



## OCTOBER 2018

### EBOLA – THE FIGHT CONTINUES

The Rotary Club of Kenilworth is continuing to support the fight against Ebola.

In 2017, the club's International Committee donated £1,500 to help provide a new medical oxygen plant in Liberia, West Africa.



The plant will mean that - for the first time in Liberia - piped and bottled medical oxygen is available to an on-site hospital and other public hospitals nearby. This will end a reliance on potentially unsafe industrial oxygen.

The good news is that the facility is now well on the way to completion. A new building to house the oxygen plant is ready. The equipment is due to arrive in Liberia in November. The facility should be fully commissioned and in use by the end of 2018. Funds exist to cover local staff training and ongoing maintenance.

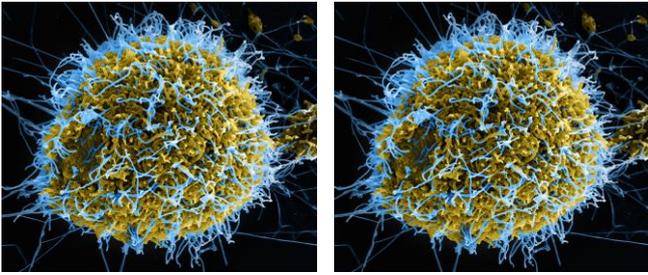
The club's contribution in 2017 and an earlier donation of £500 for more immediate help were in support of a UK and worldwide Rotary campaign - led by the Rotary Clubs of Marlow and Monrovia - to respond to the Ebola crisis.



Money raised has, so far, been used for first hand assistance; the provision of the new oxygen facility; and medical scholarships to help train health workers to replace some of the many medical personnel who contracted Ebola and lost their lives fighting the disease.

The club's donation shows what Rotary can achieve - both worldwide and when clubs in the UK work together.

Ebola may not be headline news anymore. But it definitely hasn't gone away. An outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo in mid-2018 killed over 30 people before being contained. A further, ongoing, outbreak has so far resulted in 153 deaths according to the WHO.



The disease is capable of remaining dormant for years. Vital lessons have been learnt. Much of the answer lies in basic health care - better hygiene, isolation and containment and keeping sufferers hydrated and oxygenated to give immune systems maximum support and boost the chances of survival and recovery. But ingrained preferences for treatment by families at home and alternative remedies for those infected are continuing to hamper medical efforts.

Rotary-funded medical scholarships in Liberia have to date supported 11 health scholars in their training and qualification. 27 more scholars are currently being supported. The plan is for these vitally needed health workers to work in the areas worst affected by Ebola and help re-build ravaged local community health services. They will be the new front line. More are urgently required.

A reminder for us all: on a recent GP surgery visit in Leamington, I noticed a cabinet in the receptionist area marked 'Ebola-protective equipment'.

*Brian Miles*

## CHARITY QUIZ

The charity quiz on 18<sup>th</sup> October raised £1,670 for Shine a Light.



*Quiz in full swing*

Our thanks go to Band Hatton Button for organising the event, the Holiday Inn for hosting, and to everyone who supported by attending or by donating raffle prizes.



*Quiz organisers*

Over £700 of the proceeds came from the main raffle and star prize draw.



*Prize draw*

## ART SHOW

# ART ART

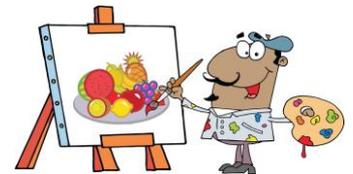
This year's Rotary Art Show is at the Holiday Inn, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The times are  
1pm to 6pm  
11am to 5pm  
10am to 3pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Entry is free.

The applications from artists, who wish to display their art at the Art Show, are going well. The closing day is the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.



We would like members support with Art Show duties and to advertise the event where possible.

Please let Peter Robson have prizes for the tombola before 18<sup>th</sup> November.

And... please bring your friends to the event.

*Anna Poynter*



### *Winners*

We were also able to hold back some of the wine and other small prizes donated by members for the Art Show tombola.

Thanks again and well done!

*President Diane Miller*

## ... AND FINALLY



Dates for your diary...

<b>Date</b>	<b>Talk/ Speaker or Event / Venue</b>	<b>Speaker's Host</b>	<b>Steward</b>
5 November, Monday	Informal Meeting  <b>Host: Philip Austin</b>		Colin Wilding
		Meeting's theme: to have some fun with the recollection of amusing, surprising, disturbing, and outrageous, bizarre or even embarrassing incidents at work, which members came across during their working lives.	
8 November, Thursday	Social event – Trip to Belgrade Theatre, Coventry	To see the afternoon performance of The Habit of Art, followed by a meal at Café Rouge.	
12 November, Monday	The six new names on the Kenilworth War Memorial – Susan Tall	John Stanton	Graham Tall
13 November, Tuesday	Transport for the VIP Club	Driver is John Stanton	
13 November, Tuesday	Community & Vocational Committee meeting – 19.00 at the Holiday Inn		
15 November, Thursday	Networking & Projects – 17.30 - 19.00 at the Holiday Inn	This friendly informal group, which includes our Corporate and some of our working members, meet for networking and to plan upcoming projects.	
15 November, Thursday	International & Foundation Committee meeting – 19.30 at John's house		
20 November, Tuesday	Transport for the VIP Club	Driver is Philip Austin	

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23-25 November, Friday-Sunday	Art at Kenilworth Show – At the Holiday Inn	This is a 3-day event at which paintings by local artists will be on display for viewing by the public. Entry will be free.	
26 November, Monday	Dementia Champion – Gary Dancer	Richard Martin	Philip Southwell
29 November, Thursday	Club Council meeting – 19.30-21.30 Venue to be confirmed		