

**Rotary**  
Alumni 1210



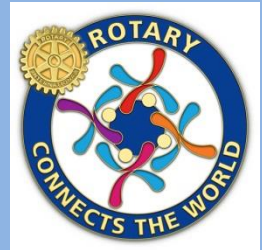
# Rotary Alumni 1210 Newsletter

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## Alumni 1210 Reconnect Afternoon 2019 "ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD"

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2pm – 4pm**



Reconnect with your friends from around D1210 and Around The World.

Perhaps hold a RYLA Reunion, a GSE Reunion, Interact or Rotaract get together, or simply catch up with Alumni and Rotarians you have not seen in a while.

(Let us know if your group would like to meet earlier for a good old chin wag and we will arrange to have the venue ready!)

### Everyone is welcome to come along and share the fun and fellowship

Alumni, Rotarians, Parents, Partners, Children, Siblings, Friends and Colleagues are all invited to enjoy the afternoon and celebrate Alumni.



**We have some wonderful speakers this year including**  
**Mina CHIANG**

Mina is a Rotary Global Scholar who is an International Speaker  
***specialising in modern slavery, human rights, and poverty.***  
She will be explaining all about her Rotary Journey and how

**"Rotary Changed My World".**



Contact us to secure your places

e- [beverley@btinternet.com](mailto:beverley@btinternet.com) or t- 07738 173028

There is no charge to attend  
however,  
we ask you to support our own  
Alumni 1210 project  
**Rotary Books4Home**



**Donate at least one kid's  
book as your entrance fee**

(It can be pre-read or new and for  
any age group.)



# *Welcome Everyone*

## from

### **District Governor Brian**

The Rotary year 2019-20 has started with its usual exciting programme of events and activities across the district. Rotary Youth Leadership week at Kibblestone camp near Stone. Vocational Study Exchange team off to Finland for two weeks of professional experience and the start of a whole host of Youth activity programmes for groups and clubs to participate in. Music, Singing, Cooking, Baking, Debate, Writing, Photography, Environmental, Movie making, community Citizen Awards, Art and Technology, Rotaract, Interact and Rotakids. All in addition to the Alumni lead "Books4Home" project. Fun family days, sponsored schemes, projects and community activities to support and engage all sections and age ranges throughout Staffordshire, Shropshire and the Black Country area of the West Midlands.

As we move forward into our new year of activities and leadership opportunities for our Young people, Community's needs, Health, Charity group support, Environmental issues and Peace promotion in our community and Internationally we are sure you will find stimulating activities taking place in your locations throughout the region.



Rotary has such a wide range of activities each year sponsored and organised by the clubs in our district that ensure help and engagement opportunity is available for "all" across every section of the community.

Rotary provides Fun, Fellowship and that opportunity "With a purpose" to all, so no matter what your interest or desire to get involved is focussed around, talk to your local Rotary club or contact [www.rotary1210.org](http://www.rotary1210.org) ; <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryD1210/>

We look forward to welcoming you to our events and discussing your ideas for the future. Try Rotary and enjoy a fulfilling chance to "Connect" in your lives.

*Brian Reilly*

District Governor D1210

Staffs, Shrops and parts of West Midlands





# Royal School Wolverhampton Interact Club



**New members joined Alumni 1210 from The Royal School Wolverhampton Interact Club**

The club is doing amazing work both locally and internationally, whilst having a great deal of fun and eating lots of doughnuts!

## International Project

A Lenten Appeal in the spring term raised over £1000 for UNRWA, affiliated to UNICEF, providing aid to Palestinian refugees.

## Community project

Selling stationery to pupils as part of our '5 a day' initiative. This taught us a great deal about business skills!

## Ongoing projects

We're raising money to transport donated ex-NHS breast prostheses to India for reuse. We are doing this by collecting unwanted clothing which is weighed and sold on.

## Local Projects

At Christmas we collected unwanted and untouched toiletries for The Haven, a local women's refuge and delivered 3 large boxes. They receive a lot of clothing and toys but this was to pamper.

And

Over £400 has been raised for the Well Food Bank through doughnut sales!

**Meet our new Alumni 1210 members. Ex-Interactors from the Royal School Wolverhampton. Delighted to maintain your connections to Rotary. Sponsored by Tettenhall Rotary Club**



THE WORLD  
NEEDS MORE  
#INTERACTORS





# Getting to know our new District Governor

**Brian Reilly** Rotary Club of Aldridge

## *When and how did you become a Rotarian?*

I was introduced to Rotary by my Father-in-Law and inducted into the Rotary Club of Aldridge in 2002

## *What was your vocation before retirement?*

I am a Mechanical Engineer by training and was the Site Director at Spear & Jackson based in Wednesbury, and then moving to T A Savery in Birmingham.

## *What are your leisure interests?*

I have many interests but enjoy most Theatre, travel, Art, History, Reading and Food, not necessarily in that order.

## *What is your favourite food?*

All varieties of fish

## *What was your first car?*

The American designed and British built, Nash Metropolitan – a teenager's dream car.

## *What was your first record or CD?*

Rawhide!

## *Name your favourite TV programme*

Judge John Deed

## *If you could invent a gadget what would it be?*

The Tardis - Dr Who's Time Travelling Machine

## *Name a book and a record you would take to a desert island*

The book would be 'River God' by Wilbur Smith and A Neil Diamond album

## *If you had an unlimited supply of one thing what would it be?*

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

## *What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?*

Always aim higher

## *Reveal something about yourself that might surprise us*

I am a Queens Scout

## *If you could meet an historical figure who would you choose?*

Winston Churchill

## *What encouraged you to offer yourself as District Governor?*

After taking on several district roles, it was the logical progression to support a great organisation.

## *What have you so far found the most rewarding aspect of DG?*

The most rewarding has been learning about and visiting the many and diverse projects carried out by clubs but especially the fellowship I have experienced.



DG Brian is committed to Rotary,  
its Vision  
and Ability to  
"Do Good in the World"



Well done to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Graduating Class of 2019.

28 teenagers arrived and 28 future leaders of tomorrow depart to continue their individual life stories.

*Welcome to Alumni 1210*





21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 marked three years since Nigeria last reported a case of wild poliovirus. This milestone is a key step to certifying the World Health Organization (WHO) Africa region wild polio-free but our ultimate success depends on maintaining commitment to vaccinating every child. Rotarians throughout Nigeria and Africa are committed to ensuring that every last child is protected from polio.



## Uttoxeter student Leanne Painter wins Rotary International UK Writing Competition



Photo of Leanne receiving her award from Uttoxeter IPP Anita Thomas-Epple, and Youth Services Chair Robyn Davies at Thomas Alleyne's High School Annual Prize Giving Evening.

Photo provided by Ken Rogers

The Young Writer Competition aims to encourage young people to use their writing skills and to write with imagination and creativity. Each year there is a different subject and for 2019 this was "My Inspiration".

The competition is open to students in full time education in three age groups: Junior (7 to 10 yrs), Intermediate (11 to 13 yrs) and Senior (14 to 17 yrs). Entries may be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem either handwritten or typed and up to 500 words.

On Tuesday 14th May a presentation of certificates and prizes of £100 for each age group was made to the winners at Uttoxeter Town Hall. Leanne Painter the Rotary Club of Uttoxeter Intermediate Winner went on to win the National Competition. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

# Vocational Study Exchange Team Finland 2019

Emma, Becky, Natalie, Sophie and team leader Rotarian Helen will be representing Rotary GB (District 1210) in Finland for two weeks in September. They will be learning about their respective professions in that country to bring back good practice to our district. We wish them all a very successful Exchange Visit.



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### Membership Information

Alumni 1210 has not established any dues or financial commitment for membership.

The members will seek to inform other Alumni about the Association and encourage their participation. They request the assistance of Rotary clubs in this endeavour.

The Association plans to meet annually at a District Event although the officers will meet more frequently.

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