

Cardiff Breakfast News

Purple4Polio

Monday October 24th was World Polio Day

In 1985, when Rotary International and its partners committed to eradicating polio, the disease paralysed more than 350,000 children in 125 countries each year—more than 1,000 every day. The success of the campaign can be measured by the fact that since January of this year there have only been 27 cases worldwide, and that compares with 51 at the same time last year. Rotary is now hopeful that polio will finally be eradicated by 2018.

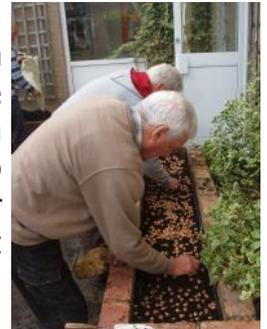


The **Purple4Polio** campaign is raising the necessary funds, and as part of that campaign, Rotary has made a partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society to plant 5 million purple crocuses across Great Britain and Ireland. Why purple? It represents the colour of the dye which is placed on the little finger of a child on mass immunisation days to show that they have been treated.



Whitchurch Library

The club has joined the campaign and will plant 2,500 crocuses. We made a start on Wednesday 19th October by planting in the Rotary Centenary Garden at the Whitchurch Library and in the courtyard garden the club created at Bryn Celyn Primary School. Further plantings are planned for Tongwynlais and at the George Thomas Hospice. The latter will involve some of our Interactors.



Bryn Celyn School



The work on the Bryn Celyn Courtyard Garden was part-funded by a District Grant and there was sufficient money to meet the school's request to have a flagpole. So whilst we were at Bryn Celyn, we also put up a 20' pole so that they could fly the flag showing that they have won an Eco-School Award.

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Is Rotary for You? - Come and see what we do.

Wednesday Breakfast Meetings (7.30 am at the Whitchurch Golf Club)

- 2 Nov Speaker: Ritchie Wood, “The Battle of Mametz Wood, 7-12 July 1916”, and collection of goods for the Paradise Run
- 9 Nov Club meeting
- 16 Nov Special General Meeting to elect Officers for 2017-18
- 23 Nov Fellowship
- 30 Nov *5th Wednesday Evening Meeting*** Speaker: Stuart Fletcher OBE, “Reflections on the last 10 years of chairing General Medical Council tribunals”
- 7 Dec Visit of Interactors and RotaKids, and the Christmas Chocolate Quiz
- 14 Dec Fellowship, and collection of food for Northlands
- 21 Dec *No meeting* — see event with RC Cardiff Bay on 20 Dec.
- 28 Dec *No meeting*
- 4 Jan Committees, and collection of goods for the Huggard Centre

Other Events

- Saturday 5 Nov “Sparks in the Park” assisting with stewarding at Coopers Field
- Monday 7 Nov Jazz & Curry Evening @ Juboraj Rhiwbina (*sold out*)
- Thursday 24 Nov Stewarding at the switching-on of Christmas lights at Tongwynlais
- Thursday 1 Dec Young Chef Competition—Whitchurch High School 9.15 am
- Monday 5 Dec Rotary Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral 7 pm
- Saturday 10 Dec Carol Singing and Bucket Collection at Sainsbury Colchester Avenue—*afternoon*
- Saturday 17 Dec Bucket Collection at Sainsbury Colchester Avenue with Brass Quartet—*morning*

Interactors and RYLA—Wednesday 21 September

This morning at breakfast we welcomed members of our 3 Interact Clubs, with teachers and parents. The occasion was the presentation of certificates to three teenagers who took part in this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and to give the clubs the RI Presidential Citations they earned for their efforts in 2015-16. We also heard from each club their plans and aspirations for the coming term.



President Sheelagh presented RYLA certificates to (L to R) Tomos Bodger (WHS), Lara Watson (HSL) and Archie Torkington (TCL)

One of Archie's pictures



Rotary District Conference held in Cardiff

Rotary District 1150 (Southern Wales) held its annual Conference at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from 21-23 October, and was attended by 12 club members.

The club was asked to showcase its project to provide clean water to Mooni and Namogolo villages, near Mbale, in Uganda, which was completed in 2015. Project Manager Chris Moseley was given just 5 minutes, in which time he expertly introduced the audience of several hundred to the conditions in Uganda before the project began, the work that was done to provide clean water to the two communities, our partners in the project including the Rotary Club of Mbale, and the financing of the cost of \$35,000 by our club and others, enhanced by a grant from District and a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. Chris also mounted an exhibition in the House of Friendship so that people could study the scheme in more detail.



Chris speaking to the Conference

A group of members in front of our display.



Editor Tony received the following letter from our Honorary Member Danielle Treharne



I hope that you are very well. I have just been home for the first time since February, and my mother gave me a copy of your newsletter accompanied by a letter, dated July (*which reminded Danielle that she is still an Honorary Member*).

Thank you so much for the mention in the newsletter, and for your continued support. I am absolutely delighted to be an Honorary Member again. Please do send my most sincere thanks to the Club.

I will – finally! - be moving back to the UK in November, following my two-and-a-half year stint in Uganda as Country Manager for BIMA. Since launching in December 2014, we have grown into a large team, and have served tens of thousands of low-income customers. Moreover, Uganda was the first of our sixteen markets to launch a partnership with Airtel, the world's third largest mobile network operator. I am immensely proud of the team's achievements, and leave behind me a strong, scalable business with a bright future. Once back in London, I will be Manager of Partnerships for Africa and Latin America, and therefore will be tasked with establishing new avenues for growth for BIMA in these regions.

I would be absolutely delighted to visit the Club once I have re-established myself in the UK. Please do keep me in the loop regarding your activities.

Very best wishes to you and all the members of the Rotary Club of Cardiff Breakfast.

Danielle Treharne Country Manager, Uganda, BIMA

KIVA Micro-Financing

The International Committee has for some time been managing a micro-financing project working through KIVA. At breakfast on 28 September, Chris Moseley reminded us how the project operates and how it has progressed.



Kiva is the Swahili word for Unity. Micro-financing might sound high powered but in fact, describes a simple process. It is where there is a business in the third world which needs to borrow money to expand. That capital is provided in small parcels in the form of loans, typically in \$25 lots, by individuals and groups in first world countries who do not seek interest or profit from the loans – merely phased repayments. The repayments are then used to finance further loans.

Kiva is a non-profit making organisation based in San Francisco which acts as intermediary in the process. Kiva works with local Field Partners who recommend the terms of the business loans. Full details are then given on the Kiva website so that the providers of finance can make their choices and financing can go ahead.

In the third world it is very difficult for businesses to borrow for expansion. This is a great project for RCCB in the long term because we are giving the chance for owners to better themselves and their families from the increased profits of their businesses.

In total since March 2015, RCCB has introduced \$364 into Kiva which has enabled the financing of 27 loans covering many diverse activities including Agriculture, Education, Retail, Food and Transportation. Loans have gone to 18 countries altogether, as far afield as Armenia, Cambodia, Kenya, Lebanon and Pakistan. Of the 27 loans, 12 have repaid in full - and have financed other loans in turn. 14 loans are still regularly repaying and only one has ended in default. Our capital will inevitably decline a little as time goes on because we take no interest or gains and there can be currency losses and defaults.



At the Club meeting on 28th September, where we went live and online, we made a loan of \$25 through Kiva to Maximiliano Juan of Bolivia. This was part of a total loan of \$4,925 with repayments spread over 63 months, to buy beekeeping materials and tools in order to generate a better income for his family. The loan was ultimately financed by 157 lenders spread across the globe. As the months go by we in the International Committee will closely watch progress with this venture along with all the other loans in our portfolio.



November is **Music Magpie** month again. Please let Chris have your redundant CDs, DVDs, Games, Mobile Phones, Laptops, Kindles etc. The proceeds will be applied to the KIVA project.

