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NEWSLETTER

District 1210



Rotary



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the April Newsletter which unfortunately starts with the sad news that PDG Peter Gay recently passed away. Peter had been suffering for sometime with illness and passed away on the 5th April 2018. The funeral took place on Thursday 19th April 2018 at Penkridge and was very well attended by many Rotarians from many different clubs and Districts.

Our most sincere condolences go to Sue and the family at this sorrowful time.

RIP

PDG Peter Gay
RC Penkridge
05.04.2018

April is Maternal & Child Health Month, let's celebrate 'Our Foundation' and what it can do and achieve this.

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. My sincere condolences to those Clubs and families who have lost members over recent months.

Can I first and foremost Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me as I have joined you for your events and for entering the many different sports competitions. Congratulations to all the clubs who have succeeded to get to the finals of these and it was a pleasure to have attended the final of the Darts in Stafford Lite. These are an excellent opportunity to share fun and fellowship. I now look forward to attending other District Finals as invited.

Membership must be the number one priority to all clubs and as explained by RIBI President Denis and is focused by RIBI Rotary 2, believe that focused efforts on projects and new innovative clubs will drive this further. Yes District 1210 sees a steady influx of new members but not enough. Another step is for all Rotarians personally asking people to join our fantastic organisation. Please continue to let me know of new members so I can welcome them personally. Clubs and Rotary has something for everyone. Further developments came out of the Annual Business Meeting at the RIBI Conference in Torquay.

During April, I will have attended all the Regional Youth Competitions taking place across RIBI in support of all our participants

and look forward to D1210 hosting with as many of you as possible the National Young Chef Final Competition taking place at Haberdashers Abraham Derby Academy on the 28th. I wish all the very best of luck.

The End Polio Now Banger/Classic Car Rally will be starting for our District at Trentham Gardens on Monday 21st May between 9am and 11am, what a great publicity exercise for us to promote Rotary and Polio Eradication. Many of you have been painting and designing purple and yellow cars for this event and I look forward to seeing you all off on your travels.

Can I please ask that all clubs taking part in the tree planting project let Roy Mellor and I know what and how many they have done, in order that I can support their efforts. It was great to be with the RC Cannock Interact Club as they planted trees in Hednesford. It was also an opportunity to see the crocus planting, where a super display was now on show.

The District welcomes the VSE Team from Bangalore from the 28th April to 12th May. Listening to the presentations made by our team who have certainly benefitted from their experience out in Bangalore.

DG Jottings Continue on P2

April/May 2018 with DG Carol

International Committee	16th
District Table Tennis Final	17th
RC Kids Grove	18th
PDG Peter Gay Funeral	19th
RC Shrewsbury HAD	20th
RC Shrewsbury Darwin	20th
Regional Yth Speaks Final	21st
Regional Yng Musician Final	22nd
RC Walsall Saddlers Golf	23rd
RC Blythe Bridge	23rd
Yth Service Committee	24th
District Exec	25th
RC Walsall Saddlers	26th
National Young Chef Final	28th
RC Burntwood and Dist	28th
MER Meeting	30th
Peace Fellow Webinar	1 May
RC Burntwood and Dist	2nd
RC Willenhall Rotokids	3rd
D1210 Assembly	5th
RC Whitchurch Concert	8th
Young Photographer	10th
RC Dudley	11th
RIBI General Council	13th

Rotary Club of Wem and District

John Styles PHF Sponsored Walk Around Alderford Lake

Sunday the 13th of May 2018

50% go to your nominated charity and
50% to the Rotary Club of Wem & District

Contact: Rtn Ted Davies, 01939 234387

ROTARACT 50 Years On.

50 years ago, the first Rotaract club was formed to give young adults a place to connect and take action for good.

Rotaract members from each decade share what the program was like and how it shaped their lives.

The year is 1968.

A wall divides East and West Berlin, as the Cold War rages on. The U.S. and the Soviet Union are locked in a space race, and Apollo 8 becomes the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon, sending back pictures of Earth from deep space.

And Rotary members in North Carolina, USA, charter the first Rotaract club, to provide young people opportunities for service.

A half-century has passed since those first Rotaract clubs began inspiring young leaders to take action to improve their communities. The world has changed, as has the way Rotaract members connect with one another. But the underlying values of the program, and what attracts people to it, remain remarkably the same.

**The figures: 10904 Clubs
250792 Rotaractors
184 Countries/Regions with Clubs**

Rotary "Making a difference" with and to young people.

Lend With Care - Update

The lendwithcare microfinance project continues to gain momentum as more clubs join and others add to their capital lending on an annual basis. The current year will add £50000 of lending to give total cumulative lending of approx. £150000 by the end of this Rotary year having supported 2989 loans since starting this project. The benefits not only improve living standards for the entrepreneurs and their families but this effect will percolate out into their community, encourage responsibility and self determination, create employment opportunities and empower women.

Nationally lendwithcare reports an impressive default rate of just 0.2%, i.e. 203 defaults from 82900 entrepreneurs. Only 42 loans have been written off.

This is also a worthy project for youth and school groups with one of our Rotakids clubs now participating. The project provides an excellent insight into conditions in developing countries and an introduction to financial management for children as well as benefiting small businesses. There is an excellent tutor programme on the lendwithcare website for both primary and secondary age groups. Just £100 could set up a project for a youth group.

District 1210 is now the largest lender of all RIBI Rotary Districts – relative to number of clubs and membership - although District 1080 (50% bigger than D1210) has greater total lending.

Mike Evans - District Coordinator

DG Jottings continued -

Thank you to all those that have made these exchanges possible and again working with Prague next year.

Finally, a reminder that that the D1210 Celebration Dinner is being held at the Telford Whitehouse Hotel on 18th May, to celebrate the "Difference" you have made during this Rotary year. Our speaker is the winner of the Peace Poster Competition.

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.

VSE Visitors

Welcome Dinner.

Tuesday May 8th 2018

Wildwood Restaurant, Telford

Special menu price available.

Contact Rotarian Cormac Doyle.

RC Ironbridge

cormacdoyle1@icloud.com

District Sports

Table Tennis

Winners 2018

Rotary Club of Leek

The final of this years competition between RC Leek and RC Walsall was held at Stone Table Tennis Club on



Tuesday 17th April 2018

The winning team from Leek were President Gary Salt, Charles Ball and Wayne Salt.

DG Carol and members of both teams.



Rotary Institute 2018

Institutes come in two shapes and sizes – those when we join with our international partners and those of a more local flavour just for Great Britain and Ireland.

The former allows the participants to experience the true international aspects of Rotary and discuss concerns that affect our organisation.

The latter allow us to be more parochial providing an opportunity to discuss, provide recommendations and possible solutions to your concerns. Essentially Institutes provide wonderful opportunities to share information and update all Rotarians.

The next Institute will be for Great Britain and Ireland Zones 17 and 18A only and so will be open to all Rotarians in these islands and their partners. This message is simply to give you a warning in advance of our very own Institute for you and to put the date in your diaries.

Where – The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

When – 21st – 25th November 2018

- GETS (for the DGEs) Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd
- **Foundation Day Friday 23rd November**
- **Institute Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November**

Join your Institute Chairman Keith Barnard-Jones, RI President Barry Rossin, Rotary Foundation Trustee and myself in Stratford-upon-Avon..

Brian Stoyel , RI Director 2017/2019

Stop Press

What a tremendous day on Sunday 22nd April at Oakdale, near Blackwood Gwent.

Our two finalists Seren Devismes (Vocalist) sponsored by RC Ellesmere and Cameron Chin-See (Trumpet) sponsored by RC Wednesfield took part in the Region 6 Young Musician Finals.

Both finalists were more than worthy of their places with Cameron finishing runner up in the instrumental section, whereas Seren won the vocalist section and now goes to the **National Finals on Saturday 19th May in Edinburgh.**



Congratulations to them both and thank you to all the clubs who participate in our Youth Programmes.

ROTARY **INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT** **1210**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROL
REILLY**



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District Assembly 2018

Haberdashers Abraham Darby School

Saturday 5th May 2018 9.00am

Ironbridge Road

Madeley. TF7 5HX

Purple for Polio Merchandise

Now available to purchase directly from D1210.

DG Carol Reilly and AG Malcolm Hallewell have agreed to assist the sales of Merchandise for the campaign locally and will also be attending other Districts to promote the sales of items that were offered at Harrogate Conference.

Full list of items available can be viewed at
<https://endpolionowguernseyshop.org>

Orders can then be placed with Carol or Malcolm

cereilly50@gmail.com or

lionshome@yahoo.co.uk



The Purple4Polio Rotary Grand Tour 2018 is hitting the highways next May and needs cars of all shapes and sizes to take part. Registration is now live!

Everyone is welcome to join this amazing road trip across Great Britain and Ireland from 21st – 24th May 2018. You pick your team, car, route, where you stay and raise sponsorship. In return, Rotary around the country will provide check and rest areas in stunning locations. We'll even wave you across the finish line with a chequered flag at the end of tour party in Yorkshire on the 24th of May.

District 1210 Departure and Welcome Point:-
Trentham Gardens, Trentham.

D1210 Welcomes: **To Rotary Membership.**

Sarah Fisher - RC Wednesfield

So far this year only 34 clubs within D1210 has welcomed new members, please look to enhance the wonderful work you all do by actively looking to recruit.



At RIBI Conference on Saturday 7th April 2018.

Michel Zaffran, The WHO Polio Eradication Director made the following presentation on the work of Rotary and its aim to rid the world of Polio.

The Presentation can be viewed in its entirety at the link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/q0dxzf6l1nph9a/RotaryZaffranTorquayApril2018FINAL.pptx?dl=0>

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

Conference 2018

ACC Liverpool
12th to 14th October 2018

Geoff Miller - England and Derby Cricketer and Test Team Selector

Tony Hawks - The Moldovan Child Care Centre

Intermediate Youth Speaks Finalists
Shrewsbury High School

Shakespeare in Schools

Buddy Bag Packing

Aqua Box Challenge

Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 Noon
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm