Gloucestershire.



On the 26th February David and I were delighted to attend a celebration event to mark the donation of the 50th and 51st Defibrillators to community locations around Gloucestershire. *Rotary Restarting Hearts in Gloucestershire* is a partnership between Rotary and South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT). For Rotary it was spearheaded by Colin Prottey from Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club.

Gloucester Rugby Club was well represented and it was Helen Chau and Terry Fanolua from their Community section who presented the latest two Defibrillators to Cheltenham North and Painswick Rugby Clubs. The

partnership just shows what benefits are achieved when Rotary Clubs work together with other organisations. The project has received awards and commendations including from Rotary International and UK Hearts Safe Association.

Your planting pays off.



As I travel round the District it is great to see that your hard work in planting crocus corms in the Autumn has paid off. I have heard several heart-warming stories of how they have been admired and the story they tell about finishing our job to End Polio Now. Those Clubs that have planted them in the shape of the Rotary Wheel really have made an impact. Thank You.

Youth Competitions: Last month I mentioned Youth Competitions and they continue through March. Here are three dates of District and Regional Finals.



The District Final is being held on the 9th March 2019 at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett. There will be a welcome briefing at 10.00a.m.



The Regional Final is on the 23rd March 2019 at 10.30 for 11.00a.m. start at North Leamington School, Sandy Lane, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 6RD.



The third Regional Final, is being held in our own District, on Sunday 31st March 2019 at Dean Close School, Cheltenham 1.30 for 2.00 p.m.

Two Future Events:

Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland Conference and Showcase 2019

The first is the Rotary Conference/Showcase which is being held in Nottingham from Friday 10th – Sunday 12th May 2019. Registration is open and there are several packages to choose from. For example, you can choose to go for a single day or the whole event. Have a look on the website for further information



The second is Rotary Convention which this year is being held in Europe in the beautiful city of Hamburg. Again, registration is open with a choice of packages to choose from. Why not add a few days to explore this beautiful city.

Rotary Clubs

Finally, as I round off this edition of the District Newsletter, I have one more Rotary Club to visit this month. It has been a real pleasure to come and meet you all and to hear of the variety of projects and interests etc that you have. No two Clubs are alike and that is as it should be as each reflects the interests of its members. Keep up the good work, take the plunge and think how and what you could change to attract more to the Rotary family. Remember the District Membership team is there to help as well as the Membership Grant that is available for Clubs who want to try something new. Younger people want to join, we need to make this possible by being more flexible, and providing different opportunities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Conference in under two weeks. How time flies when you are enjoying yourself!

Enjoy your Rotary.



Joan D1100 District Governor 2018-2019