



# HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU?

(RICHARD PURDON, DG TALKS DIRECT TO YOU)



Here is newsletter no 2. Thank you to the AGs for circulating the first 1. I was hoping to use the DMS system, but it would not move a file of this size!!

I am delighted to tell you about an initiative in the Swindon Area. Bright Futures is a Charity set up to help the funding of equipping of a new department in the Great Western Hospital in the town. It will have a new Radiotherapy unit, costing £2.9 million to open with the best kit. Eight local clubs have raised £50,000 to help, and this has been matched by a kind benefactor. So of the £1million raised to date Rotary has pledged a fabulous 10% of this. And now they are starting work on the next £50,000.

This is a marvellous example of how Rotary can help in their local community. The publicity helps to showcase Rotary. And, this has given these clubs real focus in working together.

I hope we can find other such projects in our other areas, as well. They don't have to be this large.

RYLA starts this week on Tuesday, with the end of course BBQ on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> in the Forest of Dean. Details can be found on the District website. Thank you to the clubs for finding and sponsoring the young 16-18 year olds, who will benefit enormously from the experience. I hope clubs who have never been involved for this opportunity will consider supplying a candidate for 2017.

Thank you for the late rush on the Crocus Corms. These will be available by the end of August and I will arrange for these to be delivered to the Clubs in Question. There are posters that are available to download off the RIBI website.

My next newsletter will be after the first General Council meeting of the year in Alcester. I hope to report back on some of the new ideas then.

Enjoy the fine weather!!

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