



Inyathi High School – the dream achieved

It takes many years from inception to completion of a project, particularly if it is with a Rotary Club in another continent, a letter sent from Bulawayo South confirms the realization of a dream for the Rotary Club of Bedford. Rotary helps both locally and internationally.

A pound raised locally with the assistance of partners and help from the Rotary's own Foundation can be quadrupled and make a considerable difference.

"Our relationship with Bedford began some years ago when they asked us to help them replace the roof on the church because one of their members was related to a member of our club, Reverend Sykes.

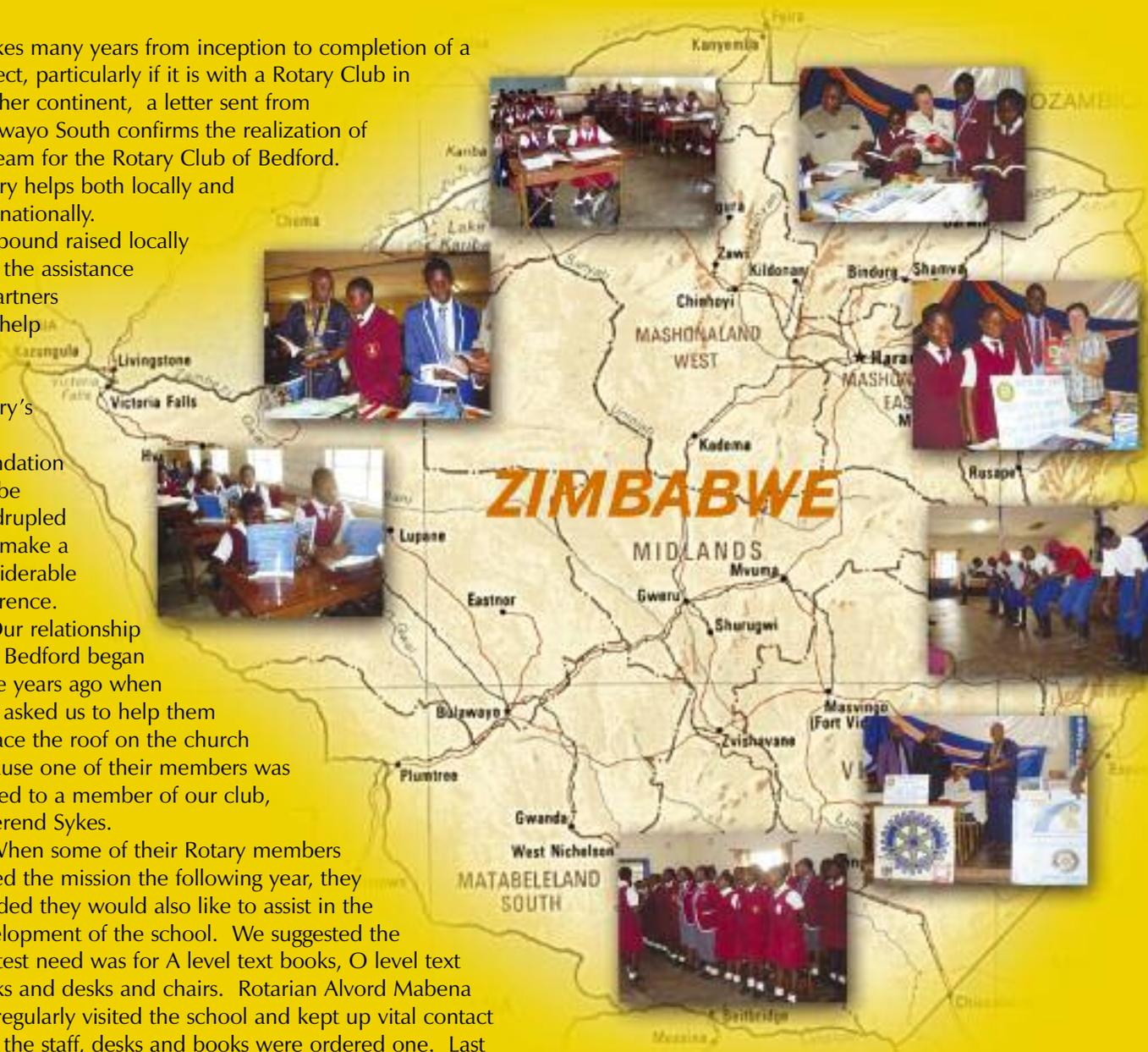
"When some of their Rotary members visited the mission the following year, they decided they would also like to assist in the development of the school. We suggested the greatest need was for A level text books, O level text books and desks and chairs. Rotarian Alvord Mabena has regularly visited the school and kept up vital contact with the staff, desks and books were ordered one. Last year a few books were donated while waiting for the funds to arrive.

"We are delighted to have handed over to the school. Equipment includes 40 double desks with benches to seat 80 children, 232 A level textbooks and 282 O level text books for agriculture, fashion and fabric, English, Ndebele, geography, history, biology, integrated science, accounting, economics, commerce and needlework.

Together we have fulfilled this year's Rotary theme of Building Communities, Bridging Continents".

President Delay Dube, Rotary Club of Bulawayo South

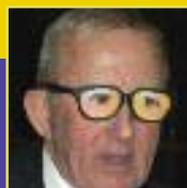
The photographs tell all, the school and the children, when it opened, equipment, books and celebrations.



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Opportunity beckons in 2011

First of all with the festive season now a distant memory may I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. 2011 will, I am sure, bring us new challenges and opportunities to enable us to fulfil our goals and expectations for this Rotary Year.

Thanks for Life and Rotary Day on 23rd February will soon be upon us giving ALL our Clubs the opportunity to promote themselves within the communities they serve in addition to building on last year's 'End Polio Now' theme. This can also serve to remind the public just what all the purple crocus's relate to as they begin to flower.

A big thank you for the way in which you received my own message concerning many of our frail elderly citizens and the need to be aware of those in our midst.

Many of you approached me during my Club visits with your own particular experiences of age related problems within your own family circle and I am sure that longevity will continue to bring its own challenges that we, as Rotarians, will be able to help with.

Many of you have been able to support Age UK and Dementia UK both financially and practically and a big thank you on behalf of these organisations.

To ALL our Club Presidents, who, like myself move into the second half of our term thank you for doing the most important job in Rotary. It is your leadership and enthusiasm that is enabling our Clubs to become BIGGER, BETTER and BOLDER.

I have been made aware of many 'new' initiatives this year, the latest being The RC of Ramsey and their 'It's a Knock Out' on Saturday 25th June. The Club are seeking teams to participate in order to develop the event into a major charity fund raiser, how about a past DG's team?

Increasing Membership and Retention are always subjects that we are aware of, and our Clubs are becoming more pro active in their attempts to recruit. The RIBI Membership and Marketing initiatives are helping to create the background of awareness amongst the general public thus making the ground more fertile to receive our Club efforts in membership growth. Nothing will replace our Rotarians introducing new members but we must pursue every avenue in order to assist us in our efforts. During the next 6 months, RI will be introducing a pilot scheme to give greater flexibility to a limited number of Clubs when recruiting and developing as a result of worldwide feedback from our members. This scheme will go 'live' in 2011/12 so watch out for information as the pilot begins to 'roll out'.

The RIBI scheme this year will depend upon our Clubs to the East of our District grasping the opportunities to promote their activities but it will be the Clubs who will control the process.

Whatever 2011 holds, I am sure that if we set out to enjoy ourselves in the service of others, we will achieve our objectives, friendship being the 'bond' that will enable us to 'Build Communities and Bridge Continents'.

District Governor Roger McDermott

Early Christmas for Youth Advocacy Service

Hinchingsbrooke Rotary Club has donated £500 to the Cambridgeshire branch of the National Youth Advocacy Service to support their Independent Visitors scheme across the county.

Local co-ordinator Sarah Clarke spoke to the club, explaining the valuable role that volunteer independent visitors play in the life of children and young people in care. To fulfil this role they must be able to listen to children and young people, be available to meet the individuals and show commitment through shared activities

and visits. Whilst they may have experience of working face to face with children or young people, no formal qualification is necessary as they receive training, supervision and support to fulfil this role.

Treasurer Margaret Gledhill (centre) presenting the cheque to Sarah Clarke under the watchful eye of Rotary President Mike Humphrey.



Glam on the glitz



Kettering Phoenix Rotaract Club took us back in time to the 1920's when they held the Rotaract District Ball on 16th October. The aptly titled 'Glam on the Glitz' ball was held at the Tresham Hall in Rothwell.

Tickets included a three course meal, swing band, and disco all recorded for posterity by the photographer.

The hall was decorated in black & white and the theme continued throughout the venue with each table named after a 1920s star such as Coco Chanel and Charlie Chaplin with a floral centre piece, which were kindly donated from local florists and later sold by auction.

Think glam and glitter – fancy dress was the order of the night with flappers and gangsters with a splash of Rita Hayworth and Al Capone!

People had their dancing shoes on as the music played classic party tunes including the 'TimeWharp' and 'Opps Up Side My Head' and a medley of Abba tunes.

The ball was well supported with nearly 100 guests and party goers representing Kettering, Kettering Huxloe, Tresham, Corby Phoenix, St Ives, Peterborough and Coalville Rotary Clubs. There was also Rotaractors from Rushden, Huntingdon and Bedford clubs.

District Governor Roger presented District awards to Simon Turner, Rotaractor of the Year and Bedford for Club of The Year.

Rotarian Tim Tucker kindly offered his DJ services in exchange for £1 per ticket being donated to Rotaract Overseas Projects so thank you Tim. The District Ball was a huge success with sell-out of tickets and a profit of around £500 to district funds and £86 to Rotaract Overseas.



Deeping support local art exhibition

In November Deepings President Ricky Fox officially opened the Langtoft Art Exhibition 2010 for the Deepings Art Groups, organised by local artist Glyn Plumb. For the last two years Glyn has been assisting the Deepings Rotary Club with judging their annual art exhibition and competition for local schools and finds it is inspiring to see how the children show enthusiasm with art and gain confidence by displaying their work.

At a recent Peterborough Art Groups Exhibition opened by the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor Phil Sharp said was very impressed with the



quality of the participants works and Glyn was invited to set up a similar exhibition in the Peterborough Town Hall in the future.

Until January 2006 Glyn held the position of Secretary to the Peterborough Art Society and has won the Hilda Hayes Trophy for a watercolour landscape entitled "Rutland Water Peninsular" in November 2005. She has been running art groups for over 5 years, the first group being held at the East Community Centre in Peterborough. She then started up a group in Market Deeping, now relocated to the Maxey Village Hall and runs two other weekly groups in the Langtoft Village Hall, plus another "over the border" in Whittlesey.

She creates and demonstrates art in a variety of subjects, including landscapes, contemporary, portraits and pet portraits, check out her website: www.glynsartforlife.com

Ken Eley, Rotary Club of the Deepings

Rainbows collection

Lutterworth Rotary and Inner Wheel have raised a fantastic £2,500 between them for Rainbows (Hospice Care for Children and Young People) in the week running up to Christmas. Thanks must go to Morrisons for the use of their foyee and the people of the Lutterworth who have been as generous as ever despite the current recession.

Those at Rainbows have said how much they appreciate the money collected which goes towards the running and upkeep of the Hospice.

The truth is that Rainbows could not do their work without fundraising and donations by the public. Rainbows gets very little money from the Government, in fact less than 15%. It relies almost entirely on the generosity of the public fundraising, events run by the Hospice, and sponsorship.

The cost of running the Hospice in the coming year has been estimated as being around £3.8 million

On board for Christ Church

The Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley has helped raised funds to provide a new mini bus for Christ Church in Stamford.

Ian Parsons, Club President said: "This is a very important community project. Over 1,500 people will use the 16 seat bus that has wheel chair facilities. It will be used by Christ Church Day Centre, Working with Families, StartaFresh and the Community Car Scheme along with other community groups.

"Rotarians from our Club are also volunteer drivers and we have received support from Christ Church itself and the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Stamford Burghley and Rotary District 1070. The total investment of £10,500 is well worth it and I am looking forward to seeing the bus work as hard for the Community as Rotary does."



Quiz question: Is it a record, or do you know better?

The Territorial, Huntingdon were worthy winners of the Charity Pub 'Quiz with a difference' organised by St Ives Rotary Club. They scored 177 points out of a maximum of 195 beating 31 other teams who entered the third running of this event. They won a prize cheque of £250 for their chosen charity Macmillan Nurses together with the Top Team Trophy and a case of 12 bottles of wine, sponsored by Peter Lane and Partners.

A more unusual prize of £100 was presented to the team with the most members, not winning another prize, won by The Barley Mow, Hartford a team with 50 people taking part! Their chosen charity was also Macmillan Nurses.

The Quiz was organised by St Ives Rotary club with help from the Rotary clubs of Huntingdon, Huntingdon Hinchingsbrooke, Huntingdon Cromwell and Ramsey. Rotary organiser Adrian Acton said 'We are absolutely delighted with the number of teams



who entered this event and would like to thank them, the sponsors Peter Lane and Partners, Estate Agents, and all the Quizmasters for their valuable support on what proved to be a most exciting and enjoyable evening. A total of over £2,100 will have been raised for charity on the night with some 580 people! Is this a record?

The next Quiz will be on Thursday 24th March 2011, for details contact Adrian Acton on 01480 464268, email adrian@action.freeserve.co.uk or contact any member of St Ives Rotary club.



Rotary Young Chef 2010/11: the search begins

News and Events often runs details of finals of competitions but often fails to relay news of earlier rounds which are so important and the life-blood of competitions, here is a story from Sleaford.

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Sleaford, the annual search for the 'National Rotary Young Chef of the Year' began at St. George's Academy organised by the food technology teacher Claire Adams.



Timers ticked, ovens pinged and saucepans boiled as seven intrepid cookery students, aged between 12 to 16 years, demonstrated their culinary skills in front of the three judges to win the local heat. They were given 90 minutes to plan, prepare and cook a healthy meal for two within a tight budget of £10.



Judging the competition were Rotarian David Mather, proprietor of *The Kitchen, Nocton Heath*; Sally Elkington, the well-known presenter

and cookery commentator from *Lincs FM*, and local chef Liam Harris from *The Queens Head, Kirkby Laythorpe*. Marking was over nine categories including healthy choices, planning, hygiene and cookery skills, along with taste and final table presentation.

All the judges commented that they were hugely impressed by the high standard achieved, showing a wide range of skills to produce mouth-watering dishes. There was little margin between any of the chefs but the judges unanimously agreed on Afaf Ismail as the winner for her tasty and colourful menu of Middle Eastern Chicken Kebabs with salad, Moroccan Beef Steak and a Caribbean fruit cocktail. She will appear at the District finals in Leicester.

In presenting the awards, Rotarian Richard Starkess praised the chefs for their bravery in putting to test their culinary skills.

"You're fired"

Lord (Alan) Sugar's famous catch phrase needed one little twist for the pupils of Peterborough's King's School as they faced into a spotlight just as bright as any on the well known television show.

To get "fired up" was the main aim for the students in the King's annual 'mock interview' week where 130 pupils face tense trials and tough interrogations to persuade Peterborough's leading business people to 'employ' them.

"This is as real as it gets," said Gary Longman, headteacher at King's. "High grades in exams count for very little if you cannot interview well and 'sell' yourself to an employer".

All the interviews take place at the impressive offices of Peterborough's

leading printing services company, Fisherprint. There is no familiar, comfortable classroom to relax in.

After each interview, every student gets the chance to have a friendly chat about what they 'did right' and where they 'went wrong'.

John Hill, President of the Rotary Club of Peterborough which organises the event said, "Our warm thanks as always to the many human resources professionals and senior business people who volunteer their time each year to help the pupils with these interviews and to give essential advice and tips to improve students' chances of impressing employers."

Mayor Keith Sharpe attended and thanked all for giving the event the highest possible and urged other schools to take up the Rotary offer to run other mock interview weeks across Peterborough.

Mayor Keith Sharp, Assistant Head Cheryl Broad of King's, Miles Fisher of Fisherprint, Alison Jones HR specialist, Rotary President John Hill and some King's pupils before their interviews.



Litter pick



Bob Parfitt is revving up and hopes for a National Litter Pick. Even incoming RIBI President Ray Burnham has been asked to join in the project and hopes to get many organisations and people involved to make people proud.

In a short period in autumn seven Rotarians, one wife and five members of the public collected 23 bags of litter, one tyre, one Tesco trolley, one watering can and a few scratches.



Donation to Age Concern

Rotarians in District 1070 have adopted Age Concern as one of their chosen charities this year and the members of Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club have been giving and collecting items to donate to Age Concern for sale in their shops. This is one of the main ways that Age Concern finance their operations and the importance was stressed by Tony Donovan, Chief Executive of Leicestershire and Rutland Age Concern when he visited the club recently. Goods collected by the members of the Rotary Club have been kindly stored by the Whitehouse Hotel in Kegworth, Trevor Mills, Transport Manager and Ken Garner, Senior Driver for Age Concern arrived with a minibus to load up the items and take them to the Hotel Street Age Concern Centre in Leicester, where they will be put on sale or distributed to other shops.

Members of the Rotary Club and hotel Manager Hugh Hendry helping Trevor and Ken to load the minibus.





Ashby Shoe Box

250 shoe boxes were donated by primary schools at Breedon, Worthington and Newbold, and from local churches plus other well wishers just before Christmas.

Having been collected, shrink wrapped and then loaded onto a trailer which holds around 13000 boxes they were driven overseas by volunteer drivers. The shoe boxes may be sent to a town in Moldova near the shores of the Black Sea, distributed by "partner" charities on the spot who ensure the boxes are given to the appropriate youngsters. The whole trip takes around 12 days, 8 days of driving and then distribution – and the drivers give their time voluntarily, released to do this work by their companies.



The area the shoe boxes are sent to, varies according to need, and whilst many of the orphanages and children's homes we used to read about in our newspapers are now no longer in use, there is a great deal of poverty away from the main areas of

population. So, are the shoe boxes still needed? The answer is a resounding and definitive YES, and the scheme will be needed for many years to come.

Senders are encouraged to put in a note about themselves, perhaps a photograph, their address if they wish, perhaps to start up a pen friendship. It shows that the youngsters in our area want to be involved, to be seen as thinking of others and thinking of a world where, in general, we have so much, and others have so little. Our world gets smaller, this scheme emphasises the fact that we are all one in terms of humanity.

Teamwork on Bedford de Parys membership drive

The Rotary Club of Bedford de Parys, assisted by their 'parent', the Rotary Club of Bedford Park, held a membership evening on the 14th October 2010. Members of both clubs were encouraged to invite guests.

Brief presentations, accompanied by visual displays were given on various activities within Rotary, including Kids Out and Sailability.

Although the number of Rotarians attending outnumbered the guests, the evening was an all round success, with six potential members expressing an interest on the night, with others making contact during the following days.

The Rotary Club of Bedford de Parys wish to give their grateful thanks to their 'parent', the Rotary Club of Bedford Park, for their invaluable support.



Nothing stops Richard Hyde

Sent by a "Rotary friend" the editor was reliably informed that Past District Governor Richard Hyde showed he was a true Fenman when he found the fastest way to get to the Ramsey Christmas Party was by skate despite impaired vision.



First of the fellowships



Have you ever been a crew member on a boat skippered by a Rotarian? Do you enjoy fellowship on or near water? Do you have a boat? Did you know that International Yachting Fellowship of

Rotarians is a world-wide fellowship? Do you want to find out about our fun fellowship in Great Britain and Ireland? It is open to all those who have an interest in sailing and boat ownership is not necessary for membership.

In 1946 Rotarian John Barratt of the Rotary Club of Brixton London conceived the idea of a burgee from the masthead of his boat, bearing the Rotary emblem. In 1947 he organised a London meeting with a number of other Rotarian yachting enthusiasts where a constitution was prepared that proposed a Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, a completely new concept in the Rotary world.

After long negotiations the proposals submitted to RIBI for ratification by RI were finally approved.

IYFR thus became the first of many Fellowships within RI World Fellowship. The Yachting Fellowship quickly spread around the world and currently has over 80 Fleets in more than 20 countries, with a membership of almost 4,000.

Until 1956 the Fellowship was based and run entirely from Great Britain, but at the Chicago Golden Anniversary RI Convention, Bob Stuart of Chicago was elected as the first International Commodore and the name was changed to International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

The Yachting Fellowship has grown steadily and in 1997 became fully integrated once more with the rest of the world to make one truly international Fellowship when it celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Rotary sailing and friendship.

The enthusiastic leadership of British and Irish Commodores leads to hopes of further expansion, although most of the sailing centres are covered by our Regional Fleets. Members who are not easily able to belong to such a Fleet, can be accommodated in the GB Fleet, where they were formerly known as 'Members at Large'. This enables them to receive their own Rotafleet News which can also be viewed on www.iyfrbandi.co.uk.

The International Rotafloat magazine can be viewed on the international website at www.iyfr.net

Further information on the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians can be obtained from:

Annette Lewis, Rotary Club of Bedford de Parys
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Leicestershire pipped at the post

Over the weekend the 29th Rotary English Disabled Sports Championship was held in Coventry at the X-Cel Leisure Centre.

Despite their disabilities the athletes enter into the spirit of the games with determination and effort, all eleven teams wishing to take the crown from Leicestershire who have won over the past 3 years. The teams came from around the country, Avon, Coventry, Derby, Gloucestershire, Hucknall, Leicestershire, Newark, Rugby, South Yorkshire/Lincs, Wakefield and Warwickshire.

This year's winner, by a few points was South Yorkshire/Lincs. with Leicestershire second (receiving a prize of £300 which will go towards funding next year's Championship) and Rugby coming third.



Leicestershire won five of the twelve events – Rifle Shooting – Boccia – Male Weight Lifting and two exciting wheelchair events – Pit Stop and Slalom and were second in Triathlon and Swimming.



Pit Stop is an event where the competitor in the wheelchair is lifted off the ground half way down the course while two further able bodied members remove the wheels – run round cones returning to re-connect the wheels allowing the competitor to finish the course. This is a relay where the slightest delay can affect the result.

Slalom is a relay of three in wheelchairs completing a course which includes reversing into special enclosures and circling round cones all at breakneck speed in a timed knock out competition – the cheers of the supporters from each team raised the roof.

In addition to winning individual and team trophies Leicestershire were proud to be given a Special Award and receiving a plaque for showing the best team spirit, by loaning their specialist wheelchairs to other teams for the Pit Stop event. The team organisers, Rotarians Bryan Cooper and John Roberson, along with the sports coaches and drivers, were all thanked by the team for making the event happen and run smoothly on the day. For others was a tonic to experience the good manners and courtesy extended to both their fellow competitors and the public without losing their wish to win each event.

Polio sub-national immunisation day, India

Three members from District 1070, Jim Matthews (Oadby), Maureen McKenna (Peterborough) and Bryan Woodward (Loughborough Beacon) were among 50 Rotarians from Britain who met in New Delhi for a Sub-National Immunisation Day (SNID). Delhi's Chief Minister, Mrs Sheila Dikshit, officially launched the project and Deepak Kapur, Chairman of the India National Polio Plus Committee (INPPC) of Rotary International, informed us that we would be helping to immunise 68 million children in a single day, Sunday 14 November.

It is worth recalling the impact of the polio campaign, which has been made possible by WHO, UNICEF, Rotarians and governments. In India, polio cases have been reduced by over 99% since 1985, with only 39 cases reported in 2010 (741 in 2009). Polio is not hereditary but results from poor hygiene and bad sanitation. Of the three strains of polio, P1 is the most lethal, but P3 is the most prevalent, while P2 was eradicated over ten years ago. The polio virus enters children's bodies through contaminated food or water – the faeco-oral route – and multiplies in the throat or intestine. From there it passes into the blood stream or sometimes the nervous system, causing paralysis by destroying the nerve cells, which cannot regenerate. Over 99% of children have only a mild form of fever and body ache, which may go undetected as the polio virus infection; fewer than 1% develop acute flaccid paralysis. Infected children excrete the virus in the faeces, which can infect unimmunised children.



Rtn Bryan Woodward immunising a child, while dentist Dr Rajiv Agarwal checks the child's age

Each child should have three doses of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) before their first birthday. As a critical eradication strategy, mass immunisation is also necessary, so two drops of OPV are given to all children under five on a single day set by the government, even if they have already been immunised routinely. Our job was to dispense those two drops to as many children as we could find.

Rotarians formed themselves into groups of three for the NID programme; 21 stayed in Delhi, while the rest flew to Lucknow. My own group was driven across the Yamuna River to East Delhi. Our host, Rotarian Suresh Bansal, past president of the Rotary Club of Delhi Vivek, took us to 'the camp' where his club had set up a booth. Drove of children from the nearby slum lined up along the street and in four hours, with local Rotarians, including a dentist, Dr Rajiv Agarwal, who determined each child's age from the teeth, we immunised 551 children. Our helpers were an enthusiastic group of Interact students from nearby Deep Memorial Public School. They kept order among the urchins and helped us check for 'purple pinkies', the purple dye that we applied to the left little finger. All of us who took part were uplifted by the experience and were humbled by our tiny part in an immense 25-year programme whose imminent conclusion will be the global eradication of poliomyelitis.

Jim Matthew has produced a record of our experience at <http://endpolionowindia.blogspot.com/>

Bryan Woodward, President, RC of Loughborough Beacon



Friendship Exchange to Victoria, Australia



Ten Rotarians and partners arrived in Melbourne in October to begin a delightful fortnight in Victoria. Spring had just arrived in this part of the southern hemisphere, making the gardens beautiful after their wettest winter for ten years. Our welcome was warm from the moment we landed,

and the weather followed suit after one cool day.

Jeanette Lynch of District 9800 and Brian Dawson of District 1070 had done a great job preparing the itinerary. We spent four nights in Melbourne, three in Bendigo, three in Daylesford and three in Gisborne. Our hosts at each stop were soon firm friends, and made us most comfortable in their spacious homes.

We were warmly welcomed everywhere we travelled. In Melbourne we toured several historic sites, enjoyed an expedition to Healesville Sanctuary, and visited the famous cricket ground, (if only it had been December 29th) and attended two club meetings. At Bendigo and Daylesford the group studied the legacy of gold mining and enjoyed beautiful mountain scenery of Gisborne and a picnic at Hanging Rock, but avoided disappearing.

A team from District 9800 will make a return visit to our District in September 2012. We can recommend Rotary Friendship Exchanges to anyone who has yet to try one.

Malcolm Cockcroft, St Ives RC

Centrica supply the energy



Finding sponsors for events, particularly in the current economic climate, is particularly important but some large organisations do have community funds to assist. Centrica Energy, who run the Peterborough Power Station, provided the support to Werrington Rotary to fund the

hire of Jack Hunt Pool Swimming Pool and t-shirts for each swimmer that allowed all money collected to be donated to charity. Swimmers presented half to Rotary and the other half retained for their own good cause, be it sports club or charity. Werrington Rotary Club is particularly supporting Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall and the Rudolf Fund in 2010/2011.

Though not on the grand scale of the Grantham event swimmers entered from a variety of organisations, CPOS (Peterborough Swimming Club), Rotaractors from Rushden and Huntingdon and in the final session of the day it became clear that "Sally Ann" was indeed twelve members of the Salvation Army who hot footed it from the Sunday Service at the Peterborough Citadel to fill all four lanes. Individuals or teams of six swim in lanes for up to fifty five minutes, besides the t-shirts they receive individual certificates and photographs, emailed on the day, taken during the event. All money collected could reach well over four thousand pounds.

Simon Weston

Falklands War Hero, Simon Weston is a patron of The Grantham based Charity, Trade Aid, managed by the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven.

The Club was recently pleased to welcome Simon as a Rotarian member of the Club.

He is shown here with other members of the Trade Aid team, Ken Billington and Chairman John Asher, at a recent Rotary Conference in Torquay.

Trade Aid continues to provide boxes of brand new tools to enable tradesmen who may have lost their means of livelihood to rebuild their business after a disaster and so support themselves, their family and community and has recently dispatched Boxes to Haiti and Guatemala.

Further information is available on www.trade-aid.org or from Alan Geeson, on 01476 879276



Wreake Valley sings

In December The Rotary Club of the Wreake Valley held their annual carol concert at Syston Methodist Church. A congregation of over a hundred members, guests and local residents were entertained by local young musicians Tamsin and Tabath Pegg (pictured above right), and Emilia Palmer (left). The service was led by the Club's newest member, Reverend Steve Hoggar.



St Gemma's Orphanage

Sleaford Rotarian Michael Brearley welcomed the news that the Rotary Club of Sleaford had been successful in their bid for a matching grant of £1700 so enabling them to proceed with their project to help an orphanage in the Philippines totalling £3300.

Earlier this year he had led a Rotary Group Study Exchange team to the Philippines witnessing first hand the various humanitarian schemes involving The General Santos Rotary Club. Whilst there, an appeal was made by the incoming President Petite Veneracion to see if there was a possibility of any financial support being made available to help improve the living conditions for over 30 young people with ages ranging from infancy to 25 years accommodated in the local orphanage of St. Gemma's.

The Sleaford Club immediately responded and now with the grant received work has already started in renovating, painting and equipping the orphanage with new furniture, all overseen and assisted by the members of the General Santos Club.





WORLD CUP

World cups are a time of special influence. Brazilian bendy free kicks, dazzling Dutch techniques and magical manoeuvres quickly spread around the world. Winning techniques once observed are quickly copied. From school playing fields parks to the premier league stadia, the clever stuff will soon be on show. But does anyone recall the fancy skills required for the 'rammed earth' system? Or the 'jam jar' trick?

One lifetime football supporter and local Rotarian realised his dream last summer by going to South Africa and seeing the World Cup Final. But the most influential moment was not inside the magnificent modern stadium but just outside. People were building walls using a rammed earth process.

Rotarians David Wallwork and Marcus Horrell from Ramsey and Peterborough clubs have been involved recently in helping construct a small school and some other buildings in Sierra Leone in Africa, where the civil war, which ended there in 2002, destroyed most of the country's 1270 schools.

Now Peterborough might have plenty of builder's merchants and DIY stores but, even if you could afford the prices, in Africa any necessary construction materials could be miles and miles away – over the most horrendous of roads.

Modern building materials are costly and difficult to obtain. Rolled mud bricks or

'lathe and mud-plaster' work still get used. Mud works. But it takes a fair bit of effort and has a relatively short lifespan.

'Rammed earth', however, was used in many parts of the Great Wall of China and other historic monuments, many of which are still standing after hundreds of years.

The Rotarians wished to perfect the technique so Marcus enrolled on a 'rammed earth' course in another hot country, Wales. The trick to success in our modern age is a jam jar. Yes, a simple glass container. Sampling the soil beforehand is the key to success. Mix one third soil with two parts water; shake thoroughly; and leave overnight. If a clay layer settles over the surface and looks about 10% of the mix you have hit pay dirt.

Villagers in Sierra Leone were quick to fashion wooden shuttering in the shape required for sections of wall. Then, together with Marcus they took turns to hacksaw through an old spare piece six



UP WALLS

inch metal railway track to make a 'ram'. Mission accomplished. Strong buildings now race up.

So next time you watch a memorable football match and see a wall constructed in front of goal, just remember. Rammed earth techniques at the last world cup are proving to be far more solid than any made of footballers in fancy coloured strips.





Golf Knockout 2010

33 teams entered the District Golf Knockout competition. Teams were divided into four geographic groups and played each other within these areas on a knockout basis, with the winner of each group meeting to do battle at the District final at Kettering Golf Club on 7th September. This year's finalists were no strangers to Finals Day, both Stamford Burghley and Oadby Launde having made it through in the previous year, and Loughborough Beacon also having qualified in 2007 and 2008, whilst St. Neots had actually won in 2007.

Despite the recent experiences of all the finalists, this year's turnout was quite cosmopolitan and eventful in make up as a result of a clash of commitments plus medical and other reasons. Only 21 players were able to represent the four 6-man teams intended, and these – legitimately under the rules – included members of Wigston, Blaby and St. Ives Rotary Clubs as well as Inner Wheel and 41 Club in addition to the 16 people who

actually played for their own clubs. At least the result was a triumph for the promotion of fellowship which after all is what the event is about.

The winning team was Oadby Launde with an excellent score of 135 Stableford points followed at some distance by Stamford Burghley with 120 and St. Neots with 113. In the far background were Loughborough Beacon with 96 points, not helped by 2 team members reporting sick on the morning and one other incurring a physical injury in the early stages of the round itself; the others just claimed they'd played rubbish! The winner of the Millennium Trophy for the best individual score was Jim Parker, not surprisingly of Oadby Launde with 37 points, one point ahead of Ken Borneo of Bedford Castle.

District Governor Roger McDermott was on hand to present the prizes which totalled £300 for Oadby Launde, £150 to Stamford Burghley, £50 to St. Neots and £50 to Loughborough Beacon, all for the credit of the respective Charity Accounts.

On a personal note I announced my retirement from the job of District Organiser after 6 stimulating and enjoyable years and was pleased to announce that my successor will be Keith Cooper of Oadby Launde to whom I offer my very best wishes.

*Ray Freshfield
District Golf Organiser*



Foundation is in your hands

Being chosen as a pilot district for Foundation has giving John Dehnel even more responsibility but as a result the District Foundation Committee has more control over distribution of grants and projects.

It is still necessary to provide funds for the wide variety of activity, community educational and humanitarian. Each

year the District recognises clubs who have donated most per member to Foundation.

At District Council in October, PDG Dick Parsley presented pennants to the leading three clubs: Kettering Huxloe \$244.11 (pictured left), Melton Mowbray \$128.60 (centre) and Ashby De La Zouch \$126.26 (right).



Six districts

'Focus on the Crocus'



A Multi-District 'Focus on the Crocus' planting, in support of publicity for Rotary's Polio Eradication Campaign, took place in Autumn 2010 at Hinckley, Leicestershire.

The prospect of a Multi-District crocus planting day emerged from discussions between District Governor Roger McDermott, Assistant Governor Terry Gooding and District Governor Bob Barclay of District 1240. It was agreed to arrange a crocus planting afternoon at the District 1240 Conference at the Barcello Hotel at Hinckley.

In good tradition, the organisation of the event was delegated to Assistant Governor Terry and the local Rotary Club of Hinckley, led by Immediate Past President Greg Drozd.

The planting area was agreed with the Local Council who also prepared the ground for the Rotary volunteers.

Six thousand bulbs were planted by 30 people, including six District Governors (each from a different District), RI Director David Liddiatt, the Immediate Past RIBI President David Fowler, members of Hinckley club and some excellent support from interested wives.

The town of Hinckley was famous internationally for its knitwear and hosiery manufacturing and for launching the Luddite revolution – it could also become well known locally in February and March for its purple crocus display, unless the squirrels get there first.

*Terry Gooding
Assistant Governor*



Roadshow looks into the future

How many times do you get all of the District Teams together to promote Rotary? At District Assembly the focus is on individual groups whereas here there was a full palate of activity.

Linda May and Chris Chew brought the idea to reality.

For those able to find Northampton and Peterborough it was three hours of interaction between visitors and members of different teams. Some decided to volunteer to serve on a committee whilst others attended to find out more about projects and ask questions, there was a real buzz at the event.



Should the event be used to promote Rotary to a wider audience, to encourage awareness, not just attracting new members?

Hiring of a suitable venue does cost, but so does most promotion. Perhaps groups within the District could follow the formula and clubs combine efforts to showcase within their area, invite outside charities and commercial organisations as well as holding individual membership evenings?

Will it happen again next year? Definitely yes, well worth a visit.

Over 350 Rotarians questioned throughout the East Midlands!

More than three hundred and fifty Rotarians, including five past District Governors, were subject to intense interrogation at seven venues ranging from Bourne to Bedford over six weeks in autumn last year. Winners at each venue re-appeared for more questioning at the final at Corby in mid November.

The interrogators were John Calow and Graham Cooper whose club, Soar Valley, suffered the ignominy of failing at the first hurdle. The District Governor's own team not previously noted for "success" of this sort, also reappeared at the final interrogation.

After four hundred and twenty questions, in the end Robert Webb and his co defendants from Kettering Huxloe were charged with looking after the District 1070 Quiz Trophy for the ensuing year by winning. They received several litres of Scottish spirit to assist them. Bedford Castle, last year's recipients, managed to avoid this responsibility but took away a quantity of fermented grape juice.

Such was the outcome of the 2010-2011 District 1070 Quiz. It was bigger than ever with eighty nine teams from fifty six clubs, a participation of 64% of all Rotary Clubs in the district.

*Graham Cooper and John Calow
Soar Valley RC*

The Deepings Christmas

Santa's Grotto hosted by the Rotary Club of the Deepings on Sunday at their Christmas Market was a great success. The photo shows the first child to visit Santa's Grotto braving the freezing weather early in the morning. Afterwards she emerged very happy and carrying a big pink Christmas cone full of sweets and toys.



Laserforce challenge



Want to do something different? Werrington Rotary have Martin Nash, the owner of Laserforce in Peterborough and Leicester who decided to offer his facilities. The club decided to hold the Laserforce Challenge for all their Star Wars and computer games fanatics and challenged other clubs to an evening of zapping, points scoring and adrenalin rush at Brook Street. The event attracted people of all ages.

The "Longthorpe Heroes" Won the "Golden Gun" award for achieving the highest score over a series on missions against teams from the Werrington and Deepings & Stamford St Martin Rotary Clubs.

It's never too early to get youngsters interested in Rotary. The winning team was lead by father and son, Dave and Will Marr, supported by John Tidy and Ian Shaw.

All monies raised by the Adrenalin-filled Challenge went towards Local Rotary sponsored charities; the event will be run annually and hopes to attract an even wider audience.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to DG Elect Linda May and former DG Roger who became grandparents for the first time. Their daughter-in-law (with some help from their son) presented them with twin boys in the early hours of Saturday morning. Poor old Roger had difficulty in keeping up with the activity at the hospital and at the Ashes match in Australia. All parties are doing well and someone is hoping for a pair of openers for the test team in a few years' time.



Age Concern stores welcome Rotary Club donations

Age Concern Leicestershire and Rutland stores in Oadby got a much needed and very welcome boost when members of The Rotary Club of Oadby visited the charity's two shops in the town.

The Rotary Club had organised a collection of items for the shops, including furniture, books, gifts, toys and clothing and is in the process of collecting further items for the two Oadby stores.

Age Concern Executive Director Anthony Donovan said, "This is a superb effort and extremely timely. It will help boost our stocks at a time when donations of quality items are struggling to keep pace with strong demand from our customers".

"The charity is extremely grateful to everyone at The Rotary Club of Oadby who contributed so generously to the stores. It is too early to put a precise figure on the total value of



donations, but it is clear that the money raised will run into hundreds of pounds"

Age Concern reported that the Rotary support really makes a hugely positive difference to the charity's efforts to provide much needed help to local older people, many of whom are among the most needy, vulnerable and lonely in our society.

All the charity's shops remain in desperate need of good quality saleable items. If you are able to help then you can do so by donating items direct to the Age Concern

shops or by calling 0116 – 2237343.

The photograph shows the Age Concern Store in Oadby and those present on the day of the delivery: L to R, Terry Gooding, Peter Bliss, District Governor Roger McDermott, Martin Sharp, Paul Harris and Age Concern Executive Director Anthony Donovan.

Mentoring

On visiting the Palace of Westminster in 2009 I asked an East Midland Member of Parliament what training he received on entering the House. "Nothing", was the reply, "you learn as you go on, the first six weeks are somewhat frightening". He was deadly serious.

So Rotary must be better? There are a high number of resignations of members in the first three years of membership. So it was with much interest that fifty three members attended a new RIBI initiative on mentoring at Corby in November to find out why and how to assist. Having been presented with a depressing scenario it became clear that there is no magic formula that it is important to provide as much information as possible to those interested in joining without drowning them in detail.

Like continuing professional development, you never stop learning, but it is imperative for all to enjoy membership. Clearly a standard approach is not appropriate, do not be afraid to ask and give support.

Pennies for Polio

Thanks to all the clubs who took part in the Pennies for Polio campaign, every penny helps. Do you have any old coins hidden away under the bed, tucked away and the spare odd foreign coin? Donations are still being taken until the end of the Rotary year by Stamford St. Martin's. So far 50 kilos of coins and notes have been collected and the sum raised will be published in a later edition. Catch one of the crew at District Council or why not visit the club that meets on a Tuesday evening.

email: wendy.martin123@gmail.com

Ten days out in the cold gets you...



In the coldest December month for a century Kibworth and Fleckney members hoped to catch shoppers and not colds by standing outside their local Sainsbury's selling tickets for a 3 minute trolley dash around the store. No reports of catching flu has been received but the effort was well worth while as £2,500 was raised towards two of the most worthy local charities – the Rainbows children hospice and LOROS an adult hospice.

In an active few months an "Auction of Promises" raised £5000, a village bonfire in November £4,000 which has all helped Kibworth Well, Macmillan Nurses, Kibworth Youth, Venture Scouts, Scouts, Guides and a Senior Citizens Party now an established annual event.

The club was able to donate a massive £5,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Awards

To date lists of Paul Harris Awards have not been included in News and Events but following a number of requests a listing will be included in each issue. Awards are normally personal to each club but are important to recognise the contribution of the recipient to Rotary.

Mick Reed, Kettering • Richard Payne, Wreake Valley • Stanley Smith, Lutterworth • David Godfrey, St. Ives



Santas galore

Shepshed Charnwood on tour



The Rotarians from Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club wish to thank the residents of Kegworth, East Leake, Sutton Bonington, Hathern and Shepshed who gave so generously when they toured those areas with their Santa Float just before Christmas.

President Roger Hutchinson was delighted to announce that the total collected this year was a record £3200. This will be distributed to local and International Rotary charities including Age Concern, Alzheimer's Society, Rainbows, and End Polio Now.

He thanked all those involved particularly Brian Mee Associates for their generous help in supplying a vehicle and Kim and Janet Gayton-Pollard for providing storage facilities.

The picture shows members collecting with the club's Santa float.

Beating the freeze

It came upon a mid-day clear when 780 Santas faced the snow and cold rising from -9°C to -3°C.

The sea of Santas set off with one intent to support their chosen charity. Both young and old enjoyed a fantastic day of fun they won't forget with both family and friends all for a good cause.

Both Lutterworth Rotary Clubs were delighted with the turnout and would like to thank all those who supported the event sponsors – Embank Finance – Hinckley and Rugby Building Society and Waitrose – including our volunteers and the Press for the publicity they gave us before the event.

Organisers thought that running, walking or ambling round the course would be the three chosen options. What we had not envisaged was a Santa cycling round the course on a Uni-cycle or that one family would use a sleigh built some 30 years ago for a similar event by David Smith, his daughter Rebecca and her niece Isabella taking advantage of the ride.

Not to be outdone, Alwyn Ogden from the Wycliffe club proved that even in Dubai there is a Santa by running around the deck of a cruise ship in slightly warmer conditions. What will people think of next year?



There is a Santa in Dubai

From Brisbane to Burghley...

Almost 800 Santas from as far away as Brisbane, Australia joined in the 4th Annual Stamford Santa Fun Run held, December 12, in Burghley Park outside Stamford, organised by the Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley.

Last year there were 565 Santas who raised around £18,000 for Rotary Charities and local groups. This year the total raised should be exceeded by a considerable amount.



President Ian Parsons said "The Santas all had a great time and we will know shortly how much has been raised. It was a great sight seeing everyone having such a good time. We were blessed with the weather again and I would like to congratulate all the Club Members who helped out, our sponsors who enabled us to put on the event and most thanks go to all our Santas. We are already making plans for 2011 – watch this space."

Beacon natural play area opened

To commemorate its 25th anniversary since charter, the Rotary Club of Loughborough Beacon has created a natural play area on Beacon Hill in Leicestershire's Charnwood Forest. The project was devised by Immediate Past President Neil Rowbotham, who chaired the Club's 'Loughborough Beacon Environment Support Group' in partnership with students of Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College and the Beacon Country Park rangers.

With log towers, balance beams, a log train and a woven hazel maze, the site was designed by Leigh Clewlow, Leicestershire County Council's landscape officer, and officially opened

Sam and Isabel Baker playing on a log tower at the Beacon natural play area
[Written permission has been obtained for the publication of this picture by the children's mother, Suzanne Baker]



by LCC Cabinet Member for Country Parks, Councillor Byron Rhodes, who said: "This natural play area is a wonderful example of Rotary and the community working together to leave a lasting legacy for local children."

In addition to a £10k grant from Biffaward, club members matched this amount and laboured alongside the students and rangers. They were also supported by Lafarge Aggregates & Concrete UK, William Davis Ltd, Leicestershire County Council, Loughborough University's Wolfson School and RI.

*Bryan Woodward, President
Rotary Club of Loughborough Beacon*

*Opening of Beacon natural play area
(l to r): Ian Varley (wood sculptor, seated back), Beacon President Bryan Woodward (seated front), Chris Conway (park ranger), Past President Neil Rowbotham (project co-ordinator), Leigh Clewlow (designer), Councillor Byron Rhodes*





Kevin John Coleman, St. Neots St. Mary's

Kevin was a successful retail jeweller and diamond specialist with many long standing clients, he was the epitome of discretion, a competent and resourceful administrator and, in their Jubilee year, was Chairman of the National Association of Goldsmiths from 1994 to 1996.

He was blessed with integrity, a charming man with a great sense of family, both his own and that of Rotary. It was his friendship with Jack Murphy from the Rotary Club of Newry in Northern Ireland that quickly spread to include the Rotary club of Dundalk in Southern Ireland before joining in with us and our officially twinned club, Tournai 3 Lys, in Belgium.

He was a resourceful speaker finder, never dull and was himself a confidant and accomplished speaker.

Kevin Coleman was in 1985 a founder member of St Neots St Marys, He beat cancer first in 2002, when the cancer returned in 2008 he took leave of absence and died on the 4th October 2010 with the intention always of returning to active Rotary.

Our thoughts are with his wife Patricia, his three daughters and their families.

Ronald George Arthur Hadnam, Peterborough

Born at 81 Westgate, Peterborough, Ron attended St. John's School and was a choir boy at St. John's Church. On leaving school he joined Perkin's Engineers as a clerk and worked his way through promotions to become a Main Board Director in 1975 controlling group purchasing with a budget of three hundred million. He was active in the Institute of Purchasing and Supply, becoming President in 1980/81.

Ron was greatly involved with Macmillan Cancer Support, a Peterborough committee member in 1975, Chairman in 1992 and President at the time of his death. In 1999 he was chosen as "One of the Best of the Century" for his tireless charity work and one of only 350 chosen to attend a lunch at the Mansion House in the presence of her Majesty the Queen.

He joined the Rotary Club of Peterborough in 1974, chaired various committees, was President in 1986/87 and his wife Betty was President of Inner Wheel and served on the District dealing with Club Service. Sadly she died five years ago.

Latterly Ron was still taking a keen interest in Rotary matters even though he was no longer able to attend meetings due to ill health and was made an Honorary Member of the Peterborough Club in 2010.

Past District Governor Peter Moreton Nene Valley

Peter Moreton died unexpectedly on 1 November 2010, he was 83.

A past District Governor (1991/92), the fourth President of the Rotary Club of the Nene Valley (1981/82) and double Paul Harris Fellow, Peter was a well known and respected Rotarian not only in District 1070 but across the whole of RIBI and beyond. His enthusiasm for the Rotary movement was boundless and infectious to those who came into



contact with him. He fulfilled many roles in Rotary but he had an everlasting passion for Rotary Foundation and was instrumental in establishing Nene Valley's high level of contributions to Foundation for over 30 years.

Peter had many passions but his great love was Music; Big Band and Jazz among others. He was a renowned expert in this field and for many years had a show on Local radio from which his nickname "Doctor Swing" was established. He was Vice Chairman of the International Fellowship of Rotary Musicians.

Rotary was probably the major part of his life since retirement as Chief Surveyor of Nationwide Anglia Building Society and he was fortunate to have the continuing moral and practical support of his wife Eileen who accompanied him on so many Rotary events that she too was widely known in Rotary circles.

Having been to school in Wellingborough, Peter joined Round Table in Watford before returning to Northampton. Peter leaves his wife, a son Nicholas, a daughter Penny and a young grandson of whom he was becoming increasingly proud.

Peter died suddenly whilst a visitor at a normal weekly meeting of Northampton Rotary club. A regular visitor there he had, as often happened, been invited to tell one of his many awful 'jokes'. On sitting down after the usual howls of derision he simply collapsed and was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. Peter had a big personality and his family were grateful that he passed away in the company of Rotary friends.

Peter will be sorely missed by everyone but especially by the members of the Nene Valley Rotary Club.

Marie Plumb Peterborough Ortons

Marie was introduced to Rotary by husband Mick when he became a member of the Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club. Following Mick's untimely death, Marie presented the club with the Mick Plumb Trophy which the President personally awards to the Rotarian who has given the most help during that year.



Subsequent to Mick's death Marie attended and helped with all social and fundraising events. In addition to helping Rotary fundraising, Marie worked tirelessly for other local charities, particularly those that started in Peterborough, such as Macmillan Cancer Relief, Hospital at Home and organiser of social events.

It was inevitable that Marie would become a Rotarian, she became the club's 25th President. It is such a pity that she and her new partner Rotarian John Aked were not able to spend more of their twilight years together that they both obviously enjoyed.

Marie was such a flamboyant and fun loving person who loved a joke and was an excellent story teller. It is difficult to find the right words to adequately describe her but one thing is certain, Rotary will be a duller and poorer place without her.



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Ralph Riley, Stamford

Rotarians in District 1070 are advised of the death of Ralph Riley, the oldest member of the Rotary Club of Stamford – who passed away in late December after a very short confinement in a local nursing home.

He recently celebrated his 95th birthday and had been a Rotarian for over 42 years.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow and President in 1976-77 and last attended a meeting on 9th December 2010.

Bill Worledge, Lutterworth and Oundle

Bill was a founder member of the Rotary Club of Lutterworth, joining in 1953 after war service in the army where he met and married his wife Wyn. His classification was Accountancy and when he retired was a senior partner in Deloitte Touche.

He was Secretary of the club for many years and President in 1961/62. He was heavily involved with Barnwell Disabled Day, Kids Out, Old Folks outings and had even been known to chop wood for the elderly before moving to Oundle in 1997. He was made an honorary life member by the Lutterworth club and received a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Bill joined the Oundle Club by his son-in law John Pick and continued to be actively interested in all things Rotary continuing as a member and in later years made generous contributions even though not able to attend meetings.

He was an Honorary Life Member of Nene Probus which he joined in 1998 and died aged 94 on 1st May 2010, having been a member for 57 years. He never lost his sense of humour, a good friend to many and is greatly missed.

Raymond M Youngs, Kempston

Ray was a founder member of the Club in 1974 during which time he was very industrious and was elected as Club President in 1984 and made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1987.

One of Ray's earliest achievements was to raise funds in 1985 to purchase a Tympanometer which he presented to the

Kempston Child Development Centre

He was one of the few Rotarians who achieved a 100% attendance in several years.

He served for several years on our Community and Vocational Committee and also served on the District Committee as Chairman.

Ray was always dedicated to the population of Kempston Town where he was in business as a Certified Accountant until his retirement and he continued giving encouragement and support to Youth organisations such as The Boys Brigade and Air Cadets.

Within the Club Ray was one of the most consistent supporters of Stroke Awareness Day and he was also Auditor for the Kempston Inner Wheel Club throughout its duration.

Rotary was Ray's main interest – he also enjoyed his tennis on a regular basis

Ray will be sadly missed by all his friends in Rotary where he served for over 36 years.

Passed to higher service

Martin Burton, Melton Mowbray

Ian Chrystal, Bedford

Kevin John Coleman, St Neots St Mary's*

Ron Hadnam, Peterborough*

Irene MacDonald, Ise Valley

Peter Mason, Hinckley

Peter Moreton, Nene Valley*

Marie Plumb, Peterborough Ortons*

Ralph Riley, Stamford*

Cyril Smith, Biggleswade

Tom Walker, Market Harborough

Bill Worledge, Lutterworth and Oundle*

Raymond M Youngs, Kempston*

New members to 30th December 2010

Sue Easton, Loughborough Beacon
Joseph Murphy, Bourne St. Peter
Caroline Murphy, Bourne St. Peter
Alison Blythe, Melton Mowbray
Steve Hoggar, Wreake Valley
Alan Williamson, Oundle
Roger Perrett, Loughborough
Steve Haley, Wellingborough
Michael Yarram, Sleaford Kesteven
Paul Pearson, South Holland
Sue Forth, South Holland
Mark Forth, South Holland
Christine Hanson, South Holland
George Rutherford, Market Bosworth
Frank Gray, Market Bosworth
Alasdair Blair, Leicester
John Ralph, Spalding
Kevin Patterson, Stamford St. Martin's
Bryan Silletti, Stamford St. Martin's

William Waters, St. Neots St. Mary's
Daruida (Dee) Hollowood,
Huntingdon Cromwell
Ken Walmsley, Huntingdon
David Couzens, Huntingdon
Alexander Pradere-Johnson,
Northampton Apollo
Elizabeth Tuccy, Shepshed
Mick Herbert, Loughborough
Steve Vanns, Brackley
Brian Miners, Stamford Burghley
Trevor Brown, Towcester
John McCartney, St. Neots
Court Rawson, Rushden Higham
Steve Wells, Peterborough Werrington
Carola Sander-Hess, Lutterworth
Roger Rose, Lutterworth
Karen Steinhauer, Stamford St. Martin's
Robert Smith, Oadby

Robert Amies, The Deepings
Martin Bellis, Bedford
David Revill, Ashby de la Zouch
Bhagwanji Parmar, Rushden
Rosemary Kaberry-Brown,
Grantham Kesteven
Natasha Sharp, St. Neots
Anthony Croft, Loughborough Beacon
Annie Squire, Kimbolton Castle
Philip Elliot, Bedford de Parys
Martyn Lewis, Bedford de Parys
Stephen Peacey, Bedford de Parys
William Waters, St. Neots St. Mary's
Janette Merilion, Sleaford Kesteven
Bob Baxendale, Ashby Castle
David Border, St Ives
Paul Bertenshaw, Ashby Hastings
Tony Irwin, Loughborough Beacon
Michael Clements, Thrapston and Raunds

**District Calendar****FEBRUARY**

World Understanding month

- 6-7 General Council, Alcester
 10 Conference c'ttee, Stamford
 19 DOTS, Corby
 23 Rotary Day
 TBA Young Musician Semi Final
 22-26 Rotary Thanks for Life week

MARCH

Literacy month

- 20 Foundation Lunch, Greetham
 12 PETS, Loughborough Uni
 TBA Young Chef Regional finals
 Samworth College, Leicester
 17 District Team, Corby
 TBA Young Musician finals
 Melton Mowbray
 22-25 RIBI President Jim Moulson
 visit to District
Various events, including:
 23 35th Joint Charter
 Blaby and Wigston
 24 am District Officers + lunch
 Oadby
 25-27 RIBI Assembly, Birmingham
 30 District Exec, Corby

APRIL

Rotary Magazine month

- 15-17 RIBI Conference, Dublin
 18 District Assembly Planning,
 Corby
 19 District Council, Corby
 23-20 Calvert Trust, Keswick

DG's Diary Dates**JANUARY**

- 22 Peter Moreton Tribute,
 Northampton
 26 Kempston Charter
 27 Peterborough Minster Charter
 29 Young Chef, Huntingdon
 31 Soar Valley Charter

FEBRUARY

- 4 Swimathon, Grantham
 5 RIBI Assembly Planning mtg
 6/7 General Council, Alcester
 16 District Youth Speaks Final
 26 DOTS, Corby

MARCH

- 1 Ashby Castle Charter
 3 Wellingborough Hatton Concert
 4 Wellingborough 75th Charter
 5 Biggleswade Presidents Lunch

- 9 Grantham Kesteven Charter
 12 PETS, Loughborough
 16 Tech Tournament, Northampton
 20 Foundation Lunch, Greetham
 21 Melton Charter
 23 Blaby/Wigston Charter
 25/27 RIBI Assembly, Birmingham
 30 District Exec, Corby
 31 Bedford Charter

APRIL

- 4 Huntingdon Cromwell Charter
 12 Biggleswade Charter
 15/17 RIBI Conference, Dublin
 18 Grantham Charter
 19 District Council, Corby
 20 District Assembly Prep, Corby
 21 Ashby-de-la-Zouch Charter
 23 Calvert
 26 Sleaford Charter

Coming Events**It's a Knockout Revival**

It's a Knockout, the popular game show from the seventies & eighties is making a revival and is coming to Stamford next May.

The Rotary Club of Stamford St Martin's are hosting the event in aid of Rotary charities, and they are seeking teams from District 1070 to take part in this summer's event. Teams need to consist of between 6 and 10 people and participants must be over 16 years of age to enter.

It should be a great team building event involving inflatable games, water and foam and will be great fun, whether you're taking part or watching. The event will take place at Stamford Rugby Club on Sunday, 22nd May. There'll be a BBQ, Bar and lots of entertainment for the whole family. Each team needs to raise at least £400 in sponsorship, which works out at just £40 per person for a team of 10.

Registration, which requires a deposit of £150, is now open and teams can register online at www.iako.co.uk

Friday 4th-Sunday 6th February
 Grantham Swimathon

Sunday 15th May
 Plant, Craft and Food Fair
 - Misterton Hall, Lutterworth

**Celebrate
 St Patrick's Day**

**Wicksteed Park, Kettering
 7.30pm, Thursday 17 March**

Three superb speakers:
Dennis Taylor, Barry Fry, Austin Knight

Tickets £35 from Duncan Childs
 01536 512217 (daytime)
 07771 816655 (evening)
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Kettering and Kettering Huxloe RC

**Francesco Attesti
 Classical Charity Concert**



**St John's Church
 Cathedral Square, Peterborough
 7.30pm, 29th & 30th March**

Advanced tickets: £12.50 (*no concessions*)
 Key Theatre Booking Office, 01733 207239
 Destination Centre, Bridge Street, Peterborough
 Entry on night: £15 (*subject to availability*)
 Rotary Club of Peterborough Ortons

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