

# Rotary Southern Wales Conference - 'Sea of Loneliness'

## 11th to 13th October 2019, Marriott Hotel Swansea

Conference Newsletter - July 2019



Welcome to our fourth 2019 Conference newsletter. Our new District Governor, Peter Hamilton, is now in office and he certainly adopts the theme 'Rotary Connects the World', building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary.

2019 is proving to be an inspirational year for Rotary in Southern Wales: many of us attended and enjoyed our experiences in Nottingham and Hamburg, followed by the very special weekend handover in Cardiff. Now we can look forward to our annual conference in Swansea, 11th to 13th October 2019, where our conference team has prepared a selection of world class speakers on the topical issues of Loneliness and Plastic Pollution - under the title of 'Sea of Loneliness'.

The weekend starts on Friday afternoon with a choice of activities - golf, bowls and, for the first time, boules in Swansea marina. Friday night will indeed be 'Music Night', including the Hywel Singers, Rotary Young Musician finalists and 'All that Malarkey' cabaret.

The all day conference on Saturday concludes with a gala dinner, with special guest speaker Huw Edwards, followed by cabaret 'Brothers in Arms' - Wynne and Mark Evans.

The weekend will finish on Sunday morning, with a beach clean on Swansea beach, followed by a free BBQ, kindly sponsored by Castell Howell. Full details of the conference have been circulated previously and are summarised overleaf. Now is the time to book our hotel rooms, with advantageous, inclusive packages for the weekend or register for the day - either way we will be inspired - **see you there!**

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## Conference Package and Registration - Book Now!

By the time you read this, registration for our 2019 District Conference will be well under way. We sincerely hope you give serious thought to coming along, as we have some absolutely super, inspiring speakers; some truly serious topics about loneliness and plastic pollution, so that we may learn more about helping our communities deal with these current issues; and some serious fun to be had!

'The Voice of Wales', Roy Noble, will kickstart the conference, followed by Robin Hewings and Col Sgt Barry John speaking about loneliness, and Sally Earthrowl and Jo Ruxton raising awareness of plastic pollution.

We will also have two featured projects (**Action for Elders**, a developing charity with a very big impact, and **Narberth Living Memory Group**, a scheme developed by Rotarian Mary Adams), plus six individual Rotary Club presentations on their club's innovative projects.

A steady stream of Conference bookings is now being received, so if you and your Club are hoping to take full advantage of the weekend activities, please book soon. **Hotel bookings need to be made before the end of August 2019. Download the booking form from [www.rotary1150.org](http://www.rotary1150.org)**

There are two hotel packages available at the Marriott, or there is the option of not staying at the hotel, but attending the conference and other events as a day delegate. (There is also an option of staying the Sunday night for £95.)

**Please note that everyone attending Conference will need to pay a £33 registration fee.**



**Hotel Package 1:** Friday Night Accommodation and Dinner, plus Saturday Night Accommodation, Conference Refreshments and Dinner - **Single £290, Double £385**

**Hotel Package 2:** Conference refreshments, Saturday Night Accommodation and Dinner - **Single £160, Double £225**

**Day Delegates - in addition to the registration fee of £33, the costs are as follows:**

Conference day delegate - £20  
Friday Dinner and Entertainment - £35  
Saturday Evening Dinner - £42

So, please go to the Rotary District 1150 web page to register – and tell your fellow Rotarians to do the same! This is a huge opportunity to be truly inspired!

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**New at this year's conference - Boules Tournament, Friday, 11th October 2019, 12 noon**



Do you fancy a bit of competition? Have you tried a game of Boules? Do you like socialising? Then the District 1150 Rotary Boules Tournament is definitely for you! This game of dexterity, technique and sheer cunning is also exceptionally sociable, yet tremendously competitive! It will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Swansea and is good fun for all!

The Tournament involves eight teams of six players per team. No experience necessary, but if you want to get a bit of practice in beforehand it may help! The matches will be played at Swansea Marina opposite the Pump House, near the Captain Cat Statue. The first game starts at 12 noon and there will be a game every 15 minutes.

The teams will be split into four groups, with the winner of each group entering the semi final and the winners of that battling it out in the final. Whilst having fun is the order of the day, the competitive atmosphere can get quite tense as the day progresses! Teams are encouraged to wear fancy dress or team colours and shirts if they wish, which adds to the mood of the day. The winning team will receive a Trophy.

All in all, you should have a most enjoyable afternoon and a lot of fun! If your club is interested in entering a team, **please contact Paul James on 07971824455. See you on 11th October!**