Autumn 2017
From the Editor

Ken the editor writes…..

Welcome to this edition of your magazine. Please remember the object is to get these magazines, once you’ve read them, into waiting rooms and libraries in your local communities, all in the name of boosting our image and hopefully our membership.

I’ve tried to include something from every club which has submitted copy, although in a few cases I’ve had different items about the same event. No problem has submitted anything you’ve got to say, I’m happy to consider duplication. If your club hasn’t been in the habit of submitting copies recently, can I urge you to have a rethink? I will always try to get something in from every club that submits.

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Regards and continue to enjoy your Rotary!

Ken

Welcome to New Members

For more information or to find your local Rotary club in Cumbria or Lancashire visit our website www.rotary1190.org or you can email the District Secretary at secretary@rotary1190.org.

We would be glad to hear from you.

Next issue (Winter) will be published and distributed at the District Council Meeting at Lancaster University - 13th January 2018.

Deadline for feature submissions will definitely be 1st December 2017 and the extended deadline of 4th December is for last-minute news snippets. But please don’t wait for the deadlines – send copy and photos (jpeg please) as early as possible.

All submissions are gratefully received, but space is limited and your article may be shortened or even left out. Overflow articles may be published on the district website, at tinyurl.com/rotary1190overflow.

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Blackpool South Rotary Club is selling their Santa Sleigh and Trailer. Seen in Blackpool during the Festive Season, the sleigh and trailer have been well-maintained and can be towed by any vehicle capable of towing a caravan.

The trailer which the sleigh sits on is: Tesco Extra, width including trailer 7′6″, length with tow bar 20′9″, height including sleigh 7′9″.

The sleigh has Christmas Lights and can be removed from the trailer. Offers are invited to purchase the sleigh and trailer together. Viewing is essential; for further information please contact President Eric Hind on 01253 893440.
From the District Governor

Our DG Larry Branyon writes.....

The new Rotary year was heralded by an informal handover onboard the Lake Windermere steamer MV Tern on Sunday 25 June. A total of 89 Rotarians, members of Inner Wheel and guests joined us for a 2-hour cruise and buffet in sunny, but breezy weather, entertained by the High Society Jazz Band. Following a short handover speech, the chain of office was presented to me and Malcolm was subsequently presented with his Past District Governor jewel. Incoming Secretary Linda Lambson and incoming Treasurer Arthur Jones both from the Rotary Club of Carnforth were presented with their jewels of office.

We had hardly started the new Rotary year when Rotarians throughout the world were shocked to learn of the unprecedented death of RI President-elect Sam F. Owori in Texas on 13th July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years. Sam was buried with state honours in Uganda, on Tuesday, 25 July. RI Vice President Dean Rohrs attended the funeral as Rotary’s representative.

Due to annual work commitments at East of England showground in Peterborough, I am unable to commence my club visit programme until Monday 12th August when the first visit will be at lunchtime to Kendal. Thereafter I will be out most nights and in some cases visiting two clubs per day. I am very keen to learn about the activities and projects being undertaken by every club in the District. It is my intention to give a brief overview of current activities within RI, RIBI and the District during my visit followed by an informal discussion with club members to gain an insight in regard to their current activities, and any issues that they may have. My events diary can be viewed at https://tockify.com/dg1190.2017.2018/agenda or via the link on the District website.

I attended Furness Rotary Club’s 26th Charter at the Lisdoonie Hotel in Barrow-in-Furness on Friday 21st July, and am very much looking forward to the attend the forthcoming Charter dinners in the Winter months.

Preparations continue to go well with the new format one-day Conference at the North Lakes Hotel, Penrith on Saturday 17th March. All Speakers have been confirmed with one exception. Entertainment is booked for the Friday and Saturday evening. New A5 fliers have been printed and will be distributed at club visits and District Council meetings.

As fellow Rotarians, I invite you to work together to “Make a Difference” in 2017-2018.

Rotary District 1190 Conference Saturday 17th March 2018

Registration open from 9am and it concludes at 5pm. Coffee & Bacon Butties (vegetarian option) on arrival, Buffet Lunch varied programme of speakers.

Cost is £25 per person booking on the District Website now:
http://www.rotary-rbi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=280746&DistrictNo=1190

Hotel: North Lakes Hotel, Penrith https://www.thwaites.co.uk/hotels-and-inns/hotels/north-lakes-hotel-penrith

Friday night and/or Saturday night are available for booking through the hotel before 30/9/17 at the special rate of £175 based on 2 sharing per night (£125 for single occupancy)

this includes dinner, bed and breakfast and the following:

Friday Night: Cumbria Themed Dinner & evening
Saturday night: dinner and entertainment

Anyone not resident in the hotel can join us for dinner on Friday and/or Saturday at a cost of £30 per person per evening

View point of an Assistant Governor-SE Lancashire Area B

The best thing about being an Assistant Governor, is you get to pick up all the best ideas in Rotary and then offer them to others, including my own club! On a more serious note, I wanted to become an AG because I enjoyed being President of my own club so much I thought that I may be able to offer a few innovative ideas to others!

I have been in Rotary since my retirement in 2008 and currently I’m involved in a two-year stint as Membership Chair. I’ve also served as Fundraising Chair and Community Chair, with two years’ service in each role. Having had the privilege of being President of Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary, again for two consecutive years, 2014/15 & 2015/16, I believe I was well prepared for the Presidency by our previous wonderful President, Doreen.

Preparing for your role is so important, both at club and District level. A real asset for me and our club was that from April 2014 we utilised the ‘District Toolbox’ i.e. Visioning, inviting Wendy Aldred to oversee the process. All club members met many times over several months to discuss and agree aims and objectives, all to ensure the future of our club. This is not an easy process but well worthwhile and I would recommend it to all.

Since joining Rotary and attending all the District Conferences, I’ve listened to speakers including many District Governors talking about the need to change! ‘Dress down, relax, become more flexible and innovative etc’. but it strikes me that this is proving very difficult for some clubs. My own club did this years ago.

As an Assistant Governor, I’m promoting ideas on how to change, but of course first the club needs to be willing to consider change. For example, relax the Charter Evenings; invite more friends to the event and all the people who have assisted your club throughout the years, consider less formality and more entertainment! Consider more ‘friends of Rotary’? Have you considered fee-paying Corporate membership? Do husband and wife members pay two full fees? Is a meal obligatory at your meetings; have meeting times and the venue ever been reviewed, etc? Some of these ideas may seem somewhat radical, but I go back to the ‘visioning’ exercise I mentioned earlier and its small beer in the whole scheme of things!

One of our greatest weaknesses in Rotary is the club websites. Any prospective member will start by looking at the website and if it’s not attractive and up to date, we’ll never attract the people we need! We all need to work on getting these right.

I’d like to thank all those clubs I’ve managed to visit, where I’ve been made most welcome, and if I’m able to assist with anything or answer any queries, I’ll always do my best to help or direct you to a person who can.

Ian S. McTurk
Ribblesdale
Members of Ribblesdale Rotary organised their third “Pub Walk” to raise funds to help care for the patients of East Lancashire Hospice, the previous two having raised over £30,000.

The ten-mile walk took place on Saturday, June 25th, starting with registration in Whalley village hall where bacon and sausage butties were available. Rotarian Barry Wood led a dedicated team of route planners and marshals managing the 10-mile route past seven pubs. He said: “We were extremely pleased that the pub walk again attracted around 250 walkers, helping us to raise money for the East Lancashire Hospice.”

Organiser Grahame Trudgill said: “We have had some very, positive feedback and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. A lot of the pubs and clubs have supported us for years, but this year we had some new ones, like Roughlee Village Centre and David Street Club in Barrowford.”

Another new venue was Colin Birchall’s place, where walkers could enjoy Pie & Peas. Colin’s Place raised an amazing £1,500 for Rotary charities, while Rotarian Bob Nolan raised around £1,100 walking in memory of Past President Brian Doney PHF.

Manager for Pendleside Hospice said: “This year the number of people taking part in the Pub Walk exceeded all our expectations. The walk has been getting bigger and bigger year upon year. I think part of the appeal is that it is suitable for people of all ages; we had young children taking part walking alongside parents, grandparents and even their dogs”.

This year 2232 people took part and the Hospice estimate that Pendle Pub Walk 2017 will have raised around £80,000.
520 bike riders enjoyed another great day despite the cloudy weather in the Ribble Valley bike ride on Sunday 11th June in 3 distance classifications around the Ribble Valley and Yorkshire Dales, with the longest distance being the 100 Mile Ultimate challenge.

This event was spearheaded by the Rotary clubs of Clitheroe and Accrington and supported by members from local Rotary clubs who acted as marshals. This was the fourth time such a project has been attempted and it entailed much planning as the riders travelled from The Fell Bike and Tri Superstore at Clitheroe, then through Downham, Gargrave, Kettlewell, Askrigg, Ribblehead, Stainforth and Settle before returning home to Clitheroe to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Sponsors were Beacon Bikes of Whalley, Dare 2B Clothing and Envair Clean Air Ltd and Secret Training and together with entry fees, the amount raised is estimated to be near to £10,000 which will be going to the Rosemere Cancer Foundation, Dan’s Trust and North-West Air Ambulance.

Members from the Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle acted as marshals at the Settle roundabout, and Ian McTurk, a Rotarian from the Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle and one of the marshals, paid tribute to the 2 organising clubs for putting on such a successful charity bike ride. He singled out Bill Honeywell from the Clitheroe club saying: “Bill once more has been the overall organiser, arranging the routes and providing specialist advise. I congratulate him for all the hard work he has put into the planning of the event. He is a remarkable Rotarian having raised huge amounts for various charities over the years.”

The event co-ordinator was DG Malcolm Baldwin.

Mike Nelson

LILIAN’S WINNING PHOTO

Lilian Barton’s photo of the Lunesdale Club’s crocus planting success has itself gone on to win first prize in the Floral Guernsey photography competition.

We featured the photo which perfectly captures the purple theme in PURPLE4POLIO, in our April issue earlier this year. Lilian photographed some of the 5000 crocuses planted by Lunesdale in Jubilee Park, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Entrants were challenged to capture community spirit in action as well as interesting floral displays, with a total of £700 worth of vouchers from the Gee Tee Bulb Company available for the top three in each category. Lunesdale was awarded a Prize worth £400. Well done Lilian!
Primary Technology Launched

District 1190 Lancashire & Cumbria Takes the National Rotary Lead

This truly exciting engineering competition for Primary Schools is now rolling out across our District. Conceived from requests for help by Primary School Teachers at the “Big Bang” in 2016, Rotary responded. A working partnership with the “Rochester Bridge Trust” was established and lead Rotarians Peter Lambson and Alan Dawson went to Rochester to work with their school’s education department representative Aileen White.

A bridge project was devised with Aileen taking on the brunt of the work. To support this, the company publishes a superb book and other educational materials and made them available to Rotary. The project was launched at the “2017 Big Bang”. Many thanks must go to Rochester Bridge and Aileen for their investment of £20,000 and her unstinting help in completing the project.

The Rotary Clubs of Carnforth, Accrington, Keswick and Church & Oswaldtwistle have all adopted the competition, overcoming many hurdles not least confidence in working with the Primary Pupils. Presenting the project as a curriculum enrichment exercise to help the teaching of “Design and Technology” and leading the initiative for “Problem Solving” within our local schools was greeted with enthusiasm by pupils and staff alike.

More clubs within our district are coming on board encouraged by yours truly and the total success of the events run thus far. Thanks must go to Shaun Ashworth, District Youth Chair, who has managed to procure the necessary test rigs for use by the schools and District in advancing the funding for 2500 button squirrels as merchandising mementoes for the participating pupils. Allowing for a commercial Bridge kit presented to the school, a prize of a 7” Fluffy Squirrel to the winning teams of 4 pupils, the financial cost to a Rotary Club is around £100. This is a small amount to enrich the lives of up to 30 pupils.

Very many thanks must go to our fore-mentioned clubs in getting this worthwhile event started in our Primary Schools. Hopefully RIBI on seeing our success will promote and encourage other districts to take on the project.

Pete Lambson
Schools Technology Co-ordinator
District 1190 - Lancashire & Cumbria
Young Footballer Update

The District tournament winner and runner up teams together with parents and staff were taken to St Georges Park, the FA headquarters in Burton on Trent, on the 10 June to compete in the National finals. The teams representing the District were Archbishop Temple High School and Fulwood Academy who both did well in the competition. Archbishop Temple reached the semi-finals where they were knocked out by the event winners. The teams were given a guided tour around the facilities.

Norman Yates
Rotary Club of Preston South

Rotary Young Textile Technologist Competition

The final of this competition was once again held at The Lakes School, Windermere on June 20th, and was sponsored by Just Sew of Penrith. Disappointingly, only 4 schools from Cumbria entered this year, but their enthusiasm was very encouraging and the standard of work was so good that the judges found it very difficult to decide.

The Brief this year was to make an item for their bedroom using recycled materials, following the Theme of ‘Reflection.’

The winner was Sam Hodgson from The Lakes School, who made a beautiful mirror for his room, including making the wooden frame. He was presented with his award and prize by DG Malcom Baldwin and was sponsored by the R C of Windermere.

The Runner up was Madeline Wise from William Howard School, Brampton, sponsored by the R C of Brampton and Longtown, with her interesting wall hanger for books. All the other students were awarded Highly Commended certificates. They were Maisie Millington from Dowdales School, sponsored by the R C of Furness and Amelia Richie & Evie McMullen from Ulverston Victoria High School, sponsored by the R. C of Ulverston.

The Brief and information for next year, will be sent out to all Clubs in the District in September, so please look out for it and encourage your schools to take part, so the Competition can grow. Thanks to everyone and the Sponsors for their support.

Elly Day, Coordinator.
Over a dozen mayors from across the District, together with three local MPs, dignitaries and guests came to the service on Saturday 24th June, including representatives of her Majesty the Queen; the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria. 75 primary school children from three schools across the District as well a youth choir from Germany made up the 450-strong congregation and once again Rotary’s close working with schools paid off as the congregation was wowed by the children’s singing and dancing.

The message of the service was clear. Rotarians are doers. A point picked up by the Archbishop in his address. Eve Conway, now past President of RIBI and Peter Offer our Rotary Director talked about the Rotary Foundation and Polio. The Service was conducted by the Bishop of Blackburn the Right Reverend Julian Henderson who welcomed Rotarians from all local clubs, with Rotarians from the North West of England acting as stewards.

Display stands highlighted completed Foundation projects including the supply of defibrillators for mountain rescue in Cumbria,
water supplies to schools in Nepal, the rebuilding of a village in Sri Lanka and a water retention project in Kenya. As part of the End Polio Now campaign a fully working iron lung built by a local Rotarian was on display and members of the public undertook the experience of entering the iron lung to see for themselves what is was like for people crippled with polio before a cure was found. The displays are now available for Clubs to use for their own more local celebrations and can be borrowed from Clitheroe club.

Lennie Herbert the Foundation Chairman for the Rotary Club of Church & Oswaldtwistle said: “Rotary is a worldwide movement of volunteers working to benefit local and International communities. There are 68 clubs in the North West with over 1850 members who aim to support well run local charities working in challenging areas with the support of the Rotary Foundation. We hope that members of the public will come along and see some of the work we do, and maybe think about becoming a Rotarian.”

Roger Mason & Michael Nelson
Ambleside Kirkstone

Guaranteed to greet summer event goers with a High Five and a smile, Ambleside Kirkstone club members and their oversized yellow hands have been energetically organising car parking fields at many outdoor gatherings in the Ambleside & Grasmere area again this year. Valuable charity funds have been gained by their expert services in addition to the chance to showcase the work of Shelterbox, Blood Bikes and Aquabox; in one case demonstrating its workings to a notable attendee.

Judith Fry

Barnoldswick & Earby

Three German boys were handed some ancient weapons and took part in training for drilling and marching. The scene was part of a medieval re-enactment at Skipton Castle and the youngsters were invited to join the role play during a visit arranged by Barnoldswick and Earby Rotary Club. The Rotarians were acting as hosts to Rotarians from Mayen in Germany and keeping seven youngsters entertained was just part of a weekend of activities for them and the adults alike.

The Mayen party were ferried from Manchester Airport and entertained by their hosts on the Thursday arrival. On the Friday there was an excellent guided tour of Newby Hall and an evening meal at the Cross Keys at East Marton. Saturday saw the visit to Skipton Castle followed by a gala dinner at Bertram’s Restaurant in Burnley. On Sunday the visitors were shown round Barnoldswick when the tour included a visit to Bancroft Mill, where the steam-driven engine was in operation, along with other reminders of the once dominant cotton industry.

The two Rotary clubs have been exchanging visits over the past 40 years, and this time the 21-strong group included some who had not been to Barnoldswick before. They all appreciated the weekend’s hospitality and entertainment programme. After refreshments came the return journeys to Manchester Airport and the flight home.

Peter Daykin

Whitehaven Castle

Raising the roof for Blood Bikes

Whitehaven Castle Rotary welcomed Malcolm, the Mayor of Whitehaven, fellow Rotarians and many other people to a performance of VOCE and raised £1900 to share between Blood Bikes and North Air Ambulance. This followed a previous weekend of supporting Whitehaven Carnival and Marshalling at Distington Car Rally, raising yet more funds. All these events raised Rotary’s profile but most importantly brought enjoyment to many in our community.

Elspeth Day

Bassenthwaite

Adopt a Beck

The club has taken its first steps on the ‘Adopt a Beck’ scheme run by West Cumbria Rivers Trust. This scheme aims to encourage local businesses and organisations to become ‘guardians’ of their local rivers by investing in river habitat improvements and events that encourage local communities to explore, celebrate and learn more about their river. The picture shows the team on a survey of the section of Dash Beck between Bassenthwaite village and the lake. The Trust is keen to develop its relationship with Rotary clubs.

John Inman

Water Project in Nepal

The club is developing a project for a village water scheme at Danda Gaun, near Arughat in Nepal. The Arughat Support Fund (ASF) charity, which is based in the Club’s area, has asked for assistance on this. ASF has a long history of working in the Arughat area, for example getting a school rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 2015. As with many other villages in Nepal, there is no running water. Women traditionally expend large amounts of time and energy bringing it into the villages, at some cost to their health and wellbeing. There are also public health issues around the quantity and cleanliness of the water available in this way.

The Arughat scheme is intended to deliver clean water flowing under gravity from a spring located around 2.4km away. Work is at the investigation, feasibility and design stage. Valued pro bono professional engineering support is being provided in UK by Westlakes Engineering Limited. The club is liaising with Richard Fisher of RC Garstang and Over Wyre, who is similarly pursuing a (pumped) water scheme for a Nepali village near Gorkha. The picture shows Mr Hari of Danda Gaun demonstrating the flow available from the spring. The aim is to complete this project in 2018.

John Inman

Blackpool South

Wimbledon Is Not The Only Place To Have Star Double Pairs

Blackpool South Rotary Club has been blessed with two-star double pairs to lead them in the next three years. On the 1st July, the start of the Rotary year, retired Property Management businessman Eric Hind took over as President supported by his wife Anne who carries on as Club Secretary. Anne is the retired HM Coroner for Blackpool & the Fylde area.

Supporting them is another married couple, Pat McCarthy who becomes President Elect and his wife Lesley who becomes President Nominee. Pat a former Royal Navy Commander was also bursar at Arnold and AKS until his retirement. Lesley recently retired as a lecturer at Blackpool and Fylde College.

Jeff Meadows
Carnforth and Lunesdale Rotary give Chernobyl Children several Fun Days

Carnforth and Lunesdale Rotarians have supported the Friends of the Children of Chernobyl by acting as reception for the children on days when the hosts had to go to work. For their Carnforth visits, they were received at the Silverdale Cricket club, which was opened especially. The party consisted of 12 children between the ages of 7 and 11 years from Belarus, for most of whom it was their first visit to the UK. The youngsters, plus their 2 interpreters, were welcomed at the Kendal Climbing Centre by Lunesdale Club President Richard Parsons, Club President Elect Nigel Pullen and Rotarian Lilian Barton. The children were at the Centre as guests of Mr & Mrs Jeremy Wilson. Before the thrills of the climbing began they were treated to a delicious snack of strawberries, grapes and biscuits.

One of many outings sponsored by Carnforth Rotary was a visit to the Police Museum in Manchester where the children dressed up in various bobbies’ uniforms from past years. They were taken to a real courtroom, often used in TV and film dramas, and then locked in the cells. The judge was a Russian who eventually released them to continue with the day!

Another visit was to Haven holidays where they started with a ranger experience, which showed the children how to make fire without matches, brew hot chocolate and then toast marshmallows. They then went on the Bungee jumps and Ice skating, where the children were amazed when the owner of the concession, who was an ex ice skating champion, spoke to them in Russian.

Martin Mere holiday camp, the Water Splash Park and pond dipping at Leighton Moss all followed, with signs written in Russian, and a volunteer who greeted them in Russian and even tried to explain some things in Russian.

The serious business at the Kendal Climbing Centre was a one-and-a-half hour session under the expert and watchful eye of instructor Joe. At the end of the session, those who wished were given the opportunity to do the incredible Skyjump. All the children were brave enough to do it! Each child was presented with a backpack full of goodies and a cuddly teddy bear. Final hugs and goodbyes were said and 12 very happy little children were driven back to their hosts in Silverdale.

Linda Lambson and Lilian Barton

Carlisle

Off to a Flying Start!

Carlisle’s four Rotary Club Presidents staged a collective takeover of their Clubs during an Open Garden and Tea event held on Saturday 8th July, raising £740 in aid of the Rotary Foundation and the RNLI – the latter to replace kit lost in the Carlisle Floods of 2015 as a contribution to the District Governor’s chosen charity.

From left to right, Brian Scroggie of Carlisle Castle, receives his collar from Don Jary of Brampton and Longtown, who collects his collar from Tony Parrini of Carlisle South who received his collar from Nicki Quayle the new president of Carlisle Rotary Club. Starting the “chain reaction” was Wendy Aldred the local Assistant Governor.

The four Presidents then climbed aboard a 1927 Morris Cowley which will shortly leave Carlisle on a round Britain Challenge in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Action.

Tony Parrini

The Great Ferret Race!

We always try and think of different ways of raising funds for our local charities! This time the Eden Valley Hospice and The Great North Air Ambulance benefitted from Marian Reed’s ‘imaginative’ idea of an evening of ‘Ferret Racing’. “Whatever next?” we cried!

More than 150 Rotarians and friends enjoyed a great night at an ideal venue of Walby Farm Park who supplied a superb meal and excellent facilities before the racing commenced. The most successful fund raiser of the evening was an Auction of Promises which included dinner parties for 8 and 10 with some well-known celebrities who had most generously offered their homes and renowned cooking skills. Other gifts up for sale were trips to local destinations and a very special afternoon at the House of Lords.

The conclusion of a most entertaining night was more than £5,000 raised for the nominated charities and great fun for those who attended. We can totally recommend ‘Rotary’ Ferret Racing as an excellent fund raiser!

Nick Utting
The Charity ‘Every Action Has Consequences’

Jim Hargreaves, outgoing President of the Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle, presented a cheque for £500 to Pat and Dave Rogers, parents of Adam Rogers who was tragically killed by a single punch to break up a fight on the 5th July, 2008. This money will be used to produce Education packs to be used by schools, prisons, youth offending teams, police cadets and other organisations of the consequences of an ill-judged action.

Jim Hargreaves said, “I am more than pleased to make this award to this very worthwhile charity ‘Every Action Has Consequences’ and the parents of Adam have my deepest admiration in the manner they are conveying the message to all the organisations that can bring this to the attention of young people.”

Den Building In Aid Of Save The Children

Friday 16th June was Den Day, when schools across the UK built dens, learnt about the importance of shelter and raised money to change lives. The recently set up RotaKids club at White Ash Primary school in Oswaldtwistle showed its strong commitment to helping others by joining in and raising £70. Cath Heap from the club, co-ordinator for RotaKids schools in the Oswaldtwistle area, is pleased to see White Ash rise to the occasion.

White Ash Primary School spokesperson Angela Hillsaid: “All the children thoroughly enjoyed designing and building their dens and learned about the world around them, and how the monies they raised will help children and their families around the world who’ve been involved in natural disasters”.

Kids Day Out

As part of the Rotary International “Kids Day Out” programme, the club sponsored children from White Ash Specialist School, Oswaldtwistle, to visit Wellybobs Animal Farm in Lower Darwen. A large group of children and staff met and fed a wide variety of animals, including goats, pigs, llamas and calves. The children could hold and pet many small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits, and were able to touch and stroke lizards, a tortoise and even snakes, including a very large boa constrictor.

Rotarians Ron Pickup, Lyndon and Cath Heap and Margaret Barry organised the day out and were on hand throughout the day to help the School Teachers where necessary. Ron Pickup said: “It is most rewarding to see the delight on the faces of the children as they see and touch the various animals. I would like to thank Red Rose Travel who provided a super 50-seater coach at reduced cost, with their driver Mark who acted as DJ and Rotarian Margaret Barry who did such a good job in conducting the singing.”

Winners Of Charity Golf Tournament

A team of golfers from Blackburn who play at Leyland Golf club won the 12th annual charity golf day organised by the club, held at Whalley Golf Club. Excellent weather throughout the afternoon was enjoyed by players and spectators alike. A buffet half way round the course was arranged by the ladies of the Rotary club.

The charities that will benefit from the competition are the Anaphylaxis Campaign and Derian House. The former is a charity close to the Rotary club as one of its members Franco Sanna has raised over £25,000 for it, while Derian House is renowned throughout the region as being at the forefront of children’s palliative respite care.

Light At Last At The End Of The Tunnel

For the last 3 years Rotarians have been assisting in improving the appearance of Church and Oswaldtwistle railway station, an ongoing programme where Rotarians turn up every Saturday morning to ensure the platforms are cleared of weeds, including power washing of the approach steps, painting of handrails, removing foliage in and around the station and planting begonias on both platforms.

A major focus has been the scruffy and tatty appearance of the tunnel adjacent to the station. Network Rail, who operate railway infrastructure in the UK, have been congratulated for the work just completed on the tunnel – they’ve removed old paintwork, repainted the tunnel, and installed steel meshing on the upper walls and ceiling to prevent pigeon roosting.

The Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle would be pleased to see volunteers from the public helping to keep the station neat and tidy; anyone who would like to do the odd Saturday morning is asked to contact Michael Jackson on 07967 235825 or Stuart Duhan on 01254 433501.

Rotary Helps Hyndburn Disabled Club

The club has provided much needed funds for DASH, i.e. Disabled Association for Sports in Hyndburn, with a cheque for £600 which came from the proceeds of the Hyndburn Bonfire.

John McKenna, DASH trustee, said the cheque will assist in purchasing a new snooker table, replacing the bingo machine and providing netball kit. Over the years the club has also provided funds for the DASH Christmas party, and Maureen Hartley, incoming Community Chairperson paid tribute, saying: “We are very pleased to be associated with DASH as they provide excellent facilities for disabled people to meet and enjoy the company of other members in excellent surroundings.”

Mike Nelson
Burnley

Car Show

The show started at 11am and we had good weather in the afternoon, but rain in the morning probably limited the entrants attending. However, we still had over 300 classic vehicles on display and all profits will go to local charities. We had a row of stalls, local car dealers, food and drink as well as a fairground, helicopter rides and a model railway exhibition in Towneley Hall. 2BR Radio provided commentary and ran the arena. Prizes were presented by the Mayor of Burnley Councillor Howard Baker. He was accompanied by the Mayoress and shown round the show by Burnley Rotary President Neil Beecham.

Arnold Jenkins

Lancaster

Casino Night!

The Rotary Club of Lancaster enjoyed a successful Casino Night, held at Morecambe Golf Club, where 90 people enjoyed the three gaming tables, a buffet meal, raffle & entertainment until late with the very well-known Ashleigh Wood (Bring Me Sunshine). The event was held in aid of The Alzheimer’s Society and raised just under £900.

Prof George Chadwick

Long Service Presentation

The club presented an engraved vase after 40 years of service to Warwick Wilson, a retired Chartered Accountant, who was the first member of the Club to take on the role of President twice. In addition to his presidential role he has acted as honorary auditor to the Club for many years. He was also awarded two Paul Harris Fellowships in recognition of his services locally, nationally and internationally. Fellow Rotarian Graham Curwen made a short speech thanking him for his many years of dedication.

June K. Wood.

Kendal

The Kendal club is pleased to announce that IPP Peter A. Smith PHF of the RC of Kendal has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Cumbria. Peter is a retired Air Commodore.

Tim Keegan

Cockermouth

Cockermouth Carnival Revived!

Rotary Club of Cockermouth played a leading role in reviving a colourful community tradition in the town. After the devastating floods of 2009 the town carnival was cancelled and looked set to remain but a distant memory. Rotarians Dave Siddall and Joe Fagan decided it was too important and campaigned to get the organising committee back up to speed. Thanks to their efforts and the original promoters Isobel Burns, Julie Laidlow and the town council, the Carnival returned this year after an absence of eight years.

Members of the Rotary Club of Cockermouth helped by acting as stewards, alerting motorists of the arrival of the carnival parade. Dave Siddall said: “This proved difficult at times, but most motorists appreciated the need for patience and restraint as the parade made its way through town. The Rotary Club provided stewarding because Cumbria police no longer provide such help without hundreds of pounds in payments, which many small community events are unable to finance.”

The sun shone throughout the day and hundreds of children enjoyed participating in the carnival through the town.

David Siddall

Preston

School Visit Spaks Dictionaries Donation

In October 2016 one of our members was asked by a teacher at St. Joseph’s R.C. primary school Rigby Street, Preston, if he would talk to pupils about what it was like at their school when he attended from 1943 to 1953.

He was astonished to learn that they had no idea, to quote one example, what a gas mask was and to hear about the discipline imposed by the school. Many questions were asked by the pupils who were very well behaved throughout the talk.

Our member then decided to ask his club (Preston Rotary Club) to donate 32 Rotary Dictionaries to the school which they kindly agreed to do. On Friday 16th June 2017, these were presented at the School Assembly at 9 am, in the presence of pupils, teachers and parent’s plus the Head Teacher.

The Club President Lyn Fenton, Mike Barton and Keith Cameron (who kindly took the photos) all remarked how well behaved the pupils were. Head Teacher Mrs. Catherine Monaghan thanked the club for their donation.

Mike Barton
Fleetwood On Air!

It’s always pleasant to be able to talk about Rotary, and in particular it’s important we get the Rotary message out there to attract as much new talent as possible both locally and internationally.

New media outlets and better use of existing ones can help achieve this, and after some 90 years of service to the town Fleetwood Rotary Club was happy to be featured on Radio Lancashire recently. Radio Lancashire has always been a great help to Rotary and supports what we do in Fleetwood.

President David Simpson was interviewed on ‘John Gilmore and Friends’ and talked about Rotary in general and the work we do in our communities both here and abroad. It gave him the opportunity to thank the people of Fleetwood for their continued support, and importantly got the Rotary message out to a wider audience, telling our ‘Rotary Story’.

Many thanks to Garry Scott, programme producer, and of course to John Gillmore for taking the time to interview us about Rotary.

Supporting Fleetwood’s First Rotaract Club

Fleetwood has once again been at the forefront of supporting local charities and organisations and has been proud to support the formation of the town’s first Rotaract Club. The new group has been steadily gaining members, and recently received their Inauguration Charter from Rotary at Rowley’s Restaurant in Blackpool Football Club.

Joy Leatherbarrow, club president said: “We have had a great first year and have gathered more members than we anticipated, as well as meeting our targets for raising money for charity”. The group have been supporting the local charity ‘Sign Hi Say Hi’, a group of parents supporting deaf children, organizing classes, workshops and events for the children and their families. Rotaract presented them with a donation of £1,000 on the night.

Jane Thomas, the chair of the charity said: “We love the relationship with Rotaract, and it helps get our name more widely known. We are supporting more than 40 families in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre areas and numbers are increasing”.

Fleetwood & Thornton Cleveleys

Stroke Awareness

Fleetwood residents and visitors were once again given an opportunity to look after their health as the Stroke Association set up shop on the town’s Freeport recently. The initiative, supported by Fleetwood and Thornton Cleveleys Rotary Clubs, gave an opportunity for people to have blood pressure checks and receive health advice to help prevent strokes. High blood pressure is one of the biggest risk factors for stroke, which is the fourth biggest killer in the UK.

Claire Upton, Life after Stroke Coordinator at the Stroke Association, said: “There are over nine and a half million people in the UK with high blood pressure, and seven million remain undiagnosed. It only takes a moment to check your blood pressure, and it’s one of the most important things you can do to reduce your risk of a stroke”.

Organising The 5th Rotakids Conference

The club has been active in supporting primary schools with the organisation of the 5th Rotakids Conference at Lancaster University, attended by children from some 31 schools in Lancashire and Cumbria. Rotakids helps young people to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in their school; in their local community and globally.

Margaret Lund, Fleetwood Rotarian and District Rotakids Co-ordinator said: “The conference was a fantastic opportunity for Rotakids from all over Lancashire and Cumbria to get together and learn about Rotary projects they can be involved in. It’s great to see young people taking responsibility for helping others and making the world a better place.’

Conference workshops included sessions on The National Trust, drumming, first aid, bee keeping, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Bethany Project (supporting vulnerable children and people in Tanzania, East Africa), recycling and peace. It was certainly a full and busy morning.

Malcolm Baldwin, Rotary District Governor said: ‘This is a great opportunity for youngsters and Rotary to come together, and it introduces them to the work we do as they are our future’. Many thanks to all the schools and children who attended and were involved, and to all the helpers who made it such a success.

Malcolm Lewis.
World Premiere!

Wednesday 19th July 2017 saw the “World Premiere” of the video which Roy “Spielberg” Worthington has been overseeing for the last 12 months or so. The video filmed and produced by student Rivers Armstrong will go on general release on YouTube and Facebook later this year, and we hope that it will serve as a publicity tool and hopefully encourage more people to join Rotary.

Many of us “auditioned” for parts in the movie, but as in all great things movie, much ends up on the cutting room floor. Despite taking great care of our makeup and wearing our best clobber, we were clearly too wooden to make it! So, the Mikes, Collins and Brians of this world will continue on their trajectory, high above us, to the STARS!

But I think Rivers has done a fine job grabbing the essence of our club. If we come over a bit formal and traditional, well so what, that is who we are. We are still a happy fellowship and welcoming club. If we come over a bit formal and traditional, well so what, that is who we are. We are still a happy fellowship and welcoming and between the stuff shirt moments have lots of laughs and fun. Let’s see how many viewings we get when general release takes place!

Kids Out!

This year Kids Out was organised by Rotary Barrow in Furness and we were merely helping. After a few hiccups in the planning stages, they decided to follow the pattern we established last year which made use of the triple deal available between the Motor Museum at Backbarrow, the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway and Windermere Steamers.

First a quick look around the impressive motor museum with its superb collection of transport from our recent past back to the time when motor cars and motor bikes and cycles began!

Then a bus trip to Lakeside to catch the train back to Haverthwaite – it is practically impossible to get a train from Haverthwaite to Lakeside, they are invariably full!

Then another quick bus trip to Lakeside to catch a steamer to Bowness for lunch and an ice cream. Our buses had by then moved up to Bowness where after a tremendous day out we could all clamber aboard for the trip back to Barrow and a host of schools to discharge our valuable cargo of exhausted kids still all wearing their Kids Out caps!

Nambia Trip!

In June, we had a visit from Natasha Millar, a 19-year-old taking a GAP year before commencing a LLB degree at Northumbria in September. She is about to embark on a volunteer project in Namibia and is seeking help with the funding. She is to work in a wildlife sanctuary close to the capital Windhoek which works with cheetahs, leopards, lions, wild dogs, baboons and zebras. In fact, Namibia has 95% of the world population of cheetahs and has great problems with poachers over all their wild animal populations.

Whilst at the sanctuary Natasha will be involved in animal feeding, baboon care, overnight tower watching, lots of cleaning and maintenance and education work with the local tribal people. As expected a trip to Namibia is not cheap and as she has had to find £2350, she has been involved with fund raising, with bucket collections at Morrisons (where she has had excellent support), raffles, sponsorship from local businesses and a Just Giving page. Currently she has borrowed £700, raised £520 and is seeking help with the remaining £1130.

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The sanctuary seeks to care for animals which have been injured, sometimes orphaned and always tries to re-release into the wild, some with GPS trackers. Unfortunately, that’s often not possible because of the relationships established with humans during the critical care phase. In those cases, the animals must be retained in safe sanctuaries.

Whitehaven

Lego League Final!

Ennerdale Engineers were presented with £500 by the Rotary Club of Whitehaven to help with the cost of competing in the first Lego League International Final. The “Engineers”, made up of pupils from Ennerdale and Kinniside School, succeeded in reaching the finals of the competition in Bath in June. Along with their Headteacher, David Moore, the youngsters were presented with the cheque by President Dorothy Whithfield Bott at the end of her term in office. At the Regional Round in February they won Best Robot Design and finished second overall. Following this they competed in the National Final, finishing second in the robot competition, earning an invitation to the International Finals in Bath. This is quite an achievement for the smallest school, containing the youngest pupils, competing largely against secondary schools. The school recently travelled to Bath to compete as one of only 100 schools worldwide who have qualified for the Final.

Paul Harris Award

Peter Irving, Community Chair of the Rotary Club of Lunesdale is seen being presented with a very well-deserved Paul Harris Award by President Richard Parsons. It was a happy social occasion – a “Salmon and Strawberries” attended by fellow club members, family and friends at Richard’s home on Thursday 15th June.

Lilian Barton
Autumn colours at Barton Grange …

We have lots of colour for your pots and patios, with new collections of pansies, violas and other seasonal favourites. Plus it’s the perfect time to plant trees, shrubs and, of course, spring bulbs.

Choose some new season décor for your home, then visit our Cook Shop and Farm Shop to get in the mood for autumn food!

Plus two restaurants and lots of free parking.
You are invited to contact the various secretaries via their email address highlighted in blue.

Here are the Club meeting dates, venues and times.
**Kirkham & Rural Fylde**
Thursday at 1st, 3rd & 5th at 19:00 for 19:30
The Restaurant, Ribby Hall Village, Wrea Green, Preston PR4 2PA
secretary@kirkhamruralfylde.rotary1190.org

**Lancaster**
Monday at 17:45
The Holiday Inn, Waterside Park, Caton Road, Lancaster LA1 3RA
secretary@lancaster.rotary1190.org

**Lancaster Loyne**
Tuesday at 19:30
Globe Arena Morecambe
[MORECAMBE FOOTBALL CLUB] LA4 4TB
secretary@lancasterloyne.rotary1190.org

**Leyland**
Thursday at 18:15 for 18:45
Farington Lodge Hotel, Stanfield Lane, Farington, Leyland PR25 4QR
secretary@leyland.rotary1190.org

**Longridge & Preston North**
Thursday at 18:30 for 19:00
Ferrari’s Country House Hotel, Thornley, Longridge PR3 2TB
secretary@longridgenorthpreston.rotary1190.org

**Lunesdale**
Thursday at 19:30
The Castle Inn, Main Street, Hornby, Lancashire. LA2 8JJ
secretary@lunesdale.rotary1190.org

**Lytham**
Thursday at 12:30
Clifton Arms Hotel, West Beach, Lytham FY8 5QJ
secretary@lytham.rotary1190.org

**Maryport**
Wednesday at 19:30 for 19:45
Ritchon Cricket Club BB1 4RH
info@pendleviewrotary.org

**Penrith**
Monday at 18:00
George Hotel, Devonshire Street, Penrith, CA11 7SR
secretary@penrith.rotary1190.org

**Pouln-le-Fyde**
Wednesday at 19:00
Singleton Lodge, Lodge Lane, Singleton, Pouln-le-Fyde FY6 8LT
secretary@poulnlefyde.rotary1190.org

**Preston**
Wednesday at 12:15 for 12:30
Guild Lounge, Invincibles Stand, Preston NE FC, Lowthorpe Road, Deepdale PR1 6RU
secretary@preston.rotary1190.org

**Preston Amounderness**
Monday at 18:15
Preston Marriott Hotel, Garstang Road, Broughton, Preston PR3 5JB
secretary@prestonamounderness.rotary1190.org

**Preston Guild**
Friday at 07:30
Scholars Restaurant, University of Central Lancashire PR1 2HE
secretary@prestonguild.rotary1190.org

**Preston South**
Tuesday at 12:30
Penwortham Golf Club PR1 0AX
penworthamgolfclub@prestonrotary.org

**Ribblesdale**
Monday at 19:30
Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley, Clitheroe BB7 4NH
secretary@ribblesdale.rotary1190.org

**Rossendale**
Wednesday at 18:30
Sykeside Hotel, Haslingden, Rossendale BB4 6QE
secretary@rossendale.rotary1190.org

**Silloth-on-Solway**
Wednesday at 18:45 for 19:00
The Golf Hotel, Criffel St. Silloth-on-Solway CA7 4BL
secretary@sillothonsolway.rotary1190.org

**South Ribble**
Wednesday 1st & 3rd at 19:15 for 19:45
The Laeyland Lion, 60 Hough Lane, Leyland PR25 2SA
secretary@southrible.rotary1190.org

**St. Annes-on-the-Sea**
Tuesday at 18:30 for 19:15
Fylde Rugby Club, Blackpool Road, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes FY8 4EL
secretary@stannesonthesea.rotary1190.org

**Thornton Cleveleys**
Monday at 12:30
Taylor Room, Cleveleys Park Methodist Church, West Drive, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2BL
secretary@thorntoncleveleys.rotary1190.org

**Ulverston**
Monday at 18:30 for 19:00
The Olde Mill, Coast Road, Barrow, Ulverston LA12 9RB
secretary@ulverston.rotary1190.org

**Upper Eden**
Tuesday at 19:00 for 19:30
Upper Eden Rugby Club Pennine Park Westgarth Kirkby Stephen CA17 4TF
secretary@uppereden.rotary1190.org

**West Lakeland**
Tuesday at 19:30
The Red Admiral, Gosforth, Seascale CA20 1PB
secretary@westlakeland.rotary1190.org

**Whitehaven**
Tuesday 2nd & 4th at 12:30; 1st & 3rd at 19:00
Chase Hotel, Inkerman Terrace, Whitehaven CA28 8AA
secretary@whitehaven.rotary1190.org

**Whitehaven Castle**
Thursday at 19:15 for 19:30
Chase Hotel, Inkerman Terrace, Whitehaven CA28 8AA
secretary@whitehavencastle.rotary1190.org

**Wigton**
Wednesday at 19:00 for 19:30
The Greenhill Hotel, Red Dial. Wigton CA7 8LS
secretary@wigton.rotary1190.org

**Windermere**
Wednesday at 18:00
Laura Ashley Hotel, The Beelsfield, Kendal Road Bowness-on-Windermere LA23 3EL
secretary@windermere.rotary1190.org

**Workington**
Wednesday at 12:15
Hunday Manor Hotel, Winscales, Workington CA14 4JF
secretary@workington.rotary1190.org

**Workington Derwent**
Monday at 19:00
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