Next issue (Summer) will be published and distributed at the District Handover Meeting at the Hydro Hotel Windermere on 26th June 2016.

NB Deadline for feature submissions will provisionally be 28th May 2016 and the extended deadline of 4th June 2016 is for last-minute news snippets. But please don’t wait for the deadlines – send copy and photos as early as possible.

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From the District Governor

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition for the current year of our District magazine.
It would be remiss of me not to start by thanking Bob Herbert for his unstinting work as editor of Rotary Norwest for the last three years. I hope that he is enjoying his retirement from the role!

It has taken a little time to find a replacement but I am delighted to welcome Ken Jones of the Preston Club as Bob’s successor and wish him well in his new role.

By the time you are reading this, the future of the magazine will have been debated at District Council and the decision will have been taken to continue with the printed version. In order to make the magazine successful it is important that all the Clubs to let Ken have all your ‘good news’ stories.

I must also take this opportunity to remind you that there are vacancies for three Assistant Governors, one each for the Central Area, South West Area and the South East Area. We need to fill these roles as soon as possible, so where are you all you willing volunteers?

LIFE AS AN ADG by Joan Burrows ADG SW

When I joined Rotary twelve years ago I never imagined I would be working as an Assistant District Governor in District 1190. In fact I didn’t even know that the role existed!

I joined The Rotary Club of Preston in February 2004. My Rotary life started when I was invited along to an evening event by the then Club President, Carl Nath, followed up with friendly telephone calls encouraging me to come along to club meetings. I was duly invited to join member Mike Bamber and others in his home to talk about the value of Rotary in their lives, increase my knowledge of Rotary and be “interviewed” for membership. Notwithstanding some dissent (some longstanding members not wishing to see ladies in the club) I joined, the only female member at that time. In my second year I was appointed by Club President John Daglish as Youth Activities Chairman and organised the clubs first Youth Speaks Competition, which is still held annually and this year we were so proud to see one of our teams become District intermediate class winners. In 2006/07 I was Club President which served to be another year of learning things about Rotary. I have had roles as Speaker Secretary, supported new members (five of which have been female), and been involved in all aspects of our club as most of our members are.

It is really pleasing to hear that under the Purple4Polio campaign, clubs have ordered some 240,000 crocus corms. Hopefully after planting many parts of the District will be awash with purple crocus next Spring.

Let us use Purple4Polio to kick start our efforts in raising awareness of the End Polio Now campaign and in turn to boost donations to it. As I have been saying in my Club visits we are so close to beating this awful disease we must not let this opportunity slip from our grasp.

At the time of writing it has just been announced that there are two reported cases of Type 1 Polio in Nigeria. This on the day that would have seen the second anniversary of the last reported case.

This is an unfortunate setback and demonstrates the need for us to continue the fight against Polio.

As I continue my Club visits I look to meeting you all and hearing about all the good work being done throughout our District.

Last Autumn I was approached about the District role. At first it was a daunting thought but with the encouragement and support of my club members and Howard Jackson, immediate past ADG, I am now settling into the role albeit with the odd mistake here and there!

I officially took over the role on 26th June attending the District Handover in Windermere. Prior to this I had been visiting clubs to introduce myself, accompanied by Howard, who was saying his farewells at the same time. I visited eight in total. I also attended the RIBI Assembly in Birmingham in February and had the pleasure to meet John Germ RI President and Eve Conway RIBI President. I’ve attended eight Club Assemblies and one Post Club Assembly visit and am busy learning on my feet, but the warmth and friendship shown on my visits has been second to none. I feel I have been greeted as an old friend by people who I haven’t meet before and by such encouragement by those who are already my friends in Rotary. Wanting to be as hands on as I possibly can I have helped clubs with duties at the Leyland Festival and at the Annual Steam Rally held recently in Tarleton. I accepted an invitation to Preston South’s Annual Garden Party, a fantastic occasion on a beautiful sunny afternoon, and to South Ribble’s Annual Beer and Banger Festival.

I have attended a few District meetings as an observer but August sees me there in my own right. I hope to be able to share with you my diary of activities with some photographs as my role progresses. Meanwhile my message to all clubs is please get in touch with me if you need any help or support in any way. If I cannot help you I will always know someone who can. Finally, if you need an extra pair of hands at any event please ask me. It is a great way for me to get to know you all and I feel like I am contributing to your club.
The 2016 Rotary Young Artists Competition has ‘The World is Beautiful’ as its theme. With the UK witnessing extreme cold, rainfall and floods in the opening months, students at Highfield Humanities College (now Highfield Leadership Academy) produced some outstanding artwork to reinforce the theme, bringing some warmth and sunshine despite the wintry conditions.

The students were sponsored by members of the Rotary Club of Blackpool South. Ten entries portraying various colourful flowers were submitted and all were considered worthy for entry to the District level of the competition. District 1190 includes 69 Rotary Clubs in Cumbria and Lancashire, all of whom are eligible to enter.

Highfield student Jay Hooper 13 years of age, (now 14) was a first prize winner at Club level. His entry ‘Mid Summers Day’ also won first prize (Intermediate Level) in the District Competition. This was an excellent result and Jay’s submission was a superb piece of artwork. All the students received a certificate signed by District Governor Arthur Jones, four being assessed as Highly Commended.

At Club level, in addition to Jay’s award, there were two joint first prize winners at Senior Level, a second prize winner at Intermediate Level with the remaining submissions being Commended.

On the 25th May 2016, Blackpool South Rotarians, President Barbara Charlton and Youth Co-ordinator Elaine Fossett attended the Year 9 Assembly when the president congratulated the young artists and presented the certificates.

All participating students received a gift voucher. The presentation took place before all Year 9 students and was attended by Headteacher Mrs Lynette Norris, Deputy Headteacher Chris Wardle, Head of Year 9 Jason Nelson, Head of Art Mrs Linda Twist and members of the teaching staff. The students are great ambassadors for their school and the winning students were: Elisha Daniels; Hannah Lally; Lucy Flynn; Codie Cooper; Cassandra Casey; Elle Humphries; Lauren Tucker; Jay Hooper; Tommy Wright and Freya Pugh.
Tony Stevens, 66 year-old President of the Rotary club of South Ribble, successfully completed his charity skydive in aid of St. Catherine’s hospice. After one attempt was cancelled due to low cloud cover he eventually took to the air on a day with clear blue skies at the Black Knights Parachute Centre, Cockerham near Lancaster.

A decision was made to increase the height of the jump to 15,000 feet to enhance the experience, and also the footage of video film. Showing no signs of nerves he happily got on the small plane and took off securely attached to his instructor. There was plenty of jovial banter in the plane before the moment came to approach the exit. There was then no turning back. A few seconds suspended outside the plane, and then they were free falling.

The experience was just like flying - no sounds, just the wind rushing by. All too soon the parachute opened and it was time to relax and admire the stunning views over Morecambe Bay, Blackpool and the Lake District. With a near perfect landing the once in a lifetime experience was over. After taking a short time to recover his breath, his first comment was “Phew !!!!”, especially after being told his was the fastest descent of the day at 167 mph. Asked if he would do it again, his comment was “I’ll think about it”.

He will always have the video to remind him of the day he jumped out of a plane at 15,000 feet, but also the satisfaction of raising over £1,000 for the charity. He would like to sincerely thank all the people who believed in him by their sponsorship of this Ribble Rotary Club.

This article first appeared in the Leyland Guardian under the by-line of Gordon McCully and is reproduced with permission.
The Rotary Club of Carlisle Castle is one of the District's newer clubs and, from the start, members have always been determined to do things a little differently. Last year they had their first Mystery Weekend away and it was such a success, they decided to do the same this year.

Once again it was planned by Rotarians Claire Phillips and Lucy Metcalfe. Club members were asked to assemble at Carlisle Railway station but instead of a train, found themselves on a minibus! After a long pub lunch near Kirkby Lonsdale, two quizzes and several Bucks Fizzes on the way, the bus finally arrived at a Victorian house overlooking Ilkley – home for the next three days. Claire and Louise cooked a lovely meal that night and a full English the following morning.

The entertainment on Friday evening included a pass-the-parcel themed around Rotarian Belinda Artingstoll impending 50th birthday. All the items were part of a 1980s outfit which she was made to put on and parade around in! Members had expressed an interest in life drawing but as Lucy and Claire couldn’t afford a real model, they persuaded Rotarian Brian Scroggie (who loves dressing up) to wear a rather unconvincing nude suit instead.

On the Saturday everyone was taken to a china painting shop! Fascinating to see how different people approached the decoration of cups and teapots and of course, it meant they had all made their own souvenirs of the weekend.

For Saturday night everyone headed for a local restaurant and were delighted to find that Lucy and Claire had invited members of the two local Rotary clubs to join them. After a fabulous Middle Eastern meal the belly dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

Some went to church on Sunday at Bolton Abbey and in the afternoon a group went on a brewery tour while others watched a film.

Sunday evening saw more party games including a rather raucous version of Pin the Tail on the Donkey! Lucy Metcalfe says “Don’t forget we have members of all ages and backgrounds. The oldest is over 70 and yet they were the ones laughing the loudest at some of the things we got up to over the weekend.”

On Monday everyone headed home with a stop-off for a tour and lunch at some caves in the Yorkshire Dales.

One member, who had been posting regular updates on her Facebook page over the weekend, says “Lots of my friends and colleagues commented on the photos and said they had no idea that Rotary could be so much fun. That’s partially what the weekend is about. It’s great for us but it also sends out such a positive and modern message about what Rotary can be in 2016.”
There was much joy in the Woodland Suite at Ribby Hall Village recently when over 100 children from three local Special Schools took part in the 23rd Annual Special Schools Music Festival.

The Festival is organised by the Trustees of the Superintendent Gerald Richardson Memorial Youth Trust, and gives the children the opportunity to participate in a great Festival of Music and Dance and show off their talents. The Trust was set up in 1974 in memory of Gerry by his colleagues in Blackpool North Rotary Club. He was a Superintendent in Lancashire Constabulary based in Blackpool who was shot and killed by armed robbers following a raid at a jewellers shop in Blackpool Town Centre on the 23rd August 1971.

Greeting the children on arrival were Radio Wave's two wonderful characters Chuck and Charlie.

Rotary & Blackpool Town Crier Barry McQueen kicked off the proceedings playing the Post Horn Gallop which thrilled the children. He also did his cry 'Oyez', each time the children responding loudly echoing 'Oyez'.

The stars of the show were the wonderful pupils from the schools.

Highfurlong School students performed a vibrant and wonderful Michael Jackson Medley. This was so popular they had to do an encore.

Red Marsh Special School students were in fine voice performing classics 'Lean on Me', 'History' and finishing with a rousing rendition of 'Dancing Queen', thrilling the audience.

Park Community Academy singers and dancers performed 'Rule the World', 'Price' and 'Tag' followed by two great girl soloists. As always, their band raised the roof and played some lively tunes inspiring the audience to join in clapping and waving.

There was also a Guest Appearance from young people at My Life based in Standish Wigan, who provide education and worked based learning with individuals of all ages and abilities. Their contribution was called My Voice, My Life – an inspirational compilation of music and dance.

The Festival was free to attend and commenced at noon lasting for about 2 hours. It is without doubt an inspirational event.
Nigrish was born prematurely, underweight and not expected to survive. His father took matters into his own hands and threw the baby into a river. His mother rescued him, left his father and returned to her family home. Although Nigrish was small for his age, he developed into an active, cheeky little boy with only one problem...he is completely unable to hear.

Nigrish’s grandfather managed to get his grandson a place at a school in the Sindhuli district, where he arrived when he was just six years old. The school community wrapped itself around Nigrish and he began to learn to communicate through sign language. He learnt to read and to write, to do sums and to learn more about the world around him. He found friendship and developed relationships that took him out of his silent isolation.

Some of us met Nigrish when we visited the Nava Jyoti Deaf School in 2014. A lot has happened since then and we like to think our involvement has made it possible for the school to keep going.

It all began when the Rotary Club of Preston Guild speaker at breakfast one Friday morning some four years ago was David Hynes, the then CEO of Deafway, a Preston based charity, which works to promote the independence of the deaf community both in the UK and internationally. David talked about the Nava Jyoti Deaf School in Nepal and we were inspired to work in partnership to support them. We invited the Rotary Club of Preston to join us and working together enhanced our ability to raise funds and spread the word.

Disaster struck almost exactly one year after our visit when earthquakes hit Nepal in April and May 2015 causing major devastation. The school was badly damaged with over half the buildings condemned, including the main hostel – the children’s home. The good news is that a combination of Deafway’s earthquake appeal and the school’s successful grant applications means the rebuild is now underway. Rotarian David Wyatt from RC Preston has provided invaluable advice and structural drawings on strengthening the buildings to reduce risk of injury in another earthquake.

During this time both Clubs have provided funding to support the further education of three graduates from the School to eventually become teachers – a very different future to the one that they might have had.

But what about the future? Deafway needs to raise £125 for each of the 85 children going to Nava Jyoti this year to pay staff and buy cooking fuel, books, pens and other essentials. Over the last few years the Nepalese Government have begun to take on some of the costs, enabling Deafway to lower their contribution, for example, the Government now pays for five of the teachers, three support staff and the children’s food (2500 Nepalese Rupees which is £17.69 per child per month). There is a precedent here; Deafway supported the setting up of another school in Pokhara, now almost entirely Government funded and it’s the aim for Nava Jyoti too.

Deafway’s Development Officer, Christina Eley, said: “With increasing pressure on UK funders to give, many are looking for projects with support from the community. Having Rotarians on board lets us show the Directors of Trusts the children of Nava Jyoti are not alone – their progress is being followed and supported by others. This gives them confidence to grant funding, so really it is thanks to Rotarians that the children of Nava Jyoti have a school to go to!”

Deafway continues to raise funds and checking progress through the Nepalese Deaf Association’s monitoring programme, ensuring the money is well used and targeted in the right places. A charismatic head teacher Bijay, who charmed us all on our visit, works to ensure as many deaf children as possible access an education and continue to thrive and achieve.

David Hynes told us “This school transforms the lives of deaf children. It takes children who have no language, no way to express their feelings, no way to learn about the world around them and who face the rest of their lives as outcasts of society – and gives them the precious things that we all take for granted: language, friends, self-worth, education and the skills and confidence to play a positive role in society.

Rotary at its best
Giving a future to deaf children in Nepal
In the years since Deafway built this school I’ve seen children make this journey – from scared new pupil just beginning to realise that there are other children like them in the world – to confident adults who’ve passed the school leaving certificate, taken a positive role on the board of the local Deaf organisation and whose dreams are now of university.”

So what is the future for the involvement of Rotary? Our hope is that other Clubs will become involved so that we can use the strength of Rotary to support the school, particularly in providing funding for ongoing costs, through to the stage when it is fully Government funded. On Deafway’s latest visit to the school, the school board reported that they hope that by 2019 they will have secured full government funding, releasing Deafway to move on to the thousands of other deaf children who do not have access to language.

What is the future for Nigrish now aged 8? The latest report from his head teacher, Bijay, is that he is doing very well. He works hard and takes a full part in the life of the school – he can expect to be educated to the same national level as any other child receiving an education in Nepal. He can also expect his life chances will be a

million times better than they would have been without the Nava Jyoti Deaf School.

Christine Hedley
Rotary Club of Preston Guild.
Rotary District 1190 runs a number of Youth Projects in the form of competitions every year. The District winners go on to compete at Regional and then National Finals. Below are the details of the coming year’s projects.

### Youth Speaks

**Key dates:**
- 5 October 2016: Give schools information about heats at Club level, working with other clubs if necessary, using RIBI Rules.
- 31 October 2016: Notice of Participation to District Coordinator.
- 4 January 2017: Hold your club heats by this date, to identify winning teams for the District Final.

All entries to be sent to the district coordinator richard@lea-cars.co.uk on appropriate application forms along with the entry fee, £40 per team.
- 4 February 2017 District Finals – Windermere School, Patterdale Road, Windermere, The Lake District, LA23 1NW
- 25 March 2017 Regional Final – Darwen Vale High School, Blackburn Road, Darwen, BB3 0AL
- 7 May 2017 RIBI Final – Host District 1210, Thomas Telford School Old Park Telford TF3 4NW

### Young Chef

**Key dates:**
- 18 March 2017: Regional Final Host District 1285, Hopwood College in Rochdale OL12 6RY.
- 13 May 2017: RIBI Final – Host District 1070, Lincoln College, Monks Road, Lincoln, LN2 5HQ.

The winners of the two County finals from District 1190 will both progress to the Regional final, this year being held at Hopwood College in Rochdale OL12 6RY on the 18th March 2017 when our winners will compete against six others from 3 neighbouring districts. The National final will be held on May 13th 2017 in Lincoln.

### Young Citizen

The Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary) Young Citizen Awards (YCA) were created to celebrate the achievements and commitment of inspiring young people across Great Britain and Ireland. Rotary launched the Young Citizen Award when Rotary Great Britain and Ireland President 2016-17 Eve Conway originally developed the idea and concept ten years ago.

The YCA Awards are internally managed by the Rotary Youth Service Committee with one committee member working as the responsible liaison for club contact. The 2016/17 Rotary Youth Service Committee member is Rotarian Peter L Moralee and can be contacted at youngcitizen@rotarygbi.org

The awards are to showcase and celebrate the positive citizenship and important responsibilities assumed by many young people under the age of 25.

In this year of the Paralympic Games in Rio, Rotary is privileged to be continuing with an individual Award sponsored by the British Wheelchair Sport charity WheelPower, with whom Rotary has partnered to help transform the lives of disabled people through sport. The Award is entitled “Rotary Young Citizen Wheelchair Sports Award”.

Rotary Young Citizen winners receive a trophy, certificate and a prize of £500 to be nominated for use of a charity or project that the winners are involved with. The awards will be presented at the Rotary Annual Conference being held in Manchester 7th to 9th April 2017. Awardees will need to supply information as to which Charity or good cause their prize cheque is to be made out to in advance of their attendance at the Conference.
Key dates:
December 2016 Young Citizen Award – start to identify a young person in your area showing exceptional citizenship. Ask your nominee to provide newspaper-cuttings etc. to give added value to their nomination.
27 January 2017 Young Citizen Award – final date for submission of nominations to RIBI.

Young Artist
The theme for this year’s competition is “Reflection”
Key dates:
• Entries from schools to clubs by January 22nd 2017
• Entries from clubs to district by February 12th 2017
Further information will be added to the Rotary 1190 District Website Youth Service pages as it becomes available. If you have any queries please email Shaun Ashworth, District Youth Service Chairman at shaun.ashworth@blueyonder.co.uk.

Young Musician
We are still awaiting the key dates for the 2016-17 competition, but the results of the 2015-16 competition are as follows:
The District Competition was held at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Penrith on Sunday 7th February 2016. The event was well attended by family, friends and various Rotary club members, who had all come to watch the young musicians provide some outstanding performances. The final was divided into 2 classes - instrumental and vocal and each class had 5 young people from various schools around Cumbria & Lancashire. A very enjoyable day indeed.
The names of the Winners & Runners-Up are:
Instrumental Class
Winner: Kezia Taylor aged 17 from Kirkham Grammar School. Kezia played 2 pieces on the flute and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kirkham & Rural Fylde.
Runner-Up: Isaac Butterworth aged 15 from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith. Isaac played 2 pieces - 1 on the tenor tuba and 1 on the tuba and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Penrith.
Vocal Class
Winner: Nicole Brown aged 17 from AKS Lytham Independent School. Nicole sang 2 songs and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Anne’s-on-Sea.
Runner-Up: Ruth Jakubovic aged 16 from Runshaw College, Leyland. Ruth sang 3 songs and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Leyland.

Young Photographer
The theme for this year’s competition (2017) is “Reflection”
Key dates
The closing date for club round entrants is 10 March 2017. The winning entries of each age group will go through to the district round by 10 April 2017.
The District round judging will be undertaken by a suitable expert. The winner of each category will be chosen to go forward to the RIBI National finals by May 8th 2017.

Young Writer
The topic for 2017 is “Reflection”
Important dates
26 March 2017: Date by which schools send entries to clubs.
17 April 2017: Closing date for District level. Entries to Pam Holgate.
8 May 2017: District winners to Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland.
Preston

2016 Young Writer prize presentation

Three pupils, Ali Mohseni, Logan Delaney and Julia Bereza, from English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, proudly received their gift vouchers from Preston Rotary Club in recognition of their entries for the 2016 Rotary Young Writer Competition.

Logan Delaney’s essay was entered into the District Competition and he was awarded second place in the Intermediate Competition with his essay entitled “Our World is Beautiful”. Logan is pictured holding his District Certificate.

Leyland, South Ribble & Preston South

ROTARY CLUBS COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE VITAL FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY

The Rotary clubs of Leyland, South Ribble and Preston South jointly provided funds to purchase and install a defibrillator at the New Longton medical centre. Presidents of the respective clubs were present on the 20th July to officially hand over to the medical practice. A commemorative plaque has been installed above the defibrillator box to recognise their contribution to a useful community facility.

Blackpool South

New Members welcomed

Blackpool South has two new members; we welcomed back Danielle De Laborie of 20 West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9DN whose classification is NURSING (retired). Danielle was a former member who resigned her membership effective from the 30th June 2015 because of health problems. However, she returned to the fold on the 18th February 2016 and has this year has married Michael. They are very happy together and she is thrilled to be back in Rotary and making a contribution.

President Barbara also inducted Mrs Lesley Alison McCarthy into membership of Blackpool South. Lesley lives at 3 Millersdale Close, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 5PE and her classification is COLLEGE LECTURER (Retired). Lesley is married to long standing member of Blackpool South, Pat. Lesley has been a frequent visitor to the club and is very much looking forward to being fully involved, particular supporting the Club’s Youth Programmes.
Bunker Visit

Visiting an underground bank bunker and sampling the products of a Schnapps distillery. That was part of a recent weekend break by a party of Barnoldswick and Earby Rotarians and wives hosted by the German Rotary Club of Mayen.

The bunker in Cochem was used by the German Federal Bank between 1964 and 1988 during the cold war and could store up to 20 billion Deutsch Marks and an equal amount of an alternative emergency currency. Above ground, it was disguised as a normal house in a residential area and it was fully protected against nuclear attack. Now in private hands the bunker has opened as a tourist attraction.

On arrival in Mayen, the visitors were met at the home of one of the hosts, and on Friday came the Schnapps and bunker experience. Saturday was spent in Koblenz, including guided tours of a castle and museum and a chance to walk by the Rhine and Mosel Rivers where they converge, activities followed by an evening reception at Mayen Town Hall. The local club took along an inscribed silver platter as a present for the Mayen club, whose members will pay a return visit to next year, continuing an association between the clubs which has lasted many years. The visitors flew home on the Sunday.

Beer and Banger Festival attracts 1,300 ale-lovers!

This event was a great success, with more than 1,300 visitors over the weekend. Due to the fantastic support we received from so many individuals and organisations, we are distributing over £15,000 to charities and community groups including: St Catherine’s Hospice, Rosemere Cancer Foundation, North West Air Ambulance, Walmer Bridge Village Hall, 5th and 8th Penwortham Scouts.

South Ribble

Record Profit of £6,000 with over 400 Classic Vehicles

This year’s Classic Vehicle Show run by the Rotary Club of Burnley drew some 420 classic vehicles to the show and received extensive sponsorship including the Local Radio Station 2BR Lancashire.

We took over the running of the show completely about 15 years ago and have grown the event into becoming a great family day out.

Next year the event will grow in size as more and more classic vehicle owners become aware of this popular event.

If there are any Rotarians with classic vehicles and wish to enter next year then watch out for our entry form on our Show Web site: www.burnleyclassicvehicleshow.org.

The Show date for 2017 is Sunday June 25th at Towneley Park Burnley against the backdrop of Towneley Hall. Please book early to secure a place.

The show is quite expensive to stage but nevertheless turned a record profit of over £6,000, which will be distributed to local Charities.

The Rotary Club of Burnley has been involved with the Classic Car show for over 30 years. The Club was originally approached by the PDRA motor club to help run the show. In those days we would have seen in the region of 50 Classic Vehicles and made our monies through car parking charges.
Past District Governor hits 102 years

Regular readers of these pages will recall that two years ago we were able to report on the 100th birthday celebrations of Past District Governor Vinicio (Vin) Barocas. Last year we were pleased to note his 101st birthday and now we are happy to report his 102nd birthday.

Vin still lives at home and Rotarians who attended his birthday celebrations report that it was a day long affair with friends and neighbours dropping in all the time. At that age not all the candles could fit on one cake, so a series of cakes were consumed during the day.

He still remembers well his time as District Governor, 1972, and retells many stories of those days. One night on a visit to Blackpool North his car broke down. In desperation he rang the club and asked for help. The President immediately sent out the only vehicle he had available. Unfortunately he was an undertaker, so Vin arrived at the function in the back of a hearse. Being District Governor demands a certain sense of humour.

Asked for his secret for a long life, Vin smiles and advises that his daily diet of Italian food, a glass (or two) of Italian wine, and a strong cigar does the trick. Medically minded Rotarians may not agree, but at least he seems to thrive on it.
Alan Hebden PHF

It is with great sadness that the Rotary Club of Thornton Cleveleys have to report the passing of a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow, Alan Hebden, on 19th August at the age of 83.

Alan joined the Club in 1981 and, at that time, was running an agricultural supply business in Pilling where he successfully developed a “cow mat” to prevent the animals slipping in their stalls.

He was so moved by the plight of the Romanian orphans after the Berlin Wall came down that he organised several convoys carrying essential supplies into Romania, driving a lorry himself on each occasion.

He was a member of EQUITY and he appeared on our T.V. screens as an extra on numerous occasions. A talented and versatile keyboard player, he played for church services, dance music and light operatics.

He was renowned as a charity fund raiser, organising concerts at the Layton Institute, Marton and, more recently, the Workingmen’s Club at Cleveleys. Profits and proceeds from collections were donated to local charities.

He was the Cleveleys Correspondent for the Blackpool Gazette and he took every opportunity to promote Rotary and the local Probus Club, where he was an active member. He was, in fact, a true Rotarian.

Our thoughts are with his widow Barbara and all his family.

Welcome to new members

David Bolton
Malcolm Planner
Blair Read
Daniel Holden
Joanne Ferguson
Kerry Duckworth
Nazmeed Ahmed
Stephen Isherwood
Derek Lyon
Iris Bice
John Rael
Jeanette Smalley,
Simon Challenger
Paula Lightfoot
Linda Butterworth
Mike Butterworth
David Simmons
Barnoldswick & Earby
Barnoldswick & Earby
Accrington
Accrington
Accrington
Accrington
Accrington
Cockermouth
Cockermouth
Preston Guild
Preston Guild
Furness Peninsula
Grange-over-Sands
Grange-over-Sands
Penrith
Stephen Lindley
Kate Stead
Brenda Acker
Peter Dixon
Danielle De Laborie
Rosemay Varley
Alan Williams
Lesley Alison McCarthy
Graham Harrison
Hilary Lewis
Margaret Harrison
Alan Pears
Stephie Barber
David Bibby
Kathleen Graham
Julia O’Hara
Robert Egford
Penrith
Fleetwood
St Annes
Clitheroe
Blackpool South
Upper Eden
Kirkham & Rural Fylde
Blackpool South
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Furness
Lancaster Loyne
Lancaster Loyne
Darwen
Darwen
Blackpool Palatine
Come and celebrate with the Garden Centre of the Year

With a covered outdoor plant area, award-winning Farm Shop and Cook Shop, two restaurants and the friendliest welcome from our lovely people, you’ll soon understand why the Garden Centre Association named us the Destination Garden Centre of the Year for the FIFTH year running.

Come and see us soon and discover the Barton Grange experience for yourself!