



**Rotary**  
District 1090



Conference  
March 2020



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Conference Newsletter 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

## Welcome to the new Rotary Year

Welcome to the first conference 2020 newsletter. Our conference team members have been working hard over the past two years to bring you an outstanding weekend with my theme of

## 1090 in Action – making a Better World

During the past 12 months I have visited the vast majority of clubs to learn, from a personal perspective, more about your club than just the list of names in the District handbook. It has been a genuine pleasure to be made so welcome and to learn of the amazing impact Rotary is having in your communities.

Our conference is going to be a celebration of the work our District achieves, both at home and abroad. Please encourage your club members to register their attendance as soon as possible, as we wish to share the District's success with all members and their partners. Newbury Racecourse is a wonderful venue, with ample free parking and train station just across the road. Our speakers are ready to inspire and enthuse us all to achieve even more. The only missing ingredient is you.

We very much look forward to seeing you at our 2020 conference.

All the best for now,  
Frank  
District Governor 2019/20



## Venue

The Grandstand at Newbury Racecourse is a great venue for our conference. It's within the district so some delegates may choose just to visit for a day, or to come for both days but not stay in a local hotel. There is plenty of parking on site and there's a station just a few steps from the registration building.



We'll be on the second floor for both evening events and using the ground floor and first floor for the conference sessions, and the conference village. Don't worry if you are not good on stairs. There are plenty of lifts and we will probably have a priority lift for those less able to use the stairs.

## Evening Entertainment

We have entertainment on site at the racecourse grandstand on both Friday and Saturday evenings.



On Friday we have guided tours of the racecourse followed by a talk by a member of the Balding family. Then there's dinner and a Vegas style games night.

On Saturday evening we have a gala dinner with a great live band. The theme for the evening is 'black and white with a splash of colour.'

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## Prices

The conference is open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Inner Wheel members and friends of Rotary across the Thames Valley Rotary District 1090 and Inner Wheel District 9.

The early bird rate of £70 gets you into all conference sessions on the Saturday and Sunday. This increases to £75 from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. There is a flat rate of £55 for Rotaractors for the full conference. Alternatively, a day rate of £55 applies for those only able to join us for the Saturday or Sunday conference sessions but not both.

In addition to our early bird rate we have a free draw for all those registrations received by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The lucky winner will receive two free tickets for the Gala Dinner.

## Registration

The registration form can be downloaded from the conference website and completed by your club's conference coordinator, then emailed or posted to the Registrations Officer Colin Campbell. Alternatively you can register directly on the website. You will find all details on the Registration pages of the website.

## Speaker Highlight

**Steve Brown** is a broadcaster, paralympian, public speaker, mentor and coach.

In 2005 Steve became paralysed when he fell from a balcony and broke his neck. Soon after, he was introduced to wheelchair rugby and in 2012 he captained Great Britain at the London Paralympic Games. During the build up to the games, Steve was involved in a series of Channel 4 documentaries and the Paralympic campaign, SuperHumans.

Steve has worked on BBC Breakfast, Springwatch (BBC1), Game Changers (Sky Sport 1) and has become a regular correspondent for Countryfile and The One Show (BBC1). In 2017 Steve embarked on a 900 mile journey alongside five other people with different physical disabilities, for the BBC1 series Without Limits: Vietnam.

Since retiring from elite sport, Steve has turned his focus to supporting others to be their best through sport, work and education. He works as a mentor and coach alongside wheelchair rugby and leading projects such as Sky Sports Living For Sport and Youth Games.

He talks openly about his own journey of injury, recovery, life's pressures and aiming for excellence. His aim is to challenge and motivate audiences in a positive and inspiring way.



Credit: BBC Countryfile

## Sharing club information with us

A big part of our conference will be a celebration of our clubs. To this end we need help from all clubs please. Sue Pomeroy, the secretary for the conference committee has been in touch with all clubs and thank you to the few who have responded. We look forward to receiving the following:

The name of your club conference coordinator so that we can direct communications through him or her.



A photo of your club president – so that we thank all presidents in a short film on the main screen.



Details of club or event banners that you might have that we could use in and around the grandstand for the weekend. Anything that celebrates your club's activities, whether it's the hog roast at your town festival or the starting banner for your santa fun run. Anything (almost) works for us.



An invitation for a member of the conference committee to visit your club to talk about the conference and take your questions.

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