Happy 108th Birthday to Rotary International

On February 23rd Rotarians around the world will have celebrated the 108th anniversary of the meeting held in Chicago in 1905 which led to the formation of Rotary International.

After setting up his law practice in Chicago, Paul Harris conceived of an organization for local professionals to meet for fellowship and collaboration. He proposed the idea to several business associates, and on 23 February 1905, they held a meeting which would later become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris (left to right in the photo below) gathered at Loehr’s office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago to discuss the idea of forming the new organisation. (The building has since been demolished but the room has been re-created at Rotary HQ with many of the original fittings)

Since the first meeting in Chicago on 23rd February 1905, Rotary has grown in numbers and has spread around the world. The original four has grown to 1.23 million in around 200 countries.

Rotarians around the UK have been asked to support the End Polio Now campaign to celebrate this special day and Millom Rotary Club did this with a two day collection in the Tesco Store in Millom. Many thanks to Tesco Staff and to the ever generous people of Millom who helped us to raise £640.
Many of you who went to the District Conference in Glasgow in March 2010 met Alastair who was DG in our neighbouring District just north of the border in 2009-10. Sadly Alastair died of pancreatic cancer on 12th February and Hazel and I went to the service to celebrate his life at Canonbie Church on 22nd February. The service was a truly uplifting event, a proper reflection of a life spent serving others. Below is a letter we have received from Kirsteen, Alastair’s wife, which I thought you might like to read.  

Mick Eady

Dear Rotarians, dear friends,

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have shown Alastair and I over the past few months. Thank you for all the emails, cards, letters, phone calls and visits, to all of you who were able to come on Friday and to those of you who celebrated Alastair’s life at RIBI Assembly.

Friday was an exhausting day but a beautiful one too. We had a woodland burial in the morning. What a peaceful spot Roucan Loch is and Rev Bob Milne did a super job there just as he did at the church which I thought looked fabulous. Trust Alastair to want balloons! A special thanks must go to all the speakers - Linda Mattinson, Roger Maxwell and John Lafferty. What an incredibly hard job and they did it so well.

Everyone has been so amazingly generous with donations. Thank you so much for these. With the online giving and the church donations just over £3323 has been raised. Half of this will go to Mary’s Meals and I calculate will provide 172 children with a meal everyday at school for a year. The other half will go to End Polio Now and provide for 4153 doses of vaccine!

All in all 4325 children will be helped to grow and learn or stay free from polio. Wow! A huge impact, of which Alastair would be both proud and grateful.

My apologies that this is e.mailed, and that I will not be sending out individual cards. I have been surrounded by so much love, support and prayer that I don’t think my wrist would cope with using a pen for all the thanks I want to give!

Love Kirsteen
Menus For Rotary Club Meetings in March & April

Below are the menus for March and April 2013, If there is anything listed which you can’t eat please let Hazel know (770383) by 6.30 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting. There will be a vegetarian option *(Ring Hazel to order)*.

7th March
- Roast Beef & Yorkshire pud
- Treacle Sponge & Custard

14th March
- Broccoli & Stilton Soup
- Gammon, Potatoes & Veg

21st March
- Games Night @ Thwaites Village Hall
  - [Cottage Pie Supper]

28th March
- Toad in the Hole
- Lemon Possett

4th April
- Fisherman’s Pie
- Apple Pie & Custard

11th April
- Pork Chop, Potatoes & Veg
- Ginger or Chocolate Sponge & Custard

18th April
- Breakfast @ Network Centre

25th April
- Steak & Kidney Pie
- Cheesecake

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**Can’t get to a Rotary meeting? Please read this!**

1. **If you are not able to attend Rotary on a Thursday please ring Hazel on 770383 no later than 6.30 p.m. on the Wednesday.**

2. **[For absence on 28th March, 4th & 25th April please ring Keith on 716491]**

3. **After 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday and before 12 noon on Thursday please ring Underwood direct on 440440**

4. **If you fail to follow this agreed procedure, or if an apology is given to Underwood after 12 noon on Thursday, you will be expected to pay for the meal ordered for you.**
**Wheelchair Foundation UK**

On **May 2**nd our speaker will be **PDG Milton Frary who** is a founder and trustee of **Wheelchair Foundation UK**.

With the change collected weekly in the pig money box together with any money raised from the Afternoon Tea we hope to be able to present him with enough money to buy 4 more wheelchairs.

Come along and see how a wheelchair can change someone’s life!
Rotary Games Night

at

Thwaites Village Hall

on

Thursday, 21st March @ 7.00 p.m.

with

Cottage Pie Supper

cost

Only £5 [Inc. supper]

Don’t be late and bring your friends!

Lots of fun games to play including a whisky toss!

Please sign up on the board if you are coming. Numbers are needed for catering!

See you there!

Rotary BAe Systems Technology Tournament

The District Technology Tournament takes place on March 15th, 2013 and our centre is the Hawcoat Park Sports Pavilion, Hawcoat Lane Barrow from 9.30 - 2.45 p.m. (approx). Secondary Schools can enter teams in 3 age groups. Groups of teachers can also compete against other teachers.

The teams are given a design, make and test project on the day and have to use their skills and ingenuity to solve a problem. Materials for the event are provided by BAe Systems (the main sponsor) which confirms the standing of the event in the eyes of a major engineering company.

All Rotarians are welcome to go along and watch the teams at work, see the judging and testing and applaud the winners. Sandwich lunches are available.
Rotakids Night at St James’ School

The Rotakids Games Night with the Rotakids Club at St James’ School was again a great success – enjoyed by children and Rotarians alike. Many thanks must go to Bryan, Sue and Derrick for their contributions towards the organisation of the event. There were a number of different games for us all to play with particular excitement being caused by Carol and David’s game of “Spoons”.

An Aqua Box was available and its workings with the new aquafilter pump system was shown to the children. The importance to families who don’t have access to fresh clean water was explained.

Rotary Year 2012 – 2013

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AquaBox

Aquafilter pump

In action.
Ulverston Victoria High School Swing Band

The UVHS swing band will perform a concert for us at Millom Palladium on Friday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} March @ 7.30 p.m.

The theatre will be set out in an informal cabaret style with round tables and it promises to be an excellent and entertaining evening. Don’t forget your tickets to make sure you and your friends and family don’t miss out on a great evening.

Tickets will be priced at £8 and if each of us sells 5 tickets we will have a sell out and an evening of superb music.

Items for the raffle will be gratefully received – please give them to Frank.

The Wellington Street shop window set up to advertise the UVHS Swing Band Concert.

Thanks to David Ross for allowing us to use the window to tell passers by in Millom about our events.
An Atheist Was Walking Through The Woods......

“What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!”
He said to himself.

An atheist was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. He tripped and fell to the ground.

He rolled over to pick himself up, but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike.

At that instant moment, the atheist cried out: “Oh my God!”

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky.

“You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?”

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: “It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?”

“Very well” said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed and the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke:

“For what I am about to receive may I be truly thankful! Amen!”
Tesco Bucket Collection

Many thanks to all who helped with the bucket collection which took place at Tesco store in Millom on 22nd & 23rd February. Special thanks to President Keith for arranging the event.

This is an easy way to raise money, since all you have to do is put on a Millom Rotary tabard, stand or sit there (inside the store) with a bucket and say, “Thank You”, when people drop money in the slot.

The generous Millom Tesco customers are always happy to empty their change into our buckets, whatever we collect for, because they know that “Rotary” is a name to be trusted.

The £640 collected on the two days will all be sent to the Rotary International End Polio Now campaign and with each dose of polio vaccine costing 40p we know that 1,600 children will be prevented from developing polio. Who knows what any of those 1,600 children will contribute to the future and the well being of their communities.

Polio immunisation taking place in the three remaining polio endemic countries

*Afghanistan*

*Nigeria*

*Pakistan*
A Monk’s Mistake!!

A young monk arrived at the monastery. He was assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.

He then noticed, however, that all of the monks were working from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk went to the head Abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, said, 'We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son.'

He went down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts were held as archives in the locked vault that had never been opened for hundreds of years. Hours and hours went by and nobody saw the old Abbot.

So, the young monk got worried and went down to look for him. He found him, but to his surprise, he saw him banging his head against the wall and wailing.....

“We missed the R!  We missed the R!  We missed the R!”

His forehead was all bloody and bruised and he was crying uncontrollably. The young monk asked the old Abbot, 'What's wrong, father?'

With a choking voice, the old Abbot replied,

“The word was... CELEBRATE ! ! !”
Millom Station

Millom Station murals painted by pupils at Millom School

Station planters provided by Millom Rotary Club and made by HM Prison Haverigg.
Millom Rotary - 50/50 Auction
Thwaites Village Hall
13th April

Auctioneer: Bob Boyd

Admission: £1.

The hall will be open from 9.00a.m. – 2.00p.m. to receive and accept any good quality items for the auction.

Viewing will be from 12.00 to 4.00p.m.

The auction will begin at 4.00p.m.

Refreshments (Light lunch & cream teas) will be on sale during the day.

If you have any good quality items to sell please pass details to Hazel or Keith. Make room at home and make a bit of money at the same time!!

Items for the raffle will be gratefully received.

Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel District 19 Chairman Sue Driver and Chris are off to the Rotary District 1190 Conference which is in Scarborough from 8th – 10th March. Sue will address the Conference to bring the greetings of Inner Wheel District 19 to the delegates.

President Keith has been invited to represent Millom Rotary Club at the District Inner Wheel District Conference, which is in Kendal on Saturday, 16th March, and he will bring greetings from our club to the Conference. Keith has 3 minutes to speak so it should be an interesting exercise in concise speech writing.
The Camping Trip

Four Australian guys had been going on the same fishing trip for many years.

Two days before the group was due to leave, Ron's wife put her foot down and told him he wasn't going.

Ron's mates were very upset that he couldn't go. But what could they do?

Two days later the three get to the camping site to find Ron sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire, sitting having a cold beer.

"Strewth Ron, how long you been here, and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?" they cried.

"Well, I've been here since last night." Said Ron, “Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my living room chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and asked, “Guess who?” I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a see through nightie. Well that was a bit of a shock!”

“She took my hand and pulled me into our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. Well she's been reading that book ... 50 Shades of Grey!

On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes!

She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did. And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

So, Here I am!
Wood Turning

Don Winterbottom demonstrates his skill at woodturning by making a dibber.

Measuring up a piece of ash

Starting to take shape

Wood chips flying

Comparing with the original

Just the end piece to remove and finishing touches to do.

Many thanks to Don for being our speaker / demonstrator.

Don has given the finished dibber to be raffled at one of our meetings.
### Millom Rotary Club ~ 2012-13 Meeting Programme

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The Rotary Club of Millom ~ Who’s Who in 2012~2013

Club Council 2012-2013

The council is made up of:

President, President Elect, President Nominee, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Comm & Voc Chairman, International Chairman, + 4 Elected Members (Bryan Whitaker, Ian Lockwood, Hazel Eady, Frank McPhillips)

Club Officers

President: Keith Nixon  716491
Immediate Past President: Terry Houchin
President Elect: David Friend  773937
President Nominee: Robert Tyson  772753
Hon Secretary: Mick Eady  770383
Hon Treasurer: Sue Day  770700
Deputy Treasurer: Derrick Walker  771744

Service Committee Chairmen/Officers

Admin / Club Service: David Friend  773937
International Service: Ray Cole  774378
Com. & Voc. Service: Derrick Walker  771744
New Generations: Bryan Whitaker  770134
Rotary Foundation: Robert Tyson  772753
Membership & Marketing: Frank McPhillips  774501
Attendance & House Officer: Hazel Eady  770383
Sports Officer: Robert Tyson  772753
Speaker Secretary: Keith Nixon  716491
Welfare Officer: Gilbert Scurrah  716034
H & S Officer: Vacancy
Protection Officer: Vacancy
Fund Raising: Hazel Eady  770383
Social Secretary: Hazel Eady  770383
IT & Archivist: Chris Driver  773147
Publicity: Frank McPhillips  774501
Millomarian Editor: Mick Eady  770383

District Officers

District Foundation Grants Officer: David Friend
District Representative to Council on Legislation 2013: PDG Mick Eady