



District Newsletter

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RIBI Writing Champion

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Brentwood Public School, Stephen PISANO, worked in Primary, Secondary and F.E. Sectors. Retired Head Teacher of Junior School in Stockwell, Lambeth, and now Branch Development Officer, Coram Life Education. Also Michael SUTHERLAND-HARPER, Retired Deputy Head Teacher Secondary, and Ofsted Inspector.

The results are as follows but the judges couldn't separate the third places in Junior category and second places in Intermediate category, plus there have been Highly Commended entries. This report will briefly state immediate feedback on each winning entry and a fuller account will be made later.

JUNIOR CATEGORY

1st ISABELLA FLEMING (District 1070) – 'Emotive/mature, well structured piece of writing, beautifully written with lever progression.' 2nd VISHAM RANA (District 1060) – 'Very attractive style.' Joint 3rd NATALIE LUMB (District 1190) – 'Highly effective sensory approach,' ALEXANDER CUMING (District 1160) – 'Charming and thoughtful use of surprise.' Highly Commended:- SIENNA HARRIS (District 1175), CHARLEY BROWN (District 1080) and ELEANOR COCHRAN (District 1230)

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY

1ST ELLA KYLE (District 1175), Joint 2nd LORNA PEPPERILL (District 1080) – 'a beautifully constructed story. Very clever,' joint and SNEHA SAJI (District 1150) – 'a very different and thoughtful piece of work.' 3rd ELLIE BOSTOCK-SMITH (District 1120) – 'lovely rhythm...a real treat.'

SENIOR CATEGORY

1ST LUCY JONES (District 1060) – 'Beautifully descriptive about the Seasons.' 2nd NICOLA TAYLOR (District 1190) – 'an original approach about inner and outer mature'. 3rd MOLLY McKEOWN (District 1030) – 'articulate, descriptive and vivid.' Highly Commended: REBECCA McMINN (District 1160), KELLY ENGLAND (District 1200) and LELA CORDESS (District 1100).

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you. My thanks also to all of the Rotary Clubs and Districts for supporting this competition. All trophies for the 1st in each category along with prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners will be forwarded on later next month. All entries will receive certificates with those who were Highly Commended shown on the said certificates.

PETER DOWSE National Youth Service Coordinator of Young Writer and Photographer

PDG Walks 100 Miles

PDG John James has just completed the entire Cotswold Way (104 miles) in support for 'End Polio Now'. The walk lasted eight days and John carried everything he needed on his back, staying at small B&Bs every night. Fellow Rotarian Alan Wilson accompanied John for the last six days, whilst his daughter Emma walked with him for the first two days.

"I think they came with me to ensure I didn't cheat!" John commented, "But I was glad of their company. The weather was odd. We started out from Chipping Campden in the middle of a blizzard, but most days it was warm and sunny. It was also surprising how steep many of the sections were, the walk certainly tested my fitness to the limit! I enjoyed it all, but I was really pleased when we got to the Abbey at Bath, which marks the end point of the Cotswold Way."

John managed to raise £700 for the End Polio Now campaign, which will be boosted to £2,100 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "The money raised will help to vaccinate hundreds of children. When polio is finally eliminated, our job will be done."



Kingsbridge Host French

A very lively weekend was spent with our French friends from the Rotary Club of Carentan Utah Beach. David and Sue decorated the Church House Inn with English and French bunting on Friday evening for Peter's excellent carvery, which gave everyone the opportunity to practice their languages. We spent Saturday, an unexpectedly beautiful day, at Cotehele followed by an evening at the Cottage Hotel. William and Sarah and their staff were attentive and helpful as usual as we enjoyed a splendid dinner (oh that wonderful dessert trolley) and watched the sun set over the sea. A busy two days; we talked about adding an extra day next year as we said our farewells early Sunday over coffee at Coasters.

Plymouth Pirates



At the recent Plymouth Pirates weekend members of the Plymouth Club, suitably attired in pirate 'rig' entertained visitors to the Barbican with their Tombola stall in aid of charity.

The weekend also saw a visit from members of the Brest Club. This twinning arrangement is now over 50 years old and the visitors were entertained by the Lord Mayor. He conducted a visit to Elliott Terrace on Plymouth Hoe, the Lord Mayor's official residence and the former home of Lord and Lady Astor. This was followed by a wreath laying at Napoleon's 'stone'. The pirates temporarily vacated their

stall to be at the wreath laying. Later they visited Saltram House and later entertained to a formal dinner at the Bridge, Mount Batten. On Sunday International Chairman, Robert Barclay hosted an informal luncheon in his garden before the visitors departed. The next exchange will be in two years time when members of the Plymouth club will visit Brest.



Dartmoor Vale Aid CRUSE

The Rotary Club of Dartmoor Vale donated £250 to Cruse Bereavement Care South Devon which paid for two trainers to hold a full days intensive training on Bereavement, Child Sexual Exploitation & Loss. It was attended by 36 bereavement volunteers and counsellors and it was a most successful event.

The cost of Continual Professional Development for volunteers is now very expensive and Cruse were able to charge only £30 for their volunteers for the day which resulted in making £1,100 profit for the charity which will ensure the continued work for the bereaved in South Devon.

Exeter's M & R Club



Recently the new Meet and Remember Club in Exeter was opened. This is a project to cater for those suffering from dementia. It is a joint project by the Rotary clubs in the City. Its ethos is similar to other rotary projects tackling this dreadful condition. It does however have a novel twist, it includes a two course lunch.

The format is as follows, they meet at 11.00am and sit around on comfy sofas with a cup of coffee and cake chatting together for the first half an our and then have a cognitive session of AV where we reminisce with old films, TV and musical clips, some members read poetry and others a short sketch. They then break for a two course lunch which is provided for £3.50. All this happens at the Beacon Centre in Exeter. Helpers come from Rotary and the Isca Church which now manages and runs the Beacon Centre.

Penzance Rotary Shop Donation

On May 3rd, Rtn. Des Hosken, Chairman of the Rotary In Action Committee of the Rotary Club of Penzance, presented a cheque for £500 to Lyn Curnow of the Penzance Cluster of Churched to assist with their Spirit of Mounts Bay Festival. This grant was funded by the Rotary Shop which supports local causes. The photograph(from the left) - Des Hosken, IPP Graham Carter and Lyn Curnow.



Schools 20/20 Cricket



The Crusaders Cup U13 20/20 cricket tournament has started! 20 Rotary Clubs from across Cornwall are sponsoring 24 schools in a 20/20 cricket competition. These photos show Hayle Community School playing Falmouth School. Hayle won but I am told it was a close, well played match.

Rotary Clubs in Devon have a similar programme and it is hoped there will be an inter- county play off to find the D1175 winner later in the season.

Our thanks go to Malcolm Broad from the Cornwall Cricket Board, who has been instrumental in setting up the Crusaders Cup, previously there wasn't an U13 league. Thanks also to all the Rotary Clubs who have responded so quickly and positively to our new venture, enabling more youngsters to have a platform on which to develop and enhance their sporting skills.

Carol Lay
District Youth Services Chair

Exmouth's Walk or Ride

The Rotary Club of Exmouth & District recently held their 14th 'The Walk or Ride' Event at Bicton College, East Budleigh. It is a sponsored "family fun" charity event organised by the club for walkers and cyclists who wished to raise funds for their favourite charity, club or other good cause or may equally be enjoyed by anybody who would like a pleasant outing in East Devon's beautiful countryside.

The event is designed to appeal to participants of most ages and abilities and consists of a choice of three different countryside walks of approximately 5 miles, 8 miles and 12 miles in length, together with one 14 mile cycle ride. Participants over 16 years of age were requested to make a donation of £5

each to the Rotary Club which will go towards helping other charities. Each participant or charity / fundraising group arranges their own sponsorship for whichever of the four events they enter.

This event is aimed at individuals, charity and fundraising groups who wish to raise money for their respective charity, organisation or cause without the need for managing the event itself – it's easy – just collect sponsors and complete your chosen event.



Rtn John Thorogood, Chair of the Rotary 'Walk or Ride' Committee, said, "I'm pleased to report another very successful event this year, although the going was good I was amazed at the number of people who turned out to take part in the somewhat blustery weather. I was particularly impressed by the number of young people who took part to raise funds for charity and would like to thank all those participating in the event and the very many who helped make it happen. We are especially grateful to our Sponsors, Gilbert Stephens and Vibrant Pulse, who have been extremely generous to help fund 'The Walk or Ride' 2016 and to Bicton College, Clinton Devon Estates, and Otterton Mill Café who kindly gave a 20% discount to participants in need of refreshments. Grateful thanks also to all the volunteers who helped on the day, without whom this fundraiser could not happen."

Students Attempt World Record

Students at the University of Plymouth have attempted a Guinness World record for the number of people wearing inside out T shirts simultaneously at the same place. In spite of their efforts using all the social media facilities they fell a long way short of the target figure. However assisted by three members of the Rotary Club of Plymouth they did raise cash in support of three local charities.

The record attempt was merely the vehicle they choose to raise funds for charities and to raise the profile of youngsters living and studying in the City. It also enabled the Rotary club to re-establish links with the Student Union at the University. In the past students have helped with crocus planting for the End Polio Now campaign and also helped raise money for Shelter Box by sleeping out in Shelter Box tents overnight in the grounds of the campus.



Rtn's Maggie Hall, Joan Chandler and Keith Shepperd

A poster for the Longbow Canoe Festival. The top section is red with the text 'LONGBOW CANOE FESTIVAL' in large yellow letters, 'supporting local charities' in smaller white text, and 'SUNDAY 17 JULY 2016' and 'LONGMARSH, TOTNES' in white. Below this is a photograph of a group of people in a red and yellow canoe on a river. The bottom section is yellow with a blue banner that says 'ADMISSION FREE'. Below the banner, it says 'Races from 1pm • Food • Family Fun • Bar' and '11am - 6pm'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Rotary Club of Totnes, a QR code, and the website 'www.longmarsh.co.uk'.

Financial boost for End Polio Now

Rotary has committed an additional US\$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, donating a total of US\$70 million in 2016 alone. The announcement comes on the heels of significant strides made against the paralyzing disease, leaving just two polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan. If current progress continues, 2016 may mark the last case of wild poliovirus. “While we are experiencing unprecedented success against polio, it is imperative to maintain high immunity and quality surveillance in all countries of the world until polio is fully eradicated,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “We must protect the progress in polio-free parts of the world, as well as stopping transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan.”

Speaking at Rotary's annual international convention, Dr. Rebecca Martin, Director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Center for Global Health, emphasised the importance of remaining vigilant. "All countries remain at risk for importation of poliovirus as long as it is circulating in Pakistan and Afghanistan", said Martin. "Now is the time the world must act rapidly and together in stopping any outbreaks of polio. Countries need to detect virus and respond with vaccination through quality immunisation campaigns."

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say US\$1.5 billion is urgently needed. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralysing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio, with Korean Rotary clubs donating more than US\$14.6 million to the effort. In addition to contributing funds, Korean Rotary members have traveled at their own expense to immunise children against polio in India. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to US\$35 million a year.

Ed's Notes

Several clubs forward their club newsletter to the below email address. I would prefer if club editors submitted specific articles which would enable us to identify what clubs wish to highlight. Also include the following email address in any press releases, news@rotarysw.info