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Even a quick glance through these pages gives a great impression of the diversity and scope of Rotary activities in Lancashire and Cumbria. We’re on the lookout for civic-minded men and women to join us in both serving our communities and enjoying our fellowship. If you feel attracted to the pleasures of helping, please contact your local Club secretary at the email address listed here.

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Here are the Club meeting dates, venues and times. You are invited to contact the various secretaries via their email address highlighted in blue.
Well it has been a hectic time since the last edition of Rotary Norwest. Jacquie and I have just about recovered from the District Conference Weekend in Southport. Judging from comments made since the weekend it appears it was a great success. The great speakers gave us thought provoking speeches supporting the theme of ‘Be Inspired’. This was rounded off by super entertainment on both the Friday and Saturday nights.

I would like to thank the Conference committee for almost three years of hard work in putting the weekend together, and would also like to pay tribute to the chairman Albert Johnson. This was his fifth and final conference as committee chair and he certainly finished on a high! The only downside of the weekend was the poor attendance. Let’s hope that there will be a better attendance at next year’s new look Conference in Penrith!!

Mentioning ‘inspiration’ leads me on to our Youth Competitions. I have attended some of them and more are still to come. How lucky we are in having these competitions where we can see the youngsters develop and flourish!

Let’s make sure that our District is truly a leading exponent of Rotary Serving Humanity.

LIFE AS AN ADG by Joan Burrows ADG SW

I’m happy to report that I am still enjoying the role but some weeks finding there are not enough days, evenings, or hours to go around. In my article for the Winter edition of Rotary NorWest I mentioned the warmth, friendship and encouragement I’ve received from fellow Rotarians whilst out and about on ADG business. I remain overwhelmed by the greetings that have been extended to me and I thank each and every Rotarian for that.

Since August I have made 46 visits to clubs and their associated activities, attended district meetings and managed to maintain an excellent record of attendance at my own club. I’ve held three meetings for Club Presidents at which club updates, ideas and good practice have been shared, joint working and partnerships explored and we’ve heard from some informative speakers.

August to February saw me making nine second quarter visits to clubs; supporting four Charter Nights and, an alternative, a Race Night; attending District meetings including arranging the South West Area Foundation Seminar held at Preston North End and attending and helping at other club events. This ‘other’ has been so diverse and, all events, either raising funds and/or raising the Rotary profile have showcased Rotary at its best.

I have attended a Fashion Show, Jazz Concert, Health Mela, Wine Tasting Evening, Quiz Night, Crocus Planting, Young Musician, Youth Speaks, Cheque Presentations and Speaker Outings to name but a few. Every event has had a great feel but the most fun was leading up to Christmas, working alongside Santa Claus aka Rotarians who will remain nameless. I did several shifts bucket collecting for a number of clubs in the Garstang and the Preston areas. Christmas is an exciting time for children and it was fantastic to see the Santas bringing so much joy to them and their families and our Rotarian bucket collectors, as supporting acts, singing and dancing and collecting donations alongside! Can you guess who the Santas are from the photographs accompanying this article?

More seriously, mid-February, I attended the RIBI Assembly in Birmingham and had the pleasure to meet Ian Riseley RI President Elect and Denis Spiller RIBI President Elect. The theme for this forthcoming year 2017/18 is Rotary: Making a Difference. The end of February saw the President Elect Preparation Seminar (PEP’s) in Garstang and I was able to meet incoming Presidents whom I am looking forward to working with and supporting in any way I can.

So in continuing my role my message to clubs remains the same. Please get in touch with me if you need any help or support. If I cannot help I will certainly find someone who can. If you need an extra pair of hands at any event please ask me. Up to now it is proving to be a great way to get to know you all and it helps me feel I am fulfilling my role and contributing to your club at the same time. I congratulate you all on the work you are doing and look forward to seeing many of you again soon.
Our midweek trip began with a flight from Liverpool to Pisa followed by a bus ride to the ancient and enchanting city of Florence. Trekking through narrow streets, the Hotel Le Duc Fontaine beckoned, and after settling in, we dined at a restaurant just round the corner, with the waiter reminding us of the Fat Controller of Thomas the Tank Engine fame!

The next morning, after a typical Italian cold breakfast (lovely cold ham!) and a delicious cappuccino, our party split and Colin, Frank, Martin & Dave had a wander to the Duomo, the impressive mediaeval Cathedral, and then on to the Piazza Centrale with the Castello and all the famous Statues of David, Perseus etc. Very impressive.

We then wandered down to the River Arno and the famous Ponte Vecchio with its jewelry shops. After a lunch of pizza and yet more cappuccino, we went to the Market and picked up some bargains. Back to the hotel and a rest then out for a meal in the Cathedral Square. After a Limoncello, to the hotel and bed.

On Wednesday we spent the day on the tour bus. To our first stop at the Piazza Michelangelo with its lovely views over the City and on to a hill Town, Fiesole, where we stopped for lunch and a serenade by accordion. Back to the City and I got a great selfie with two Carabineri Officers. That evening we thought we’d try a Chinese Restaurant but it turned out to be Korean, where you had to cook your own food on the table. So we went at Roy and Mike’s suggestion of an Indian, which was delicious. After another Limoncello at another cafe, back to the hotel.

The next day began with our now regular boost from yet another delicious cappuccino. We headed back to the market and Martin and I picked up a massive bargain of two beautiful leather bags at really knockdown prices. Another leisurely lunch with great service followed and then we wandered to another church, Santa Croce, with its vast Piazza. An impressive marble fascia confronted us and we learnt the piazza is used at the annual Festival to play Florentine Football, a mediaeval game of “beat up your opponents”! The ball is secondary, as is scoring goals! Back to the hotel to pack and out to The Westin Excelsior Hotel for our Rotary Club Visit.

The Members of the Firenze Certosa Club were very hospitable and we were surprised by the number of English speakers. I sat at a table with three beautiful Italian Senoras with the others mixing well. Mike and Colin were sat with the President of the club. The speaker for the night was a wine grower and producer who was translated into English for our benefit. There were also samples of course! Mike exchanged banners and gave a short speech, then I tried out my Italian but stumbled a bit as I couldn’t read my own writing! With a great meal and good fellowship, it was a splendid night.

After a short night’s sleep, we caught the 7am Airport Bus after our last walk through the city. Although the airport at Pisa was very busy, the flight was uneventful and in no time after landing in Liverpool we were back home.
In August 2016, The Rotary Club of Millom sent £2,500 to Bees for Development Ethiopia, a community-based Ethiopian registered charity dedicated to promoting beekeeping as a means of addressing the poverty that pervades rural areas.

We welcomed contributions from two neighbouring clubs in Cumbria, RC Ulverston and RC Furness, and secured a matching £500 Rotary Foundation District Grant. Our UK partner, registered charity, Bees for Development UK provided a £1,500 top up to enable the project.

The funds contributed significantly to the development of two “Honey Marketing Co-operatives for Young Beekeepers” in Dera and Derbenta.

The provision of equipment for honey and beeswax processing will permit the marketing of a high value quality product. To maximise revenue, the beneficiaries have received business and personal development training, as well as in-village technical coaching for honey harvesting and quality control.

The success of the project is already becoming apparent with group members selling honey at nearly 90 Ethiopian Birr (ETB) per kilo, which is well above the usual price of between ETB 60 - 70. (£1 = ETB 30).

Given that so much can be readily achieved, our next target is to expand the number of young people whose lives can be dramatically transformed by a regular modest income from beekeeping. We’re looking to make a $54,000 GLOBAL GRANT. The project is ready to go; it just needs some more cash contributions to make it happen – please support it!

It ticks all the boxes and has a cost/benefit ratio way off the scale. Until a couple of years ago, I was the District Grants Officer. In general terms, but especially sustainability, this is probably the best I’ve seen: 100 rural youngsters (under 30; 50 girls & 50 boys) will be lifted out of abject poverty, endowed with shareable skills for life and given the means to educate their future families, enabling them to break out of the awful poverty cycle that pervades rural Ethiopia.

With good husbandry flowing from expert training and ongoing supervision, the number of hives and colonies will grow naturally – swarming is how bees reproduce and capturing the swarms is how apiaries get bigger and more profitable.

The project has been designed to be expandable in the happy event that more money flows in than the current budget – more beneficiaries can be added – another plus, a big boost for local economies because the monies will primarily be spent locally.

For full details, please take a look at our Millom website via this link http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?ClubID=1168&PgID=250469
Please click on the bee.

If your club will consider this, or you have some questions, please let me know.

You can send a cheque payable to Rotary Club of Millom to David Friend, President, Horama House, Borwick Rails, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4JU or contact me at david@marshhouse.net or on 01229 773937.

Rtn David Friend
In late November 2016 the final twenty fishing boats were handed over to Philippine island fishermen to complete a Rotary project started in Workington 3 years previously. Ten members of the Rotary Club of Makati Edsa from Manila travelled to Kinatarcan for a presentation that had been cancelled 3 times due to sea conditions during which two of the delivery boatmen had almost died.

The saga began in November 2013 when Super Typhoon Haiyan hit the islands of the Philippines. Many people lost their homes and livelihoods and even today many are still trying to rebuild their lives.

Within days the Rotary Clubs of Workington and Workington Derwent decided to carry out a collection to help the unfortunate victims. Over a few days the magnificent sum of £5,049 was collected but it was decided not to send the funds immediately, but rather to attempt to make use of The Rotary Foundation to multiply the money through a Global Grant.

It was also decided to write to the Rotary Clubs in District 1190 and the 2 Inner Wheel Clubs of Workington and Workington Derwent to appeal for funds. Further sums of £3,650 were raised from the Rotary Clubs of Appleby, Bacup, Burnley, Furness, Keswick, Leyland, Lunesdale and Poulton-le-Fylde, with £1,000 from the 2 Inner Wheel Clubs. As most Rotarians know, an important part of any application to The Rotary Foundation is that Clubs in the UK must have the assistance of a Rotary Club in the country of the disaster, so in February 2014 Alan and Patricia Hoggarth from the Workington Club travelled to meet with members of the Rotary Club of Makati Edsa in Manila. They started negotiations to find a project on which to spend the funds and it became apparent that fishing was a very important industry in the Bantayan Islands in the province of Cebu.

Approximately 200,000 fishing boats were destroyed by Haiyan, thus also destroying the main livelihood of the people of these coastal areas. So the Rotary Clubs in Workington and the Philippines began a project to build 80 new motorised fishing boats for the island fishermen.

The total cash required was approximately £44,000. An application was made to our Rotary District for Foundation funds, resulting in a grant of £9,200. At the same time the Rotary Club in the Philippines managed to obtain a grant of
approximately £5,000 from a Rotary District in South Korea. An application was then made to The Rotary Foundation in America for the balance of the money. It was a long and difficult process led in the main by the Rotary members of Makati Edsa.

The island chosen to receive the boats was Kinatarcan. Due to the rules and regulations associated with a Foundation Global grant, and the distance between Manila and the island, the Rotary members called upon the assistance of a charity known as The Global Peace Foundation as their local community partner to assist with preparation, development, organisation and training. Their project officers lived on the island on a temporary basis to conduct effective community preparation activities.

They liaised with local government agencies, trained the fishermen and formed a village fishing association. With that, the association submitted its formal Rotary Community Corps application papers and all the effort proved worthwhile as The Rotary Foundation approved the application on 2 July 2015, awarding a grant of approximately £19,500.

The Workington Clubs sent the monies held by them to the USA in dollars and it is worth noting that had this money been sent post the Brexit vote they would have had to finance a currency loss of over £2,500!

So this is a story of how a street collection in Workington which raised £5,049 was turned into £44,000 by the dedication of the members of Rotary, with not a penny taken in expenses.

All that remained was to build the 80 motorised boats and choose the fishermen. The boats all carry the Rotary logo and were named by the Rotary Clubs and organisations involved. The boats belong to the newly formed Fishermen’s Association.

In April 2016, Alan and Patricia Hoggarth, Rod Erlston, Ken Kirkwood and John Head from the Rotary Club of Workington together with Graham Postlethwaite and Frank Randall from the Rotary Club of Furness travelled to the Philippines to attend the official presentation of the first 60 boats on the island of Kinatarcan. Also presented were solar powered lanterns/radios and fish filleting gloves for the fishermen and pencil cases for their children.

The Rotarians were accompanied at all times in the Philippines by members of the Rotary Club of Makati Edsa who provided tremendous hospitality during their stay. The presentation was both a humbling and wonderful occasion as the Rotary members spent time with the fishermen and their families. Emotions ran high during the welcome and presentation ceremony. Handshakes and hugs were exchanged, there was some dancing and on occasion tears of joy flowed as the fishermen expressed their profound thanks and gratitude for the blessings received which would help secure a better future for their families, their children and their community.

As all the Rotarians left the island they reflected on the fact that without the power of the Rotary movement this magnificent day wouldn’t have been possible. The fact that there was no running water on the island and electricity was only available for 6 hours a day just added to the excitement!

Alan Hoggarth
Rotary Club of Workington
Congratulations to all 16 teams that made it through their local heats to compete at this year’s district final. The teams were all worthy winners. They impressed the audience with confidence and clarity of speech through a variety of interesting well-rehearsed topics. The winners and runners up will now go forward and represent our district at the Regional Final, which took place on the 25th March at Darwen Vale School.

Rotary Youth Speaks – District 1190 Final Results

The results of this year’s District Final held on the 4th February at Windermere School are as follows:

**Intermediate**

Winning team: Moorland School, Clitheroe

- topic: *Take a deep breath*
  - Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ribblesdale

Runner up Team: Holy Cross Catholic High School

- topic: *Do not judge a book by its cover*
  - Sponsored by Rotary Club of Chorley Astley

Best chairperson: Saffron Wadee of Our Lady’s Catholic High School

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Preston

Best speaker: Lucy Eccles of Holy Cross Catholic High School

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Chorley Astley

Best Proposer of the Vote of thanks: Emily Urmston of Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Thornton Cleveleys

**Senior**

Winning team: John Ruskin School, Coniston

- topic: *The importance of learning a new language*
  - Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ambleside

Runner up Team: St Michaels CE Academy

- topic: *The Media: the masters of manipulating children*
  - Sponsored by Rotary Club of Chorley Astley

Best chairperson: Sara Denby of Windermere School

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ambleside Kirkstone

Best speaker: Cameron Inglis of Trinity School, Carlisle

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Carlisle

Best Proposer of the Vote of thanks: Mia Rigby of Holy Cross Catholic High School

- Sponsored by Rotary Club of Chorley Astley

Rotary Young Musician – District 1190 Final Results

Windermere School was the venue for the District 1190 Young Musician Final on Sunday 12th February 2017.

The stunning scenery surrounding the school was matched by high-calibre performances of all the musicians.

Alex Chalker (drum kit) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Keswick and Jenny Lucking (voice) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kirkham & Rural Fylde were the winners and they will now represent the District at the Regional Competition.

Rotarian and District Organiser (Young Musician)

Dawn Smart welcomed the help of fellow Rotarians Shaun Ashworth (District Chair – Youth) and Barry McEwan.

Although numbers were reduced this year, the standard of the musicians was very high and outstanding performances were given by the following young people:

**Rotary Young Musician**

**Performers**

- Kasia Davies: Violin
  - Penrith

- Alex Chalker: Drum kit
  - Keswick

- Annabelle Li Kam Wa: Piano
  - Kirkham & Rural Fylde

- Emily Atkinson: Voice
  - Penrith

- Leah Montgomery: Voice
  - Keswick

- Jenny Lucking: Voice
  - Kirkham & Rural Fylde

The winners were invited to perform at the District Conference in Southport on 12th March and both will also go on to the Regional Competition at Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral on 8th April 2017.

Dawn Smart thanked the adjudicators – Janet McCallum (Head of Music at Windermere School) and Ian Butterworth for the role they played. Thanks were also given to the accompanists, the families of the competitors for their support, the school and above all the performers.
On the 17th March 2017 1200 students and staff from more than 70 schools were set the goal of making a mole to win trophies and prizes in the annual BAE Systems Rotary Technology Tournament. 300 teams of 4 people, competing in 10 venues, were challenged to make a miniature Pipeline Mole to clear or retrieve debris from within a pipeline.

(For the non-technically minded, engineers working on pipelines need a piece of self-propelled equipment to crawl along the inside of the pipe with a camera and floodlight to check all is well, make repairs or clear blockages. This equipment is called a mole.)

The challenge was to design and build a miniature mole powered by an electric motor, to travel smoothly and unaided along the inside of the test pipeline and push the ten pieces of debris in the pipe to the end in the shortest possible time. For older students aged 14 to 16, the mole had then to reverse smoothly and unaided, being driven by the motor, back along the pipe to the start position. The 6th form students and school staff had to retrieve debris in the pipeline and bring it back to the start position.

The centres were at Carlisle, Workington, Kendal, Barrow, Lancaster, St Anne’s, Preston, Leyland, Accrington and Nelson. At each centre the teams were assessed in three age groups and prizes awarded by judges from BAE Systems and STEM, a government-sponsored organisation which encourages science and technology in schools.

The tournament itself is a nationwide event with different sponsors in different districts. Our district is acknowledged to be amongst the leaders in the provision of youth activities, from Youth Speaks to Young Chef and many others, and the Technology Tournament is the jewel in the crown of these initiatives. The competition was acclaimed a great success or, as one observer put it, “The Technology Tournament this year scored a mole goal!”

The competition develops skills of teamwork & leadership, design & construction, and planning & communication. School teaching staff value the opportunity for students to practice their technology skills in a competitive environment, in an event that is superbly organised by the large team of dedicated and skilled Rotarians throughout our District.

Steve Haycocks, Headteacher, Balshaw’s CE High School, Leyland, said: “Thank you to all Rotary Clubs for their continued commitment to provide curriculum enrichment opportunities to young people. Other areas are not as fortunate as we are to have such an active Rotary. I was lucky enough to be at the final part of the afternoon on Friday. Rotary activities help young people to engage with experts from different fields in a range of different contexts. It gives them the chance to develop their social skills, meet new people and develop their skills in practical competitive situations.”

While David Dunlop, Head of Technology, Hutton Grammar School, south of Preston added: “All of our teams thoroughly enjoyed it and have taken a lot away from it.”

Rotary District 1190 Technology Tournament team would like to thank BAE Systems for their generous sponsorship and also the very many organisations that help to make this event possible.
Bassenthwaite School Playground & Storm Damage

During the Floods in December 2015, Bassenthwaite Primary School grounds and a storage room (including stored contents) were flooded and damaged. The storage area contained a range of craft materials and resources, these were all ruined by water ingress, and had to be thrown away.

The outside area affected was the small play area, set out as a small nature garden (measuring 10.5m by 7m.) The flooding contaminated the ground, damaged fences and washed away gravel etc.

The school insurance cover did not cover the damaged stock, nor the full reinstatement of the outside play area.

Bassenthwaite Rotary Club has had an association with the school for many years, and formed its first Rotakids club in the school. Bassenthwaite Rotary Club assisted the school in the specification of the work to the contractor and arranged to clear the site using Rotary club members.

The Rotary club provided over 80 man hours of labour, transport of materials, plus, through use of local village contacts, arranged for the stones, concrete and rubble to be used as hard-core in a local project, along with all the timber from fencing etc. to be used as firewood by village residents. This avoided the costs for the hire of skips and the disposal of the waste.

Donations in Kind:
Bassenthwaite Rotary club undertook the organisation and practical work of the playground ground clearance – 80 man hours of volunteer time;
Transportation and recycling/disposal of 2 Tonnes of Waste Materials; Specialist advice to school staff on construction options to reduce site preparation costs.

End Polio Now Campaign

Bleasdale School in Silverdale and Carnforth Rotary have worked together to complete a four week crocus bulb planting project, intended to increase awareness of the determined effort to eradicate polio worldwide by 2019. The bulbs in the grass oval at St John’s Road, and elsewhere in the area, will have small Rotary signs placed nearby when the purple flowers appear in early 2017. We also took part in a store collection, (at Booths in Carnforth on 24th October), raising over £400 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

On Thursday 13th October, Rotarians Anthony Chick and Pete Lambson attended Slyne with Hest, St Luke’s Primary School’s first Rotakids meeting of the year.

After making the Rotakids promise, they decided to support the following three charities:

- Neuro Dropin
- St John’s Hospice
- Lifeboats

We have been helping out with Flood Relief in the local area, including Halton and Warton, and had 2 fellowship evenings recently, the first to Lancaster Castle in September and the most recent to the Bridgewater Hall for The Last Night of the Autumn Proms.
Local Scouts & Guides Receive Donations

At a recent meeting donations were made to 4 separate local scout and guides organisations. Cheques amounting to £1,800 were presented by outgoing President Ian McTurk, who now becomes Assistant Governor for Rotary clubs in East Lancashire.

The 8th St Paul’s Guides intend to purchase baking equipment and utensils so they can have regular baking competitions, complete badge work and hold ‘bake offs’ to promote working together. The 7th Oswaldtwistle St Mary’s Guides will use the funds to help purchase camping equipment. They have recently attended a festival type camp called ‘wellies and wristbands’ at Waddow Hall, which has allowed girls to experience camping in tents and outdoor activities.

Both the 1st St Paul’s Scouts and 109th Loyola Scouts intend to purchase a new 8 man tent which they can jointly own. The donations will equate to 2/3rds of its cost.

Rotarian Ken Freeman, Fundraising Chairman said “The presentation of the cheques was only possible due to the continued and generous support of local residents, especially during the annual visit from Santa and his Sleigh around the streets of Church and Oswaldtwistle.”

Ian McTurk paid tribute to Ken Freeman and club members for the raising of funds during the year that allowed him as outgoing President to distribute funds to such deserving organisations as the Scouts & Guides

Iron Lung makes Big Impact

The Club displayed the Iron Lung at the forecourt of the ASDA supermarket last month. Despite dreadful weather, the event was a great success, with many people very surprised to learn it was not until the late 50’s that the Iron Lung became redundant when vaccines became available to prevent Polio.

Since 1985, Rotary International has embarked on a crusade to eradicate Polio worldwide. Thanks to Rotary, the World Health Organisation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a total of £975 million has been raised. Now less than 200 cases have been reported, with only 3 countries having the disease, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

A group of students from Rhyddings Business and Enterprise School, with Business Manager Carmel Cunliffe, entered the Iron Lung to see what it was like to be held captive. Carmel Cunliffe said: “Thanks to Rotary this display has been most illuminating in showing the students what many people had to endure before vaccines became available. The students very much appreciate what has been achieved to virtually eliminate Polio throughout the World.”

Rotarian Roger Frank built the Iron Lung, taking over 700 hours, while Lennie Herbert, Foundation Chairman for the Rotary Club, was responsible for planning and organising the event.

New Member

The Cub are pleased to announce that Margaret Barry has become the latest member to be inducted as a Rotarian. Margaret trained as a nurse at Queen’s Park hospital in Blackburn where she obtained her SRN in 1966. After her marriage to Jeff in 1969, she served at Sharoe Green hospital and Preston Royal Infirmary before returning to Blackburn.

Margaret decided to join Rotary after sadly losing her husband, knowing it would open up new horizons for her to develop. Ian McTurk, Membership Chairman for the Rotary club paid tribute to Margaret saying “Margaret has impressed fellow Rotarians in the manner she has conducted herself and her enthusiastic approach to the principles of Rotary.”

District Officers Handover 25th June 2017

All aboard the MV Tern for the New Look Handover! Join the 130 seater MV Tern departing Bowness Pier at 7pm on Sunday 25th June 2017 for a two-hour buffet cruise complete with the High Society Jazz Band.

All welcome, including non-Rotarians and family. Tickets £25 pp with bookings to DGE Larry Branyan, 2 Hilltop Cottage, Capernwray Road, Capernwray, Carnforth LA6 1AD.

Cheques payable to Rotary District 1190 by Saturday 29th June please.
Furness Welcomes First Female Member

The opening months of 2017 have been full of achievements. We heard from Alan Day who updated us on the massive extensions to Barrow shipyard – great to hear that Barrow is booming! We held our Tour De Furness presentation evening which gave us insight into the new maternity unit at Furness General Hospital. We got great local media coverage and of course the Tour enables us to give out large amounts of cash to people who really need it, thanks to Dave and the team.

Mike Hoad stated that the standout event, I’m sure you’ll agree, was the induction of our first female member, Rachel Ward. This is groundbreaking for the Club but also a great honour for me as President to welcome her to the team.

The Big Hyndburn 2017 Charity Walk

The Rotary Club of Church and Oswaldtwistle will be holding their annual Charity Walk on Sunday 14th May, 2017. This major Hyndburn event will be the 12th consecutive year it has been held. The Walk will offer people the choice of a 10k or 5k route, as in previous years. The 10k Walk will take walkers along the Leeds-Liverpool canal and through to Great Harwood before returning to the Business Park. The 5k route will take walkers through Rishton and Great Harwood before returning to the Business Park.

This Charity Walk raises a minimum of £30,000 per year, and since it started 11 years ago a total of over £400,000 has benefitted all types of charities and good causes. All monies raised by the walkers go direct to the charity or good cause of their choice, which means every penny goes to the nominated beneficiary.

Both events will depart at approximately 9.30am from the Junction 7 Business Park at Clayton le Moors – opposite from the Dunkenhalgh Hotel. Added attractions are the staging of a fun football competition, music from the popular Blojangles and cheer leading groups.

The entrance fee is £6 per person (£8 on the day) children under 12 go free. Hot food and refreshments are available along the route as well as at the start and finish. For further details and how to book online go to: rotarywalk.org.uk or by telephone contact Stuart Duhan on 01254 433501

Darwen Lego Tower

Three new Harris Fellows have been presented with their badges and certificates in ceremonies at Darwen. Alan Slack and District Secretary Gil Riley were given the awards at the Club’s Charter Night dinner by District Governor Malcolm Baldwin. The presentation to the third member, Gordon Holden, was handed over by club president Mark Graham at a later meeting.

Meanwhile, the construction of the Lego Darwen Tower goes on apace. The replica of the tower which stands on the moors above the town was built in 1898 to mark the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria the model is being built in the town’s Market Hall annexe from Lego bricks.

The club have already sold over 12,000 bricks at £1 each with many local charities benefitting from the scheme. Through sponsorship these local organisations collect money to buy bricks and on completion they can claim 85% of the cash for their chosen charity and give 15% to Rotary. To complete the Lego Tower, the Rotary club need to sell 25,000 bricks.

Organiser John Jacklin says: “We are delighted at the way the scheme is working. We are nearly half way to our target which has been achieved in about 14 months. Club members are manning a stall in the market every Friday and Saturday for a few hours and it’s amazing to see lots of the locals visiting us every week to make a donation.”

Rotary District 1190 Conference Saturday 17th March 2018

Registration open from 1st July 2017

Conference fee £25
includes:
Bacon Butties on arrival;
tea, coffee & biscuits;
Buffet Lunch

Optional Bed & breakfast £150 per room
Saturday dinner and entertainment £35

Confirmed speakers:
Marcus Hawthorn – Royal British Legion
James Martin – Rotary Blogger
Ken Robertshaw – Peace Scholars
Judith Diment - PolioPlus
Radio Lancashire Morning Show

Thursday 23rd February was Rotary International’s 112th Birthday. In celebration, Radio Lancashire’s Morning Breakfast show was broadcast live from the Rotary Club of Lunesdale’s meeting in the Castle Inn at Hornby. Sally Nadan presented, with Chris Thornley as Technical Presenter.

A relaxed ambiance and lots of laughter marked the informal atmosphere as information about the history of Rotary was related and several Rotarians were interviewed. They all stressed the importance of the friendship and fun they enjoy at the meetings and the satisfaction they feel in having opportunities to help others less fortunate than them.

Past District Governor, Roger Mason, was also there. He explained that on June 24th 2017 a Celebration Service to mark the Centenary of Rotary Foundation, the fundraising arm of Rotary, will be held at Blackburn Cathedral.

The International Supper and Auction, which took place that evening at Tunstall Village Hall, is part of “The World’s Greatest Meal”, as similar events are taking place around the globe on the same day. Over 70 guests enjoyed a delicious meal before the auction, conducted by Colin Greenhalgh. The total amount raised during the evening was an incredible £2,500.

Duncan Hamlett the International Chair of the Club gave the vote of thanks and explained the money would be divided between the International Charities which the club supports. It was a truly memorable day for the Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

Photo shows Colin Greenhalgh being interviewed by Sally Nadan

Lytham

Donation to Maternity Unit

A donation from Lytham Rotary Club is helping babies to have a more restful time on the Maternity Unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. Club members donated £1,158 to pay for a special monitor which beeps less than more traditional monitors whilst still alerting staff to any issues.

Peter Langley, President of Lytham Rotary Club, said he was delighted to see a baby on the ward benefiting from the monitor as his own son had to be in an incubator when he was first born. Roger Ducat, the club’s Membership and Publicity Chairman, agreed that it was wonderful to see the donation making a difference to the three-month-old baby. Ward Sister Louise Parmel, said: “We’ve already had a few parents commenting on how good the monitor is.” Lytham Rotary Club donated the money for the Masimo Pulse Oximeter Monitor to MedEquip4Kids; a charity which improves the health of children and babies in the UK by providing equipment not available from limited NHS resources.

Peter said: “We support lots of local and national charities. We do as much as we can locally.” Isabel Spencer, Ward Manager, said: “We really appreciate the donation. It’s nice to meet Peter, Raymond and Roger because up until now we didn’t know where the donation had come from. We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to them and to MedEquip4Kids.”

Lunesdale

Specialist Treadmill

The £1,900 Preston Amounderness Rotary Club have donated to Rainbow House for the purchase of a specialist treadmill is already having a positive impact on the lives of the young people who use the education centre.

During a visit to the charity based in Mawdesley, the Club’s President, John Molyneux, said “The Rotary Club of Preston Amounderness is one of 68 Rotary Clubs in Lancashire and Cumbria. We aim to support well-run charities like Rainbow House who are working in challenging areas. Rainbow House’s physiotherapy project and the benefits it will bring to those that need the service appealed to us. We were very glad to be able to purchase the treadmill, which has been financed from the Club’s own funds and a grant from the Rotary Foundation. The Club hopes to carry on supporting Rainbow House.” Mr. Molyneux was accompanied by David Brooke, Chair of the Club’s Foundation and International Committee.

Carole Cochrane CBE DL, Rainbow House Chief Executive said, “We are very grateful to the Preston Amounderness Rotary Club for their generous donation. The treadmill is extremely beneficial to all of the children and young people that use our services and helps improve mobility and co-ordination. As we have no statutory funding, the support of the Rotary Club and other organisations is crucial to our ability to continue to provide and expand our services.”
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