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# **NEWSLETTER**



# District 1210

# Rotary



## A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the May Newsletter, May being Youth Service Month.

Firstly, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to those Clubs and families who have lost members over recent months and then welcome the New Members and newly awarded Paul Harris Fellows this month.

RIP

PDG James Adeogun RC Wednesfield 28.04.2018

PDG Tom Maddock RC Newport 02.05.2018

Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me as I have joined in with your events recently, it's been a privilege on honour to have been with you sharing some fellowship. I congratulate all clubs who won through to the final of the guiz competition, and thank all clubs for taking part. The final was an excellent evening with opportunity to share fun and fellowship. A big thank you to the organisers and hosts for making the Quiz so successful.

Membership remains one of our main priorities as although we have seen many introduced to the Rotary family we must ensure that this outweighs the losses. Please invite friends and family into our wonderful association as through awareness and Rotarians personally asking people to join will see benefits to us all. Please let me know of new members so I can welcome them personally. As we heard from Denis as he talked about Rotary 2, we need to build on people's engagement in projects to get membership dividends. Clubs and Rotary has something for everyone. The D1210 Membership video in partnership with the Health Awareness Project will be launched by RIBI early June.

The RIBI National Youth Competition Finals are being held throughout May, with D1210 having hosted the National Young Chef Competition, which was a great a success. It was again a privilege to host RIBI President Denis Spiller during the competition. I now look forward to supporting Seren Devismes, sponsored by RC Ellesmere at the National Young Musician final on Saturday 19th May in Edinburgh.

Following that we have the End Polio Rotary Grand Tour Rally, where we will have a great opportunity for extra publicity for Rotary, as cars leave from Trentham Gardens on Monday 21st May between 9am and 11am. I look forward to seeing as many of you off on the day as possible.

In response to the Tree Planting Challenge set by RI President Ian Riseley, it is reported that across RIBI 62,000 trees have been planted. D1210 are possibly developing a partnership with The Medic Alert Foundation (UK) through the Health Awareness project. I hope to be able to explain more in the next Newsletter.

The VSE team from Bangalore has now come and gone and I am sure that all those who spent time speaking and listening to them heard what a worthwhile venture this continues to be. Thank you to PDG Trevor Davies and the team, hosts and everyone who helped to make all our visitors feel so welcome.

Looking forward to June, I shall be attending The Crucial Crew Day with the RC Shrewsbury; the District Young Photographer Competition, Ironman and KID-SOUT, prior to Rotary International Convention where I will be singing with the International Fellowship of Rotari-Musicians Choir and presenting our Health Awareness Day model to Drive Membership at a breakout session.

Thank you all, Carol





#### May/June 2018 with DG Carol

RC Stafford Knot Charter	17th
District Celebration Meal	18th
Nat Yng Musician Final	19th
RC Wolves Dragon Boats	20th
RC Newport L Concert	20th
P4 Polio Grand Tour Start	21st
RC Walsall Saddlers	22nd
D1210 Council Meeting	24th
Rotary Wales Centenary	25th
RC Walsall Saddlers	29th
Buddy Bag Pack	31st
D21 Inner Wheel Lunch	1st
RC Wellington HAD	2nd
RC Albrighton Lunch	3rd
RC Shrewsbury Crucial C	5th
RC Church Stretton	6th
Yng Photographer Final	7th
RC Bloxwich	9th
Ironman Marshalling	10th
RC Albrighton & Dist	11th
RC Penkridge	12th
Kids Out Drayton Manor	13th
RC Six Towns	13th
MER Meeting	14th

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### Improving School Toilets in Nepal

Two schools in remote parts of Nepal now have much better sanitary facilities thanks to the three Stafford and Eccleshall Rotary Clubs who worked together to raise the funds.

The facilities were installed over the winter with the four clubs sharing the cost, and obtaining a 50% grant from Rotary Foundation charity. This meant that each Club contribution was just £550 for the new facilities at Majkhot in central Nepal.

The 4 Rotary Clubs also held a fund raising dinner last April attended by Rotarians and friends. The catering was carried out by locally based Gurkha soldiers, and the event was so successful that it has also been possible to pay for toilet facilities at Bhojpur school in eastern Nepal.

SSAFA charity also helped by sponsoring the meal cost.

The building of a separate, safe and hygienic toilet block has many benefiting impacts on the students at these schools. The Gurkha Welfare Trust who carried out



the construction at Bhojpur school comment that "one big benefit is the attendance of girls has increased due to the gender separate toilet blocks.

As girls get older, their need for privacy increases. The absence of school toilets is cause for many secondary age school girls to drop out of education



ROTARY

DISTRICT 1210 CHANGE OVER DINNER.

Friday 29th June 2018.

Walsall Football Club.

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Please come and support DG Carol handing over to DGE Ashley and the installing of the 2018/2019 team

Booking forms have been sent out via weekly news.

Dress smart casual.



16-year-old Lauren Zhang who was sponsored by RC Dudley in The District 1210 and Regional Final in 2015 has won this year's BBC Young Musician award. Lauren who lives and studies in Birmingham, won the title in the 40th year of the competition.

Her performance of Prokofiev's 2nd Piano Concerto in G minor, op.16 was with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mark Wigglesworth.

Judges praised her performance of a hugely challenging and ambitious work: "Her exceptional level of technical skill and intelligent musicality shone through in a beast of a piece," said Kerry Andrew, chair of the judging panel.

"She has a natural genuine musicianship ... and a real intelligence," said violinist and previous winner Nicola Benedetti.

Lauren said: "I'm astonished ... I can't quite believe it! It's been a fantastic opportunity to play with the CBSO and the journey right from the start of the competition has been incredible."

She began learning the piano at the age of four and also plays the violin.

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and also studies at the Birmingham Junior Conservatoire, she is taught by Robert Markham, who himself was a finalist in the BBC Young Musician competition in 1986.

"When nominating Lauren Zhang for the Rotary Young Musician competition some 3 years ago we recognised what a great talent she had at the age of 13. To see her win the prestigious BBC award on Sunday 13th May, and still only 16 years old, has delighted us all and made us very proud to have played even a very small part in her progress.

With such talent she was always destined for great things, with or without the Rotary experience, but it's nice to think, particularly in this Rotary year, that just maybe in a small way -

# Rotary did Make a Difference."

Ray Glazzard, President RC Dudley

### Out and About with DG Carol



## **District Fellowship Quiz 2017/2018**

The final is the conclusion of four rounds of competition that take place from October to May every Rotary year and took place on Tuesday 15th May at Linden House, Wolverhampton.

This year 44 of the clubs took part, fielding 54 teams.

Every round except the final takes place in a venue that is organised by a volunteer host club. Each year we need about 24 host clubs to ensure that the competition runs smoothly and we are indebted to the clubs that step forward as volunteer hosts. The quiz really would not run without their support.

A closely fought semi-final round meant that we had 12 teams in the final this year. The teams competed to answer questions on topics from Arts and Literature to Science and Nature.

Wolverhampton St. Georges took the lead after a strong performance in the Sports round and consistent scoring in every round helped them to maintain this lead and to emerge as the winners of the 2017/2018 District 1210 Fellowship Quiz,



DG Carol presenting the Frank
Poynton Trophy to
the RC of Wolverhampton St
Georges Team:-

Colin Hole, President Peter Hall, Ed Isaacs and David Richards

The competition for second and third was intense with last year's winners Shrewsbury and Walsall within 3 points of each other for the whole quiz.



#### Runners Up

RC Shrewsbury with Keith Barlow Trophy

# Third place,

RC Walsall, with the Ron Sherratt Plate



# Organising committee,

Diana Townsend, Derek Rowley, Sheila Allum, Jim McCabe, Robert Edwards and Colin Pearson.

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 1210

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROL REILLY



## D1210 Welcomes: To Rotary Membership.

Ed Bassett - Stafford Knot John Airth - Newport Patrick Cannon - Rugeley



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Crocus Corns Ordering
2018 Deadline 31.07.2018
Order forms were sent out via
weekly news.

## **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 are available.

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

# Stafford Clubs show Joined Up Rotary Works.

With D1210 Health Awareness Days (HAD) now in its 15th year the three clubs of Stafford once again joined forces for a resounding success seeing 249 people.

Tests included blood pressure, Blood glucose and BMI. 14 people were referred to seek further medical advice. Stafford Knot President Jane Cooper gave demonstrations on how to use a defibrillator.

Local MP Jeremy Lefroy attended and had his BP tested along with Stafford Borough Mayor Aiden Godfrey and his wife Wendy.

The success of the event was down to the hard work and commitment of the volunteers in particular the nurses and health care professionals who gave up their valuable time.

D1210 HAD have now seen over 21000 people in total.

Time for Family
Time for Work
Time for Community





## **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

**End Polio Now Merchandise** 

**Mathews Merchandise** 

**Buddy Bag Packing** 

**Agua Box Challenge** 

Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 Noon 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm