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NEWSLETTER



Rotary



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Welcome to the August Newsletter and Membership month. I hope you are enjoying holiday breaks with family and friends.

Through this edition you will see a mix of news from Rotary International and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland as well as examples of how Rotarians in D1210 are "Making that Difference", whilst having lots of FUN and

FELLOWSHIP. I would like to acknowledge all the New members and newly awarded Paul Harris Fellows this month.

Can I first and foremost Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me, as I have visited you all.

I have on behalf of the District offered our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Jan Foster, James Brindley, Rtn. Mike Ashburner, and Rotaractor Maxine Missick

All of whom had given 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' to their local communities.

I have this month had the opportunity to visit Clubs and get involved in things that I would not normally have done.

It was a pleasure to sail with Mencap at the RC Darlaston Disability Sailing Day. Horse riding with the Chernobyl Children and members of the RC Stafford

was a first for me.

For those that know me know I like my feet on firm territory!

Congratulations to the RC Ludlow on their Dog Day, again a tremendous success. It was great to see the community getting together with the RC Bridgnorth and RC Telford Centre at the Classic Car Rallies, wow what a choice of cars.

I enjoyed seeing those of you who registered in for the tent collections at VFest.

Well done to the RC Ironbridge Satellite on an excellent event at Charity Fest.

Thank you to the RC Stafford Knot and the RC Eccleshall Mercia for organising and undertaking a walk, all proceeds to End Polio Now. I certainly got plenty steps in over 23,000 on the walk with President Sylvia Keris.

Partnerships were made at the Leek Show with Expressions Fitness & Leisure Centre based in Leek. Thank you to the RC Leek for this contact. The stand enabled more exercise on a rowing machine, as well as a Membership opportunity led by the Club.

Members of the RC Aldridge, Walsall Saddlers, Wednesbury, The Wrekin and Wrekin Inner Wheel undertook First Aid training, a special thank you to AG David Marklew for ensuring the members were

up to date and ready for Conference.

Thank you to the RC The Wrekin, all Rotarians who were involved in RYLA, sponsoring Clubs and Awesome Adventure for the training. The young people grew in confidence and stature throughout the week. You really have 'MADE A DIFFERENCE' to their lives and futures.

Whatever motivation each of us had into joining Rotary, it is the satisfaction we find that causes us to remain, the satisfaction of knowing that week by week, year by year, we are part of Rotary: Making a Difference.

Thank you, Carol

D1210 Conference

15th to 17th September Harrogate

Fun, Fellowship and Rotary Speakers

RIBI President Denis Spiller

RGBI Rotaract President Tom Silverson

Jo Berry

Ellie Taggart

Peace Fellow Kristyn

Behrends

Judith Diment

It's your Conference please come and support your Rotary District & Governor.

September 2017 with DG Carol

Social Media Day	1st
RC Stone Health Day	2nd
District Council Mtg	4th
RC Penkridge	5th
Kids Out Ambassador Mtg	6th
RC Ellesmere	6th
RC Stafford Knot	7th
RC Stoke On T Collection	9th
Disability Sports Fun Day	10th
District Conference	13th - 18th
RC Albrighton	18th
RC Staff Castle 30th Charter	19th
RC Burntwood & District	20th
RC Ironbridge	21st
HAD / Telford CCG	22nd
Walsall Fun Run	24th
D1210 Joint Team Meeting	25th
RC Tettenhall Aldesley St	26th
RC Telford Centre	26th
Rotaract Freshers	27th
Club Visioning	27th
RC Sedgley & Wombourne	28th
End Polio Now Concert	29th
RC Wrekin Charter	30th

The Children of Chernobyl:

Rotary Clubs of District 1210 have been so generous in their support of our work. Wednesfield gave a generous donation to help to get the children here, Stafford sponsored the pony trekking, Stafford Knot sponsored the children's visit to Waterworld and Newport Lite supported the Children's visit to Shawbury facilitating some of the visits. Donations of clothing for the children too.

The Children of Chernobyl Trust was started by Linda Walker in 1995 to support the Children of Belarus after the explosion in the reactor in Chernobyl in the Ukraine. Everyone in Belarus at very least endures a compromised immune system because of the constantly high background radiation due to the pollution across Belarus. What is also seen is a higher rate of cancer particularly amongst the children and we try to support these children by giving a month's recuperative holiday in summer to children who have their cancers in remission. Such a holiday gives their immune systems a boost for up to two years, but greater than this the psychological effect the holiday has, for they say to us that it's great being here because they forget about being ill and can play.

Each year we aim to host 10 children and to do so have to raise £6,500.

International News :



The Rotary-backed charity Aquabox has been

heavily involved with relief efforts following widespread floods in south-east Asia, which have killed more than 800 people and affected a further 24 million.

The severe flooding from monsoon rains has devastated communities and destroyed crops across India, Nepal and Bangladesh, with fears being raised of food shortages and the risk of disease.

Aquabox is now sending more equipment to both Nepal and Bangladesh to provide safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to the communities.

Each box is designed for a family and contains over 70 humanitarian aid items in addition to an AquaFilter Family unit for safe drinking water, including:

Shelter materials & tools

This is to cover their travel, costs of visas and sometimes passports as we also cater for children whose parents otherwise could not afford such a holiday. We would happily take more but would have to find more hosts and finances. It is unfortunate but appears that in the UK people think that 32 years on everything is fine again in Belarus, especially when they see the new sarcophagus which in the spring encased the old reactor.

This does stop radiation leaking out but does nothing about the radiation which is scattered across Belarus, which is not a wealthy country as its income was based on agricultural grain exports which is no longer sellable. Consequently the country does largely feed itself on polluted grain. Most people cannot afford to buy the imported foodstuffs. Unemployment in Belarus is high and alcoholism is a problem as vodka is so cheap, cheaper than bottled water.

The Charity has many projects in Belarus. We support a palliative care team, who are introducing a foster care programme with the ambition of closing the huge state run orphanages. Support of a foster home, a leaving care project and a day care centre. Each of these serves as a model which is hoped the authorities will pick up on as curiosity gets the better of them and to some extent it is working, slowly, softly, gently. It is a delicate line to tread.

What is needed now is more host families not necessarily couples or even couples with children, just people who

have room in their homes for two children aged 10-12 years, transport and want to help.

Everyone involved is asked to do a D.B.S. application which involves no cost on the part of the hosts. The families look after the children's immediate needs but are supported by the group's Activity Programme. We are very fortunate in having a loyal and generous group of sponsors who fund or provide events for us each year. During the hosting the group meets for an activity three or four times each week. Hosts are asked to transport the children to the event and usually stay too. We have people we call "Buddy Hosts" who are people not in a position to accommodate the children but can help by supporting a host family perhaps taking the children for a day's trip so to give the hosts some time out. Hosts can elect to have the children for one, two or three weeks. Some of the group's members don't actually host but "buddy host" and fund raise for us.

This year we said goodbye to the children with lots of cuddles and tears from the hosts too. It is a very rewarding experience and has us all looking at our cosy life with new eyes. Now we begin again ready for 2018, looking for hosts, building our clothing bank, searching for new venues to add variety to the programme and fund raising.

If you or your clubs are interested please contact Margie Haslop RC NewportLite:-

margie.haslop@btconnect.com

Early notice: Alumni Connect Week Starts 2nd October 2017

Blankets and sheets

Cooking utensils

Personal hygiene items

Baby & children's clothing

Educational items

Children's toys.

For more information contact:

www.aquabox.org

Rotary People of Action Campaign:

The People of Action booklet is designed to help clubs and districts engage with prospective members and in particular hot membership leads.

The stylish 12 page A5 booklet contains key information on our work at home and overseas, the benefits of membership and their next steps to start their Rotary journey.

The booklet is **free of charge** and is now available to order from the RIBI shop.

This booklet follows on from the New Member Welcome Guide which was launched last month, which is also available on the website and RIBI shop.

The first stages of resources from Rotary International for the People of Action campaign were also launched at the start of August. This includes print and online adverts which can be viewed on the RI Brand Centre.

<http://shop.ribi.org/all-ribi->



Peace in our World:

PRESIDENTIAL
PEACEBUILDING
CONFERENCE 2018



Part of International President Ian Riseley's theme this year is Peace, and RIBI are honored to be one of the 6 chosen venues for a Peace Building Conference.

For Rotarians who have not had the chance to attend Bradford University and see and hear Peace Fellows, we have this additional opportunity to hear the work of Rotary International in its efforts to bring peace to the world.

Although we generally associate this type of event with trying to stop conflict, that is not the only kind of peace we talk about.

Just imagine the issues with children living in Poverty, not being able to find food or clothing and the lack of peace to them and their families?

The Mother bringing up her children on her own following the death of fathers.

The down and out living on the streets with no home to go to?

We have the opportunity to attend this event, sponsor young people to attend and participate in a Peace Advocate Training Programme, whilst the seminar is on and really find out why Rotary is making a difference the world over.



Warwick Castle, Coventry Cathedral and the Ricoh Arena

RI President Ian Riseley invites you to join him at the 2018 Presidential Peacebuilding Conference in Coventry

Date: Saturday 24th February 2018
09.30-17.30: Disease Prevention, Treatment and Peace Conference
19.00: Evening Peacebuilding Dinner
Venue: The Ricoh Arena, Phoenix Way, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 6GE

Speakers: RI President Ian Riseley, RI Foundation Vice Chairman Barry Rassin, RI Director Brian Stoyel and The Lord Mayor of Coventry.

The Ricoh Arena railway station is 5 minutes from the M6 motorway giving access to the M1, M5, M40 and is 20 minutes from Birmingham Airport.

Accommodation at the onsite Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. **0844 873 6563** or email hotel.reservations@ricoharena.co.uk quoting **2302RA** to secure your room.

Early bird - for all registrations made before 31 October - **£49.50**
 Registrations from 1 Nov - 25 Jan **£55.00**
 Registrations from 26 Jan - 23 Feb **£60** (non refundable)

For further details contact the Chairman Peacebuilding Committee, Peter L. Offer email: peterloffer@aol.com

www.rotarygbi.org

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One Community at a Time



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Message From Janet Stubbs

The 2017 Ironman money will be through in the next couple of weeks. The total amount coming to the 125 volunteers is £5000, which works out at £40 each.

They have changed the funding arrangements and the cheques will be made out to the club and they can do with it what they want. In previous years there has been tight restrictions on who we could give it to.

Can all clubs please confirm that they have presented their 2016 money to their nominated charities. I am still waiting to hear from 8 clubs to confirm they have.

The 2018 event will be held in Staffordshire again on 10th June

Janet Stubbs RC Stafford Knot

D1210 Welcomes:

Geoff Clowes Kidsgrove

Steve Cooper - Kidsgrove

Amanda Cooper - Kidsgrove

Jean Chinn MBE - Kidsgrove

Jon Magee - Wolv. St Georges

Nigel Matthews - Shrewsbury Seven




To Rotary Membership

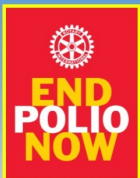
SEPTEMBER IS

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

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**Please send your news for future editions to
DG Carol Reilly as this Newsletter is ours.**



**Rotary
District 1210**

Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of
The West Midlands



**Concert in Aid of "End Polio Now" and
Launch of Polio Eradication Month**



**Hadley Orpheus
Male Voice
Choir**

Musical Director: Robyn Davies

**Lions Youth
Brass
(Sandbach)**

Musical Director: Nigel
Birch



**Rotary
Young
Musician
Finalist
Tom Hall
Percussionist**

**Friday 29th September
2017
Walsall Central
Methodist Church
Ablewell Street.
Walsall. WS1 2EQ
7.00pm**

For tickets contact : Carol Reilly, cereilly50@gmail.com

Robyn Davies, robynthrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk

Malcolm Hallewell, lionshome@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07917 206789

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