

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Christmas collections
- something to celebrate. 62 reporting Clubs have collected **£306,800. Brilliant - thanks to your efforts.** Please will the remaining 35 clubs send figures to doug-price@btconnect.com

Public Image

During January you should all have had the opportunity to view our short (1-2 minute) People of Action videos. They cover many aspects of our work and give you an opportunity to understand some new styles of Rotary. Available on You Tube and sent to each club - Facebook and Twitter ready. View full list by clicking on the link below.

View Rotary People of Action Videos
1. Tackling homelessness with Wrexham Glyndwr Club
2. Rotary supporting young people
3. Rotary on the brink of polio history
4. Marlow Bridge Rotary Club championing local causes
5. Bentley Motors Cheshire gives back to community
6. Young Rotary members blazing a trail in Manchester
7. Rotary Members unite to tackle world hunger
8. Learn develop and grow with Rotary
9. Family focused Rotary at Maidenhead Bridge
Rotary People of Action - YouTube

The ultimate audience for these is your friends and network - particularly on Social Media. **Please share them out. Are they on your Facebook and web pages?** During February and March there will be National Public Image activity to raise Rotary's profile and make it easier to attract new members. Has your club planned how to ensure visitors feel they belong – and want to return?

Youth Competitions have started and I have plans to attend several **Young Chef, Youth Speaks and Young Musician** events. **RYLA** and the **Technology Tournament** are coming soon. Please ensure your community know of these activities and opportunities. I hope to see many of you there.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. February 23rd is Rotary's anniversary and that week is celebrated as Rotary Week. All our avenues of service and areas of focus contribute to Peace and we have special focus with our Peace Fellows and **Peacebuilding Conferences.** Coventry hosts one on February 24th focused on **Disease Prevention, Treatment and Peace.** Find out more or register at <https://www.rotarygbi.org/peacebuilding-conference-2018/>

<u>RIBI and RI Events</u>
<p>6-8 April RIBI Conference – Torquay Information and booking at https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/conference/2018-conference/</p>
<p>21-24 May Purple 4 Polio Grand Tour. Travel the UK for Polio. Cars start from a District start point visiting other District start points before ending up in Halifax. Fundraise by being sponsored for your journey. Entry is £35 per car. Open to all types of car the event is targeted to owners of “bangers” and classic cars. The Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship (RRAF) part sponsors the event and their chairman Peter Kleyn is our representative. Peter.kleyn@aol.com. The start point for our district is Brooklands, the oldest race track in the world, on 21st May. Current details and registration at: https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio-rotary-grand-tour/</p>
<p>Inspiration around every corner in Toronto 23-27 June, Toronto – leading world speakers Information and booking at http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto Join the Rotary South party. Book by 31 March for pre-registration discount.</p>

Join us all at **District Council in Reigate - Thursday March 8.**

I look forward to seeing you.

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Administration & Information

DATA PROTECTION

New rules regarding the use of personal data are to come into effect in May 2018.

RIBI will be issuing formal guidance shortly. I am attending a briefing @ Alcester at the end of this month and I will share information with all Club Secretaries as soon as it is available

Forthcoming Club Activities

- * The **RC of Kingston** is holding a "Big Sing" event of 17th February 2018 – details on the flyer.
- * The **RC of Banstead** is holding its annual Charity Walk on 6th May 2018 – details on the flyer.
- * The **RC of Sanderstead & Selsdon** is holding its annual charity walk on June 3rd 2018 – details on the flyer.
- * The **RC of Sanderstead & Selsdon** is holding a Quiz Night on 3rd March 2018 – details on the flyer.
- * The **RC of East Grinstead Meridian** is holding a Band Concert on February 18th – details on the flyer

District Council Meeting

A reminder that the next District Council meeting date has been changed and it will now take place on the evening of **Wednesday March 8th 2018.**

Full papers will be circulated in time

Apologies for the change of date but circumstances have demanded the alteration

Christmas has gone !! – Collections are over.

Once you have totalled up the sums collected over the Christmas period, please let Doug Price, Community Chair, know so that we can use this to help promote Rotary's benefits!!

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