



# Rotary Alumni 1210 Newsletter

March 2018

## VSE Team become new Alumni 1210 Members

Rotarian Cormac Doyle, VSE team leader, along with team members, Maddie Whiting, Nicola Davies and Adam Ellis recently represented District 1210 in a Vocation Study Exchange (VSE) Project to Bangalore, India. They departed on February 2nd for a two week stay.

On their return home they presented aspects of their recent trip at a Rotary Home Coming Dinner held at Linden House in Wolverhampton. During the evening of 13th March Adam and Maddie explained that they were very well looked after by local Rotarians. They visited factories with a technological gamut from 'welding in flip-flops' to 'lathes the size of this room'. The cultural aspect of their two week visit was not neglected as several colour slides of temples, pilgrimage sites and a wedding attested. Nicola works at Harper Adams College. Adam and Maddie work at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford and explained that their three year apprenticeship at Cosford (combined with college courses) involves them in aircraft restoration activity with transferable skills for their later careers. Maddie, Adam, Cormac (and the absent Nicola) were presented with their Rotary Alumni Badges and Rotary Alumni 1210 membership cards.

The incoming VSE Team from Bangalore arrive in District 1210 on Sunday 29th April 2018.



Maddie Whiting & Adam Ellis at VSE Home Coming Rally



Cormac  
Doyle,  
Adam Ellis,  
Nicola  
Davies.  
Maddie  
Whiting  
and PDG  
Richard  
Green



VSE Team visiting Shrivanebelagola Bahubali  
MahaMasthakabhisheka Mahotsava



# Register now for Rotary's new drive to end polio



The Purple4Polio Rotary Grand Tour is hitting the highways in May and is looking for drivers, and their teams, to take part. Members of the public, Rotarians, Alumni, friends and families in vehicles of all shapes and sizes can register now for an adventure around Britain.

All are welcome to join this exciting and inspiring road trip from 21st – 24th May 2018, visiting as many of the Rotary check and photo points as is safely possible and raising money for the End Polio Now campaign.

Check points include the Brands Hatch Circuit, Beamish Museum and Haynes International Motor Museum, with more to come



Entering is easy: You organise your team, car and route, then decide where you want to stay whilst raising as much sponsorship as possible. To help you on your way, Rotary across the country is setting up a few check and photo points at places of interest where you can have a break, get your logbook stamped as proof of passage or take a selfie near a landmark. You will have the opportunity to meet other travellers. You can drive as near or as far as you wish and there is no requirement to drive for all four days. When you have completed your epic journey, join us at the finish line for an end-of-tour party in Yorkshire on the 24th May (optional)

[www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio-rotary-grand-tour](http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio-rotary-grand-tour)

## Polio and Rotary

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

In the early 20th century, polio was one of the most feared diseases in industrialized countries, paralysing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Soon after the introduction of effective vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s however, polio was brought under control and practically eliminated as a public health problem in these countries.

It took somewhat longer for polio to be recognized as a major problem in developing countries. Lameness surveys during the 1970s revealed that the disease was also prevalent in developing countries.



Polio victims in Uganda



## PolioPlus

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

## Global Polio Eradication Initiative

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness building.

## Polio Today

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2016, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

## Challenges

The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

## Ensuring Success

Rotary will raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

## Rotary in Action

More than one million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with Health Workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries.



**Polio** kills and paralyses young children.

It spreads like wild-fire. There's **no cure** but it can be

**easily prevented** through immunisation.

This crocus is **purple** like the dye put on the fingers of children to show that they have been immunised.

25 years ago, polio **struck 350,000 children** each year.

Thanks to the **work of Rotary** and others, there were

**only 74 cases** in 2015.

We are **'this close'** to a **polio free world**.

**With your help we can make history and conquer polio. Thank You.**

[www.rotarycrocus.com](http://www.rotarycrocus.com) All proceeds to Rotary Foundation of the UK, Charity No. 1002059

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## Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

21 March 2018



**5 cases of polio in 2018 to date.**



**22 children were paralysed by polio in 2017 in Afghanistan and Pakistan.**

[www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)  
#EndPolio



## WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING POLIO

Now is our chance to change the world. To make sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

Join in. Speak out. Donate. Be a part of history.

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)

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## Message from DG Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

I bring greetings from everyone in Rotary International District 1210. We really do value the partnership we have with everyone in the Alumni Association.

The International Presidential theme for the year is one that I know we are all achieving **Rotary: Making a Difference**. We do this through our motto '**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**', whilst having lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

It was an honour to be at the recent VSE Presentation where our newest Alumni Association Members took us on their vocational and cultural journey from their trip to Bangalore. They received their badges at this event.

The District are undertaking all the youth competitions at this moment in time. The Young Musician was a spectacular array of voice and instrumental talent. The choice of music showed an array of skills, tenacity and the hard work that had gone into their preparation for the competition.

Young Chef just demonstrated how our young people flourish. The menus were thought out and well displayed, putting my cookery skills to shame. Youth Speaks showed versatility through extremely thought-provoking topics. In time, we hope these young people will become our next Alumni.

We congratulate our inaugural winner of the District Peace Poster Completion. The winning poster was a Mother kissing a Child.

The winning recipient described it as Peace starts with Family.

We have recently hosted RIBI President Denis Spiller. Denis had the opportunity to share in some of our projects and our District Council Meeting. He promoted Rotary 2 and was encouraged by the way D1210 were driving forward membership and retention initiatives.

May I thank you for your support in helping to raise funds to eradicate polio. Enabling us to keep our promise to the children of the world, a project we must continue. Clubs have been organising different events to celebrate World Polio Day, especially working with schools and Youth organisations to plant crocus bulbs. A District Team even took part in a Swimathon where over £500 will have been raised.

As I go round the District it is evident that everyone is working very hard to put something back into their community through varied local and national projects.

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 and Inner Wheel: **Making a Difference**.

Thank you Carol



### Rotary District 1210 Youth Speaks Intermediate Final

A great evening of hearing talented young people from years 8 and 9 present in our District Youth Speaks Final held in Leek.

There were 6 schools entered into the final with the winning team coming from Shrewsbury High School sponsored by The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury and runners up Ellowes Community Sports College sponsored by The Rotary Club of Sedgley and Wombourne.

Seen above are the winners from Shrewsbury High with District Governor Carol Reilly after receiving their certificates and trophies.

L - R Phoebe Price-Boutwood, Amy Dingley-Jones (Teacher), DG Carol Reilly, Rachell Williams and Speaker Frankie Hartland.

Their topic spoken about was the origins and reasoning for the word Sorry!

**RIBI YOUTH SPEAKS** COMPETITION





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### About Rotary

Rotary became an Approved Activity Provider for The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in 2015. This status applies to the volunteering element of the badges. We take seriously the safeguarding of young and vulnerable people and fully comply with safety policies. Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out on all people who are working with children and vulnerable people.

### Important information

Rotary is an Approved Activity Provider for the DofE Award. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) course meets the requirements of the Residential Section of the Gold Award



Rotary is delighted to offer volunteer placements as a Duke of Edinburgh Award's Approved Activity Provider. These are delivered through our Interact clubs which are dynamic groups of 12-18 year olds who come together to make a positive impact locally and overseas. By volunteering with Interact you are not only fulfilling your Duke of Edinburgh Award badge requirements, you are also embarking on a fully supported programme which is mentored by your local Rotary club. All volunteer experiences are fully checked by Rotary to ensure safety and appropriateness of activities.

You will create a joint volunteer project with your local Interact club which will meet all requirements of The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards as well making a big social impact on your local community. Your choices will define your experience.

To start your volunteering adventure with Interact, please email our Interact officer, **Cressida Dickens** who can help you find your nearest club [crezzy1955@live.co.uk](mailto:crezzy1955@live.co.uk)

# Take on a challenge for the DofE

## The DofE Challenge 2018

The DofE Challenge is your chance to push yourself out of your comfort zone and raise money for the DofE Charity.

**Everyone's invited to take part, no matter what your age or ability**



**Achieve something you've always wanted to do but never quite managed.**

**It doesn't matter what you do: as long as you find it a challenge, it counts.**

**Or join Alumni 1210 as we get together for a team challenge: creating a truly memorable shared experience.**

**When we achieve our goal!**

When we have completed our challenge, raised at least £60 for the DofE, we will earn an exclusive DofE Challenge 2018 pin and certificate.

By supporting the DofE, you'll enable young people to start their journey toward self-discovery, self-belief and success.

**For more information or to book your place as part of our Alumni 1210 Team Challenge contact**

[beverley@btinternet.com](mailto:beverley@btinternet.com)  
or telephone: 07738 173028

## Extreme

### Skydiving Grandma

Alma enjoyed an exhilarating experience jumping out of an airplane at 1,200ft as part of her family's team challenge.



## Skill

### 60 cakes for 60 years

Sarah baked 60 cakes from 60 recipe books.

## Physical

### Three peaks in 33 hours

Robert took on the hardest physical challenge he had ever attempted: climbing the Welsh Three Peaks (Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen-Y-Fan) over one weekend.



From the District 1210 VSE committee.

## **Rotary offer two weeks in Prague all expenses paid**

We are looking for four people who are in the early years of their career (minimum age 18 years old, but no maximum), to be part of the Vocational Study Exchange Team to study and observe their Vocation in Prague. Costs and expenses will be met by Rotary

The planned date of the two week exchange is late September/early October 2018.

The team will be led by an experienced Rotarian and will be home hosted by local Rotarian families.

Participants can expect to come home with:

- increased self-confidence,
- new ways of thinking,
- new networks and team building skills.
- A unique introduction to Czech and Slovak life & culture

Application forms available from Rotarian Trevor Davies,

[TrevorNotOut@Blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:TrevorNotOut@Blueyonder.co.uk) 01952 272342

**Deadline for completed applications 31st May 2018**

Applicants will be asked to attend a selection interview in June

Successful applicants will be those who will potentially gain the greatest benefit from the programme.





# Join us in Liverpool

## District 1210 Annual Conference

### 12th—14th October 2018



It is with great pleasure that Lynne & I cordially invite all Rotarians, **Alumni** and their spouses, friends and family to the District 1210 Annual Conference to be held in Liverpool, a city of culture, from 12th—14th October 2018.

The venue will be the award winning ACC located on the iconic Waterfront ideally situated for superb hotels and the vibrant Albert Dock development with its shops, bars and restaurants.

Friday will be an optional 'Visit Liverpool' day where delegates can explore the city and all it has to offer.

Friday will also include a Back Stage Tour of Anfield, the home of Liverpool Football Club and the Conference Golf Competition, which will take place at Blundell's Hill Golf Club.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please register early to avoid disappointment as numbers to both these events are limited.

#### **FREE DISCOUNT VOUCHERS:**

All delegates will be given a privilege ACC delegate card containing discount vouchers for many of Liverpool's sites, attractions and restaurants. Everyone will get one well before the event to make planning your stay much easier.

Lynne & I hope that everyone can join us for what will be a truly memorable weekend of Rotary activities, cultural experiences and a whole lot of fun.



*To download the Conference Registration Form please **click here:-***  
***Conference Registration 2018 Brochure printable***

*To view the conference video please **click here:-***  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tzocplfw6yoyp1i/Rotary%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

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