



# District 1175 Newsletter

## August 2016 Pt 1

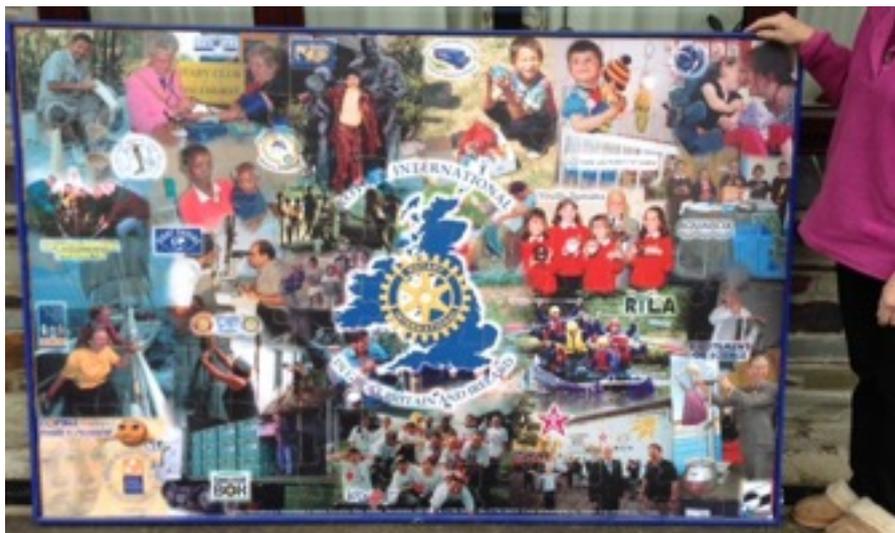


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### *Piecing together the Big Picture*

A few months ago a 100 piece framed jigsaw was donated to the Rotary Club of Lostwithiel! "Take it, or we will throw it, we don't know anything about it or where it came from, but we don't have space for it". So we took it – all 6' by 4' of it!



I am familiar with the smaller version, but if you have any knowledge of why a 1.8m by 1.2m jigsaw would be produced and who would have made and framed it, I would love to know!

We are one month into the Rotary year and I have now had the privilege of visiting 26 clubs spread from St Ives in the west to the Ilfracombe clubs in the north; Exmoor in the east and Salcombe in the south.

Everyone is doing fantastic work. Visiting your clubs and seeing what you do is motivating and inspiring. What each club does is a single piece in a very large Rotary jigsaw. But like the big jigsaw, the picture is confused and difficult to zoom in to.

We need to collate your stories and make them into big compelling stories to catch the attention of the regional media; the RIBI and RI magazines, and most importantly the people you talk to.

Recently a club installed a defibrillator and suggested that clubs across District should be encouraged to do the same. From my club visits I suspect that at least 1/3 of you have done the same. How many lives have been saved, right here, by you? That's a story.

A heard a chance remark suggesting that this District may have played a role in starting Rotary's global campaign to end polio. The big polio picture of what we have done here in this District since the early 80's is now being researched.

There is also the story of Ilfracombe Rotary who in the 1960's restored a coastal 14<sup>th</sup> century chapel. Since the 1650's it has housed a maritime beacon now maintained by Trinity House. The Club continues to maintain the internal fabric of the Grade1 building and open it to the public raising £6,000 a year.

Amazing things are going on out there. Let us know how you are serving humanity in the SW Peninsula so we can build the bigger picture: [new@rotarysw.info](mailto:new@rotarysw.info). Never underestimate the power of our Rotary !  
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## Rotary Open for Business

NEWTON Abbot Rotarians welcomed two more businesses to their new initiative a corporate membership scheme.

Newton Abbot companies Sherwood's and Brite Services became the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> members joining, Wollen Michelmore, Jelf Group, Kitsons and Santander. They were inducted into the club by new President Martin Smith at a recent meeting.

Martin Smith said 'We are delighted to welcome Kevin Sherwood, Kevin Wiltshire and Jamie Bonner from Sherwood's, who are leading south west building services engineers to the RCNA. Managing Director Kevin Sherwood believes that membership will allow his company to help the local community and still get on with the business of growing a successful company'.

Martin continued 'our other new member company, Brite Services based at Newton Abbot railway station, are one of the leading south west recruitment companies, joining MD Mark Wilcox in the scheme are his wife and fellow director Andrea Wilcox and consultant Ben Sellick-Tague.' He added both these companies bring with them younger people who will benefit the club with new fresh ideas and enthusiasm'.

The club's new corporate membership scheme allows firms to join Rotary with up to four employees taking turns to attend meetings and functions. With the pressure taken off any one individual, the Rotary ethos of 'service above self' can spread throughout an organisation and into the community beyond. 'The Rotary Club of Newton Abbot was founded in 1922 and its members have served the area ever since. 'We try at all times to help the community in many ways. That could be by becoming trustees, organisers or just volunteering at local charities and social associations.

'As a corporate member you will have the opportunity to network with fellow local businesses throughout the south west. You can support the local community as well as grow your commercial network. 'Being a Rotarian is not just about rattling tins and raising money for deserving people and causes as apart from our weekly meetings, often with a guest speaker, we arrange meals out with partners, events such as theatre trips, skittle nights and fun golf days.' Among the club's achievements of late have been the Rotary Youth Speaks competition in which youngsters had an opportunity to speak before an audience and compete against other schools. A stroke awareness day, organised in conjunction with the Stroke Association, 'Just maybe we helped prevent someone having a stroke,'

And organising a charity Fire Walk where 24 charities raised £15,000 for themselves.

Including our corporate members, the club membership now stands at 51 its highest for many years which can only bode well for the club and its ability to serve the people of Newton Abbot and beyond. We invite other Newton Abbot businesses and individuals to join Rotary and play your full role in the community.

Pictured are our four new corporate members, Kevin Wiltshire (Sherwoods) Kevin Sherwood (Sherwood's) President Martin Smith, Mark Wilcox, Andrea Wilcox and Ben Sellick-Tague (Brites)



Martin Smith

## Interact Club "Splate a Teacher"

The Interact Club of Paignton Community & Sports Academy (Rotary Club of Paignton) students raised money by splatting their teachers. The 'Splat the Teacher' event enabled KS3 students to get their own back on their teachers by splatting them with wet sponges while they were locked in a set of stocks. The money raised from the event was a contribution towards a donation of £2000 from Paignton Rotary Club for the purchase new GPS



trackers. The tracking equipment will assist Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions enabling staff to ensure the safety of students while taking part in these activities. The event was very successful with teachers Mr Rowe and Miss Brown amongst those that were splatted.

Sports teacher Chris Cook, responsible for the DOE awards, said "The money raised from this event will be very useful to ensure that our future expeditions give students the freedom to explore whilst remaining safe in mountain and moorland environments. Well done to the Interact Club!"

## Dementia planting project

Dementia planting project unites old and young at Gyllyngdune Gardens Falmouth. All ages came together at Gyllyngdune Gardens the other week to plant a special Memory Garden for people with dementia and their families.

Penryn College Interact Club and Jim Henderson, Youth Chair of Penryn Rotary Club, joined members from Penryn and Falmouth Memory Cafes, the towns' Mayors, and crew members of Falmouth Fire Station's Black Watch, to dig in and bed down a variety of plants for the garden. The plan is for all to return every six weeks afterwards to tend to the garden.



Penryn College Interact, Jim Henderson, Fire Brigade Black Watch, Members of Penryn Memory Cafe and Mayor and Mayoress of Penryn

It is a project run in partnership between [Falmouth Town](#) Council and Cormac, and supported by £500 from the Royal Horticultural Society's initiative, Greening Grey Britain, which aims at promoting the health and wellbeing of older people through gardening.

Jacqui Owen, visitor and community engagement officer with Cormac, said: "I thought it was important to get Penryn Rotary club to involve their Interactors to assist in creating an intergenerational project. It's been a fantastic project and the whole design of the beds is based around the Memory Friends logo of a blue forget-me-not. The design is predominantly whites, blues and yellows."

Maryla Caddy of Falmouth Memory Cafe said: "I feel it's quite important for these sort of events to help get lonely and isolated people into the community."

Rotarian Jim Henderson of Penryn Memory Café said "It's great to get both young and old together with the planting and Jaqui Owen has donated an area in the Gardens for Penryn College Interact Club to plant Purple Crocuses in October for their Eradication of Polio Project"

## District Skittles Competition 15/16

On Tuesday 21st June the three finalists, Redruth, Holsworthy and Dartmoor Vale met with supporters and the DG at Treburly Social Club just south of Launceston for the knockout final.

This was as a result of probably 50% of the clubs in the district having been allocated into 6 area's playing off in the first round. Resulting in feedback that all participants having an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship which continued through to the final.

Ultimately Holsworthy proved to be worthy winners with an overall score of 265, followed by Dartmoor Vale with 249 and Redruth on 237.

The evening was concluded with an excellent buffet supper after the DG presented the winners with the knockout skittles trophy (see photo)

It is hoped that more clubs will participate in the coming year. The draw for 2016/17 has already been made and all clubs have been notified.

Mike Huxtable

Purple4Polio

Saturday 2nd July saw the official launch of the Rotary **Purple4Polio** campaign at the handover of the Presidency of Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland from Peter Davey to Eve Conway. This campaign in these islands has the backing of legendary singer-songwriter Donovan and TV Presenter Konnie Huq. Eve says, "You have already heard about this exciting and easy way of highlighting the Rotary End Polio Now programme and I am looking forward to Rotary clubs across Britain and Ireland joining with your local communities to have fun with **Purple4Polio** to raise both awareness and funds.



"The world really is on the brink of an historic milestone but to achieve this there is still much work to be done and there is \$1.5 billion needed between now and the end of 2019 to turn this in to a reality. The **Purple4Polio** Menu is there to give you the tools and inspiration to play your part in making history."

With this official launch we are urging the British and Irish public to go **Purple4Polio**. Clubs and Districts have been provided with a template press release to tell your local and regional media about the launch of this initiative.

"2016/17 is the Centenary year of The Rotary Foundation, our own and only charity, and I am therefore not putting forward any projects for this Rotary year other than imploring you to join in with the **Purple4Polio** campaign and celebrate the Foundation Centenary in some way. Ending polio in the world is the No 1

operational priority for Rotary International and Our Rotary Foundation and what a great opportunity to shout this loud and clear to the British and Irish public at large as well as in our own clubs and districts."



## Four Clubs Plant trees

The four Rotary Clubs in Exeter joined together to raise funds when they heard that vandals had damaged trees in the park of St Bartholomew's Cemetery. They organised a talk about the Clapper Bridges in Devon and raised sufficient funds to pay for the tree replacements.



On a damp day in May several members of the four Rotary Clubs met to celebrate the planting of the trees.

We are indebted to the Exeter City Council Trees Department for their help and advice, particularly their officer Paul Faulkner.

The trees planted are deciduous and have interesting features, they will make a valuable contribution to the Park in years to come.

The Rotarians inspected every tree in turn and drank its health.

Pictured in the Photo are Rotarians  
Vice President Peter Cusa (Exeter Eastgate),  
Vice President Bruce de Saram (Exeter Enterprise),  
Nicola Baker (Exeter Eastgate),  
Eddie Grant (Exeter Enterprise)  
Celia Smith (Exeter Eastgate),  
President Ken Crundwell (Exeter),  
President Sue Berry (President Exeter Southernhay)  
Rtn John Sparks

## School Dictionaries

On July 12th 26 Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries were given to 10/11 year olds at Dulverton School, Bampton & Bolham. Presentations will be made shortly.

These dictionaries have over a thousand colour illustrations, over 10,000 entries and 25,000 straightforward definitions. Exmoor Rotary Club have been giving these dictionaries to year 6 children from Bampton, Bolham and Dulverton school for the last 9 years, probably around 500 copies in all.

As we have to buy these in packs of 8, there are usually some left over. These are offered to Club members for a modest £3.50 and are very suitable for 10/11 year old grandchildren - contact Humphrey.

