



## If in doubt paint it purple

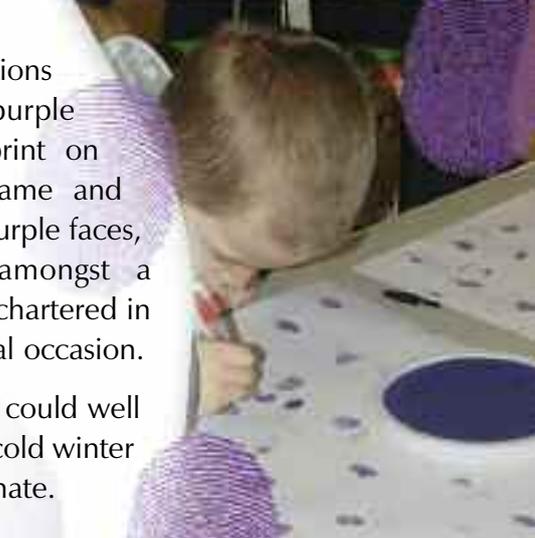
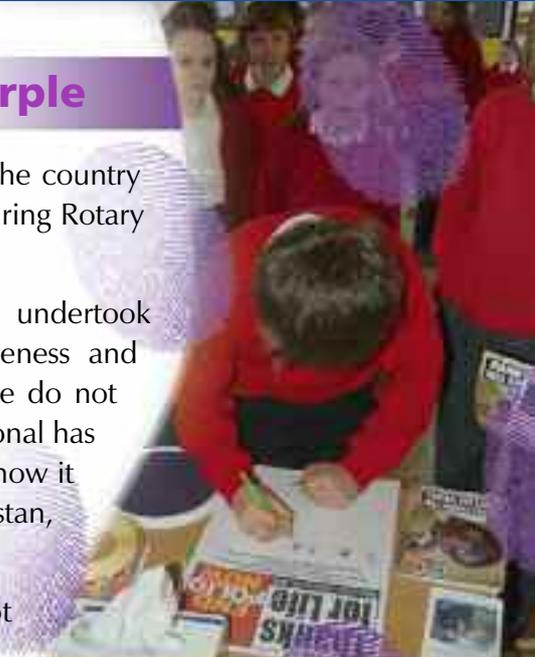
In April of 2009 Rotary clubs throughout the country started to prepare for a concerted effort during Rotary week to end polio.

From 20th to 27th February 2010 they undertook events in the community to raise awareness and particularly visiting schools. Many people do not realise that since 1985 Rotary International has been fighting to eradicate polio and now it remains in only four countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

Children particularly do not remember iron lungs, leg irons and disability caused.

Throughout the East Midlands and beyond schools joined in for one day and purple became the fashion colour to be worn, not only by pupils but by teachers and Rotarians and if they did not do so there were those who made sure they did!

Apart from displays and presentations children dipped their fingers in purple (washable) ink to leave their fingerprint on Thanks for Life paper, signed their name and pledged a few pence to eradicate polio. Purple faces, flowers, painting competitions were amongst a multitude of activities, Rotary Airways was chartered in Thrapston, all these events created a special occasion. Just like Red Nose Day, Purple Pinkie Day could well become an annual event to brighten up a cold winter day and help others who are not so fortunate.



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### From the DG...

Ten months down and just two to go before the next handover – where has the year gone? And speaking of that, I do hope that we will see many of you and your partners and guests at our District Handover Lunch at Greatham Valley on Sunday 27th June.

Our Rotary programmes have been really busy in the first months of 2010. Thank you all again for the excellent fund raising that went on to support the earthquake victims in Haiti, principally through Shelterbox but also by supporting some of the water programmes as well. This activity ran right up to the time when RIBI President David Fowler and Daphne visited us in February when, despite some very bad weather, David was able to visit clubs and see a wide variety of the activities going on. Again, my thanks to all of you who turned out to support the visit programme.

The end of February saw us all taking part in the RIBI-wide “Thanks for Life – End Polio Now” campaign. There was a wide variety of activity, much of which is reported in this edition of News and Events. The biggest plus for me was that many clubs worked closely together on events and collections whilst additional funds were raised for polio. The current count is in the order of £40,000 for District 1070 and across RIBI the total is now over £1 million. Please do let me have your club report if you have not

yet done so. Well done everybody and please do start to roll your plans forward for a similar effort next year.

Our Youth Opportunities programme is now coming to the final stages for the year. We have had great events at club and district levels and considerable success at regional level with worthy youngsters taking their talents on to the RIBI finals. Congratulations to all concerned.

I cannot end this piece without offering my congratulations to the Communications Team, the editor and the production team for News and Events. By the time you read this I will have had the privilege of accepting the RIBI Trophy

for the best District Magazine in 2009-10 on behalf of our team.

So, as I sign off for this Rotary year can I thank all of you for the work and fun we have had in 2009-10. We were tasked by RI President John with taking Rotary forward using the theme “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”. You have all done this with enthusiasm and we have left the District stronger for your efforts. Next year we are being asked to be “Bigger, Bolder, Better” in order to “Build Communities and Bridge Continents”. I am sure that this will happen, but in the meantime enjoy your Rotary. Thank you for your support.

*DG Dick*



### Rotaract celebrates 40 years

The first gathering of all 29 Rotaract District Chairmen was held in Birmingham in 1986-87 – the first such meeting organised by Rotaractors for Rotaractors. However, it was not until 1993 that Rotaract was officially recognised by Rotary International.

Over the last 10 years, Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland has become one of the most active and successful in the world with many guides and reference materials being translated into other languages providing support to a much wider global community. To recognise and celebrate the commitment a board displaying all past chairmen’s names to be displayed at RIBI would be a fitting tribute to their achievements.

In addition a cherry tree has been planted at Alcester, the headquarters of RIBI. RI President Sydney Pascall, in 1931, was the first president to plant a tree during a presidential visit as a most appropriate way of symbolising the Rotary idea, and so the Rotary Friendship Tree project began.

*District 1070's Tim Tucker organised the event and is seen with RIBI president David Fowler*



### One-off for Rotary

The Rotary Club of South Holland could not resist a once only opportunity to mount the Radar Challenge on a section of the new A16 road between Spalding and Peterborough. All this was made possible after a club presentation by Colin Edwards the Project Manager for Morgan Est, who offered a section of the route for sponsored running races and cycle rides. Organiser Steve Colby with support of the Spalding Lions, Nene Valley Harriers, Peterborough’s premier athletics club and Spalding Cycle Club produced a programme to attract athletes, fun-runners, cyclists and walkers to raise funds for both themselves and the Rotary and Lions charities. The event was held on a section of road from where the old radar tower used to stand, close to Crowland, and back towards Spalding for 3k, 5k, 10k and 12k



events. On Sunday 21st March the public had access for the first time to the new road. First off were the 3k fun-runners with 72 competitors from very young to slightly older, followed by 167 in a 10k run won by Colin Edwards of the Werrington Joggers completing the course in 33 mins 33 secs.

A massive entry of 277 cyclists encouraged by the flat fenland landscape were followed by 275 walkers on their 5k walk involving entrants from bed pushers from the new Johnson Hospital, Macmillan Cancer walkers, a number of scouting groups and walkers representing all types of fund raising organisations both for themselves and for the Rotary and Lions charities. The sun shone all day although the entrants faced a stiff breeze on the return leg of the course, not unusual if you are a Fenman, but all were fully satisfied with the whole event. It has been estimated that funds will have been raised in excess of £10k.

**Rotary President visits with the wind in his sails and strong thermals**



In mid February RIBI President David Fowler saw, first-hand, the wealth of volunteering and fundraising work being carried out all over the district, despite near arctic conditions. Joined by the Deputy Mayor of Peterborough at The Watersport Centre, Ferry Meadows he review progress at Peterborough Sailability. From just two boats in 2006 there are now six, offering sailing for disabled on two days a week, Margaret Edwards, President of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Orton's presented a cheque for £1,000. As heavy snow continued to fall, President David set roots down in the Children's Garden which is a Loughborough Beacon club project where, in the conditions, a Shelterbox tent would have been suitable accommodation. In fact it nearly was



needed later in the day as transport became stuck at the bottom of a hill and he only just made it back on foot to DG Dick Parsley's home. After meeting the District Team and an encounter with mascot Po-Lio on the Friday, six long service awards were presented at the lunch time meeting of Northampton West before yet another tree planting expedition at Sixfields. On the Friday evening, David joined the Charter Dinner at the Rotary Club of Rushden to celebrate 75 years of Rotary, together with Rushden Chichele and Rushden Higham, before finally supporting the Thanks for Life collection by the Rotary Club of Northampton Apollo on the Saturday morning. He will not forget District 1070.



**75 years of Rotary in Rushden**

And what a celebration it was! RIBI President, David Fowler and wife Daphne joined District Governor Dick Parsley and his wife Jilla along with 208 Rotarians, friends and distinguished guests at the Sharnbrook Hotel to celebrate 75 glorious years of Rotary in Rushden.

It now has two "children" in the town; Rushden Chichele, formed in 1987 and Rushden Higham formed just a year ago. The three clubs with a membership of 100 serve the community and its members by meeting at different times and fulfilling different local needs. All put Service Above Self.

Recent local service projects include help for Rushden's SERVE organisation

which supports the elderly and young carers among other things, MIND, Macmillan, Marie Curie, Local Hospices, and Young Musicians, Speakers, and Writers. Hands-on work has included litter clearing, maintenance of children's play areas and painting and decorating. Naturally, they all support Rotary's international work through Polio Plus, Shelter and Aqua Boxes, and the provision of Wheelchairs and Mosquito nets.

The Rushden Club has a long-standing twinning arrangement with the Rotary Club of Kampen in Holland and President Wim Peters brought his Club's greetings which came with a proposition and a gift of £500 to be used as a contribution to a joint international project between the two clubs.

The guest speaker was Mike Thexton, survivor of a hijacking at Karachi airport which took the lives of many passengers in a frenzy of killing. He reminded RIBI President that if the SAS were rescuing him from a similar situation – STAND STILL! Move and you're dead!

President of Rushden Inner Wheel, Judith Thomas, presented the Rushden

Club with a "Birthday Present" of a portable and easily assembled display unit for use alongside Rotary projects and public promotions, which was gratefully received.

Just when everyone thought the evening was over, President Mike called RIBI President David to the stage to present surprise awards. Rotarian David Herbert from the Rushden Club and President David Wilson from Rushden Chichele were each awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for their Rotary work over the years.

Well done to two active Rotarians. Service Above Self again!

ROTARY AND PEACE THE WORLD OVER was the final toast and it sounded as if everyone really meant it!



*Dutch visitors enjoying the evening*



*Rtms David Herbert and David Wilson with RIBI President David*



### RIBI President & District Governor weather the storm



To mark its silver jubilee, the Rotary Club of Loughborough Beacon has undertaken an ambitious project to create a 'natural play area' on Leicestershire's Beacon Hill. There are no swings, slides or roundabouts; instead there are log climbers, scramblers and towers, balance beams and stepping stones, and eventually a maze, all maintenance-free. The area is intended to be a safe place where children can clamber about and make their own amusement.

During their visit in a blizzard, RIBI President David Fowler and District Governor Dick Parsley planted trees to define one side of the unique project.

The play area was designed by Leigh Clewlow, of Leicestershire County Council, and has been cleared by Rangers and Rotarians, with the help of staff and students from nearby Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College, who have hacked brambles and bracken, dug out roots, removed large rocks, filled holes and erected the log features.

Club President, Neil Rowbotham, said, "We have created something that we can be proud of for years to come and which will be a testament to 25 years of Beacon Rotary Club".

*Bryan Woodward, RC of Loughborough Beacon*

*Tree planting at Beacon Natural Play Area; (standing) Leigh Clewlow, AG Garner Roberts, President Neil Rowbotham, DG Dick Parsley, Jilla Parsley, (kneeling) RIBI President David Fowler with Rotarians' grand-children.*

### It's a knockout



*President Alan Hurst and Sir Henry Cooper presenting the cheque to Tom Walker*

Sir Henry Cooper the ex British, Commonwealth and European Heavy-weight boxing champion was the guest speaker at the recent Sportsman's Night held at the Priory Centre and organised by the Rotary Club of St Neots St Mary's.

Sir Henry kept an attendance of 300 local businessmen and their guests entertained with his witty and amusing reminiscences of his boxing career with particular reference to his fights with Mohammed Ali and the punch that so nearly knocked him out for a famous victory before cut eyes robbed Henry of a fantastic and unexpected victory. He also kept the crowd amused with anecdotes of his life and his own charity raising efforts with the Grand Order of Water Rats.

During the evening a cheque for £1,500 was presented to Tom Walker of the Teenage Cancer Trust representing part of the evening's profits which should exceed £10,000.

This event, now completing its 21st year, has raised over £120,000 for many different local charities since its inception in 1990, bringing many famous sporting names to the town representing sports as diverse as Rugby, Cricket, Soccer, Motor Racing, National Hunt Racing, Golf and Boxing.

### Oadby Rotary Clubs joint marketing

A combined effort by the Rotary Clubs of Oadby and Oadby Launde has produced the 'Flower Tree Planter' in a central position in Oadby Town Centre. The photograph was taken at the launch of the display, with local and national fitness celebrity Rosemary Conley supported on the left by Oadby Rotarians and on the right by Oadby Launde members.

The display has been jointly sponsored by the two Rotary Clubs at a total cost of £1,400 for a period of five years. The responsibility for seasonal planting, maintenance and insurance cover for any damage is by the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council. The support of the local Borough Council in this project is in appreciation for the help and work by the Rotary Clubs over the years, mainly in bulb planting in the community. The signs, which were purchased by the Borough Council, will be handed back to the Clubs after five years unless further sponsorship is agreed.

If other Clubs wish to discuss this project please contact the Rotary Club of Oadby.

*Terry Gooding, RC of Oadby*



### 324 down to 4

This year's District 1070 Quiz saw more Rotarians involved than ever before with over 320 forming 81 teams drawn from 51 of our 80+ clubs. A format was adopted similar to previous years with all seven area heats into October. The final was in November. That encouraged teams to "stay together" and maintain momentum.

The winning teams joined DG Dick (who brought along his own team) in the grand surroundings of Scalford Hall, Melton Mowbray for the final.



Bedford Castle RC, last year's runners up, won a hotly competed tournament and walked off with a handsome trophy plus liquid refreshment.

Bob McKinlay and I thank everyone involved for their involvement Also thanks for the lack of disputed answers this year. The scowl on my face before a mouth is opened helped with the latter! We also thank the internet and many other quite abstruse sources for the 420 questions we produced. Once again no tiebreakers were used, they will appear in the 2010-2011 quiz which YOUR club will take part in, won't it!!  
*Graham Cooper, Soar Valley RC*



## Building Communities, Bridging Continents

As we prepare for our forthcoming Rotary year we approach what is arguably the most important event in the planning process, District Assembly. It is important that our Clubs are fully aware of not only the 'theme,' and projects that will be showcased at Loughborough, but also that representatives take the opportunity to participate in the various group sessions that focus on their particular area of interest.

Many of you will be aware that 2010/11 will signal the start of the Foundation Future Vision Pilot Programme and the training that will take place at Assembly is implicit in 1070 participating as a

Pilot District. Club Presidents have already received an overview and more detail will be available on May 8<sup>th</sup>, for Foundation Officers and those who will be participating in The Foundation Programmes.

RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith is committed to supporting our Clubs as we recognise that Rotary Service is delivered by our Clubs and Rotarians at Club level.

I look forward to meeting you at Loughborough on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Roger McDermott  
District Governor Elect*



## GSE D1060 to D3860 – Philippines



Having just returned from 4 weeks in The Philippines, the GSE Team of Dee, Nicola, Anthony and Emma are settling back into their day jobs. Their memories will continue to return to them for many years to come.

We were welcomed everywhere with large banners heralding the exchange and the hospitality was overwhelming and nothing was too much trouble. To stay with Rotarians and their families in their homes, was both a privilege and a great insight into the different culture of the Philippines. Long lasting friendships have been made.

The programme that had been arranged was extensive and very full.

Many of the Rotary projects were related to 'Feeding Programmes' for the under nourished primary school children with additional medical checks being put in place by local Rotarian Doctors. Oral hygiene was taught and the 'Teeth Brushing' Campaign was possible due to a large donation of toothpaste from D 1070.

We also witnessed a joint project with the local police to explain to young

children why they should walk facing the oncoming traffic. On the subject of traffic there seemed to be organized chaos. Very few lights at inter sections. The push forward of the Tricycles, Jeeps, cars and other traffic was a jigsaw to behold.

Environmentally, the use of geophysical power was impressive in 2 locations but inadequate for all the country's needs. The 'El Nino' effect had reduced the Hydro power and 'Brown Outs' were common.



The countryside was beautiful with trees of Coconut reaching up to the top of the hills. The hill sides were filled in with Mahogany, Bamboo and many other species including Mango trees.

The Mango season was just coming to an end and they were excellent as were the pineapples that we saw growing ... yes out of the ground and not growing on trees !

The climate was tropical with day temperatures of 33 deg to 38 deg with tolerable humidity. We travelled through 8 of the 7104 islands by boat, plane and car.

At the District Conference, over 1100 Rotarians had gathered from D3860 at Gensan at the bottom tip of the Philippines, otherwise known as the Tuna Capital of the World. Raw tuna was a delicacy to us.

The fellowship and programme was excellent with a James Bond night the first night, before which D1070 gave their presentations in Evening Dress. The second night had an 80s theme with a Michael Jackson competition with all of us enjoying the dancing and party atmosphere to live bands.

This exchange met all our expectations and sincere thanks must go to D3860 for their organization, hospitality and program content.

To hear and learn more do contact the Team and ask a Team Member to come and speak to your club. Also make a date to be at our District Conference in Bournemouth in September.

*Michael Brearley, GSE Team Leader*





### Haiti, Chile, Egypt, Madeira, Mexico



It is now four months since Haiti was rocked by a catastrophic earthquake followed by an earthquake in Chile, floods in Egypt, then a deluge wreaking havoc in Madeira and earthquake in Mexico.

All have required special efforts and particularly by the

Shelterbox charity set up by the Rotary Club of Helston in Cornwall.

In Haiti 135,000 people are now under shelter. A tent can be a life saving difference to many of the most vulnerable during what is likely to become a very lengthy wait for anything more permanent.

ShelterBox Response Teams in



earthquake-hit Chile have been delivering emergency shelter to remote communities across a huge geographical area. The 8.8-magnitude quake that struck the South American country caused widespread destruction in dozens of towns and villages and triggered a tsunami which ravaged a large section of the Chilean coast.

The massive area stretches from Iloca, north of the worst-affected city Concepcion, to Lebu on the coast, and measures an estimated 40,000 square kilometers – roughly the size of the Netherlands.

In southern Egypt where flash floods have destroyed hundreds of homes torrential rains in the Sinai Peninsula have washed away mud brick

houses, with Shelter Box flying out 224 boxes.

In Madeira the scenes of devastation are amazing (see right and below).

### Harborough Appeal



The Rotary Club of Market Harborough had a street collection on Saturday 16th January, helped by members of the Inner Wheel of Market Harborough, and raised enough to fund six Shelter Boxes.



Rotary clubs in the East Midlands have reacted by raising money at special events a few of which have been covered in the magazine.

### Lutterworth Rotary Clubs respond to the Haitian disaster



Whilst the initial impact of the Haitian earthquake on the lives of the Island people is horrendous, the aftermath is equally devastating – housing, water supplies and basic requirements to survive have all been destroyed, leaving vast numbers of the population in an extremely vulnerable situation.

An immediate response was made by the two Rotary Clubs in Lutterworth by sending both Aqua Boxes and Shelter Boxes to the disaster area. As a result of a fundraising event at their New Year celebrations, the Greyhound Inn in Lutterworth has contributed £1500 to the Rotary Clubs for the purchase of more Shelter Boxes.



### Coalville Shelterbox

Many people have heard about the Shelter Boxes sent to Haiti, but possibly have never seen one. Much of the relief work done around the world is



never seen 'close up' by those who help to make it possible by their generosity and practical help.

Coalville Rotary Club had a ten person tent and Shelter Box on view at Stephenson College in Coalville on Rotary Day, Tuesday 23rd February which gave the opportunity of others to be more Rotary Aware.

Richard Geary, Coalville Rotary Club





### Wheelchair champion receives award

Paige Murray, a member of the winning Leicestershire Rotary Disabled Team for the past three years, has recently been given an Honoured Citizen Award by the Lord Mayor of Leicester Roger Blackmore for work in promoting sport with disabled people.



She is both inspirational and forceful in a gentle way in making people aware of what disabled people can achieve, her ambition was to become a "Disabled Sports Coach" where she will be able to inspire other disabled athletes into achieving their goal.

Paige, who has cerebral palsy, has always been keen on sport, is someone

who having been told this is not possible in a wheelchair has always proved us to be wrong – "where there is a will there is a way". She has been involved in several projects, including the Streetvibe Youth Inclusion Project and the Youth Panel in

Braunstone as well as the Big Mouth Forum for disabled children. Rotary is proud that she has been a keen member of the Leicestershire Rotary Team at the Annual Disabled Championship held in Coventry and look forward to having her input on 13/14th November at The Excel Leisure Centre, Mitchell Avenue, Canley, Coventry.

### How to put Rotary on the map in the UK

Rotary organises a weekend of improving the environment we live in by clearing all the litter in the UK. Parks, streets, beaches, roads, shopping centres. EVERYWHERE.

Clubs organise the public to do the manual work, unless they want to get involved. Minimal cost to clubs, it may only be refuse sacks and high visibility jackets. Maximum publicity via National Government, Local Government, County Councils, Parish Councils, Tourist Board, Local and National newspapers, Local and National TV & Radio. Rotary benefits and the beauty of it is everyone benefits – and we get a cleaner UK.

Who do we involve? Inner Wheel, Lions, Scouts, WI, Round Table, Scout and Guide Associations Ramblers, Cycle clubs, Walking clubs, Running clubs, Sea Cadets, Schools, Rugby clubs, Football clubs, Cricket clubs, the public, the Police

Rotary Environment Day is 29th May 2010. Are you ready?

For more information, please visit [www.ribi.org/resources/committees/community-and-vocation/environment-group/environment-awards-2010](http://www.ribi.org/resources/committees/community-and-vocation/environment-group/environment-awards-2010)

### Grantham Swimarathon

The 2010 Swimarathon in February generated **£36,136** in pledges with 33,320 lengths swum by 1,400 swimmers in 229 teams. There were over 2,000 spectators and much Rotary information was distributed including copies of *News & Events*. DG Dick Parsley visited, as did Rotarians from several other clubs who are interested in running their own Swimarathon.

Grantham Journal newspaper reporters were present for many hours taking photos for the paper and video footage for their web site. The next weekly edition contained 6 pages of photos, plus a page on the Haiti Shelterbox appeal and a page on the Rotary Shoebox appeal organised by Grantham Kesteven RC.

### TV Young Chef

A spin-off to Loughborough & Soar Valley's Young Chef winner Abby Begin's success was an invitation to appear in the "local cook" spot during Tuesday's lunchtime Martin Ballard show on BBC Radio Leicester.

Throughout the one-hour programme, Abby and her father were interviewed whilst she made a batch of delicious carrot cakes.

Martin has just returned after playing pantomime dame in Loughborough – he made great play of Abby's friend Charlotte, who came along to assist and got the task of clearing up – Charlotte was too shy to speak and so become a silent foil to Martin's humour.

Martin also invited Soar Valley President Roger Williams to tell the audience about Young Chef 2010 and about the "End

Polio Now" campaign and display by the Loughborough clubs to mark Rotary Week (21-27 Feb).

Pictured sampling Abby's cakes are BBC presenter Dulcie Dixon, Abby, her silent friend Charlotte and production assistant Maaiysa Valli.



### Last Night of the Proms is a big hit!

The Rotary Club of Shepshed Charnwood and St Andrew's Church, Kegworth jointly presented an evening of popular music performed by The Hathern Band on Saturday in St Andrew's Church. The programme featured many well known tunes and finished with favourites from the Last Night of the Proms.

Over 160 people filled the church and contributed £1200 towards the Laura Centre (a



(from left) are Soloists Joe Shaw, Jack Hardy, Simon Baum and Lesley Bentley, Musical Director David Newman, Rotary President Mike Lister and Churchwarden Rotarian Bill Watson.

local charity serving local people in the field of child bereavement), and church funds.

Entering into the spirit of the evening are, (from left) Lesley Rowbotham, Robert Bracegirdle, Neil Rowbotham and Joyce Bracegirdle.





# THANKS



### Public urged to join final push to end polio

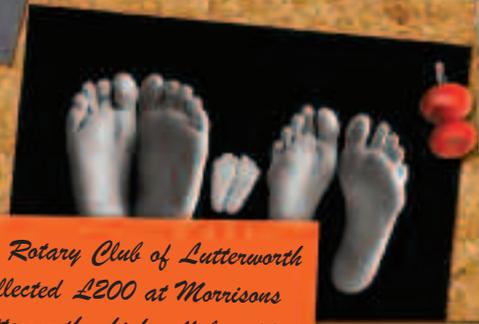
Dedicated Rotary club members from across the Midlands, called on the public to take part in a major co-ordinated RIBI campaign on 23rd February which is Rotary Day, the organisation's birthday. Clubs carried out a range of initiatives as well as holding Purple Pinkie Days, Organising a Polio Eradication fundraising event in their local community. Dressing empty shop windows to publicise the campaign. Linking with supermarkets, particularly Tesco and Sainsbury bag packing. 25 years ago, Rotary made the pledge to eradicate polio worldwide. Since then, millions of children have been saved, thanks to the determination and devotion of Rotarians across the globe. Whether it is fundraising or delivering the vaccine in developing countries, every member of Rotary is part of the final push to wipe out this crippling and sometimes fatal virus.



Pupils in Market Harborough showed their involvement with the End Polio Now Campaign run by the Market Harborough Rotary Club on Purple Pinkie Day. Pupils and staff at three schools dressed in pink or purple and had their fingers painted purple to get "purple pinkies". contributed £1 each, had talks about the Rotary campaign using the Thanks for Life powerpoint presentation. Further events included exhibitions at the town library and on a market stall, a coffee morning and talk about the campaign in the town centre church, bag packing at Sainsburys and a street collection in the town. A total of £2000 was raised.



Rotary Clubs of Biggleswade



The Rotary Club of Lutterworth collected £200 at Morrisons Lutterworth which will be added to that already collected for the Polio Appeal.

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**"Polio? Oh yes, I remember polio"**

Well it hasn't gone away you know.  
It's still rife in foreign climes.  
So Bill and Melinda, with their dollars and dimes,  
Have set us a challenge that we can't afford to decline.

Polio cripples children and blights people's lives  
It only takes a vaccine, but still it survives.  
Simple immunisation is the key to its end  
Which is why we Rotarians now turn to our friends.

The Gates have given millions to this cause they hold dear  
And they are the reason why we find ourselves here.  
"End Polio Now" is the Rotarians' plea  
And we're asking for you all to give generously.

For our campaign has gone global  
Now every country is local  
And there's a time that we all want to see  
When the world is declared to be "Polio Free".

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Rotary Club of Bedford



## *Marathon effort raises awareness of Rotary work in Loughborough*

*Activities in north Leicestershire were highlighted with a display at Loughborough's Carillon shopping centre for the whole of Rotary Week, 22-27 February, to show the work done by the Rotary Clubs of Loughborough, Loughborough Beacon and The Soar Valley who manned the stand all week. The display focused on the Thanks for Life - End Polio Now campaign and members of all three clubs were present to raise the profile of Rotary. The event was so good it even featured on local television*

*Artwork by children from the Shelthorpe Community, Booth Wood Primary, Cobden Primary, Seagrave Primary and Cossington Church of England Primary Schools were on display, and on Rotary Day, 23 February, some of*

*the children were present to explain about 'purple pinkies' and on the same day, the Rotary Club of Shepshed Charnwood manned a stand in Kegworth Market Place.*



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Rotary Club of Rushden





### Walking over the backbone of England

Over a 17 day period in May and June 2009 John Baldwin, Mel Jarvis, John Dixon and Joe Grün from the Rotary Club of Corby Phoenix commenced the 260 mile Pennine Way walk from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm Scotland to raise funds for



Parkinson's Disease. Unfortunately Mel had to drop out with only 3 days to go but the group are getting back together so he can complete his last 3 days.

John Baldwin, who suffers from Parkinsons Disease, became an honorary member of the club in

December last year so he could devote more time to fundraising and helping his local Parkinson's Disease Society.

On 4th March 2010 a double celebration took place at the clubs weekly meeting when a cheque for £5500.00 was presented to

Jessica Storer the Parkinson's Disease Regional Fundraiser and Liz Knowles Chairman of Stamford Parkinson's Support Group. The second presentation was to John Baldwin of a Paul Harris Fellows Award in recognition long history of fundraising and dedication helping others.

### Technology Tournament

Three were arranged this year by Huntingdon, Sleaford Kesteven and Nene Valley. All have been excellent events with very positive comments from pupils and staff.



### Youth Exchange is on the up again in District 1070

Colin Yarwood, D1070s District Youth Exchange Coordinator, is delighted to report that four candidates have come forward – three via Peterborough Ortons and one from Northampton Becket having been interviewed, in their homes with their parents.

Candidates have chosen two types of exchange:

**Short Term Exchange** – Sarah Mason (top) from Peterborough to California. The exchange will take place during July & August – initially the inbound candidate will be hosted in the Mason's home in Peterborough then both girls go back to California together where they stay with the American exchange's family.

**Camps & Tours** – Jack Weatheritt (second photo) from Peterborough to



Taiwan for a bicycle tour. Annie Davies (third photo) from Peterborough to Turkey for a camp and tour on history, sea and water sports. Katie Smith (bottom photo) from Northampton Becket to Switzerland for alpine climbing. All candidates have completed the required application forms. IT'S NOT TOO LATE IF YOU WANT OTHERS TO TAKE PART! There are literally dozens of Camps & Tours seeking Brits! This includes the children of Rotarians! Go to [www.youthribi.org](http://www.youthribi.org) or email [colin.yarwood@gmail.com](mailto:colin.yarwood@gmail.com) for more information.

There are also short term exchange candidates in USA and South America seeking Brits to stay with and host back home this summer!

### Unsung heroes



Pictures are often better than words. Bob and Eileen Derrick have been voted "Unsung Heroes" and were crowned winners in Market Harborough on 25th March. Amongst other projects, they carry out magnificent work collecting for Specsavers and Aqua Boxes.

### Burns Supper

Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club and Shepshed 41 Club held a joint Burns Supper on Friday 5 February 2010 at Rushcliffe Golf Club, East Leake. Over 60 members, partners and guests were entertained by Peter Crichton who delivered a fine "Address to the Haggis", Rotary President Mike Lister who toasted "the Immortal Memory", David Northage, Chairman of Shepshed Felons who toasted "the Lassies" and, Timeless Entertainment who sang a selection of traditional Scottish songs.

This is the first time the two clubs had worked together. Everyone enjoyed the evening and donations have been made to the two charities *Help for Heroes* and *Thanks for Life - End Polio Now*.



Pictured from left to right: David Northage, Peter Crichton, Rotary President Mike Lister, Bob O'Donnell and Rotarian Alan Darby.



**Fly with Rotary Airways... Visit to Delhi**

A day in Delhi... Children from St Peter's Primary School in Raunds... were given a taste of India thanks to Thrapston and Raunds Rotary Club. The Children with their own passports flew with different airlines to several different destinations throughout the world. Thrapston and Raunds became involved following the Assembly on Polio. The school asked if they could represent India on their International Day in March. On arrival in Delhi, they were greeted with welcome mats, the throwing of petals and the greeting Namaste.



Indian newspapers, painting hands as in the Indian custom mehendi, doing quizzes, drawing posters to save the Bengal tiger, writing letters to Indian schoolchildren, drawing pictures, designing their own welcome mats, playing with Indian puppets.

Mrs Leah Stirrat the headmistress said: "The day was organised so that our Children could experience cultures from other countries and widen their experience of different people, so they can see the Diversity our world offers which is not always evident in the places where they live".

Following the day the school presented the Club with £150, for the End Polio Now Campaign. They had raised £80 from a wearing purple day on February 23rd but gave an added donation for the help given with the International Day.

St Peter's are involved with Thrapston and Raunds through their Rotary Stars project which recognises young people for caring for others and their environment. Help given to the school from Thrapston and Raunds RC will also help them to gain their International Schools Award.

*Andrew Morley, Thrapston and Raunds*



They saw lots of pictures of India so they could see the differences in how both rich and poor people live and how Rotary helps those in need.

Great fun was then had smelling spices, wearing Indian scarves, reading

**Purple reigns in Corby**

Purple Pinkies, purple flowers, purple faces, purple nails were all at the fore, everyone dressed in purple with the occasional pink thrown in, especially for the boys, teachers joined in too.



Poster competitions were held, pictures drawn, pyjamas worn.

Beanfield, Danesholme and the Village Primary Schools from Corby all took part in the Thanks for Life day.

The pictures say it all... a great time was had by the children, the teachers and the Rotarians.

Four members of Corby Phoenix visited the schools on the day, all coming away with a smile on their face.

An End Polio Now Teddy sits proudly in all three schools.



The day can be best summed up from the children.

*"It was fun, fun, fun"... "I Loved getting dressed up in purple..."*

And from the teachers.

*"The children and staff at Beanfield had a wonderful morning raising funds for Thanks for Life. Everyone had such fun and the school buzzed with excitement. A real special part of the morning was welcoming the Mayor and Rotarians into school. We were delighted to see them, the boys and girls asked lots of questions and were very excited when the Rotarian visitors had their faces painted too. The event was not only worthwhile in raising much needed funds but also enabled everyone to have fun – a real morale booster!"*



**The unofficial campaign to clean up Brilliant Britain**

29th May 2010 is Rotary Environment Day when clubs are encouraged to get involved.

Bob Parfitt from Wellingborough decided to start early and dice with the traffic and sent this report.

"I had my first go at litter picking



today. It was on the down ramp of the A509 to the A14 Westbound. There are 4 photos – 2 before and 2 after all on the one collage. Good eh!!!!

"It took me about 40 minutes. I collected: 5 sacks of rubbish and a hub cap (as someone told me, there will always be a hub cap).

"The black sacks consisted mainly of: 20 cans, 2 glass bottles, 11 plastic bottles, 13 sandwich wrappers, 7 cigarette packets, polythene, paper and 5 plastic bottles full of urine.

"It is going to be a monumental task to clean up Brilliant Britain, but with the help of all groups and the public we can do it. We have to, otherwise these Islands will disappear under litter."

*Bob Parfitt*



### District 1070 Young Chef Finals – 2010

The District Young Chef Finals again attracted popular support and a total of 29 clubs provided competitors for the two final events at Huntingdon and Leicester.

On Saturday 30th January, 15 young people from the south of the district arrived bright and early to be greeted by local Rotarians. The judges, Robert Presland, Mike Gunney and Ian Campbell were again impressed by the very high standard achieved by everyone. Eventually a “billow of white smoke” could be seen and winners were identified. First place was awarded to Robin LEAPER aged 15, a student at South Road School, Bourne. Robin was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bourne. His winning menu looked good enough to eat!

*Chicken Consommé with freshly baked bread rolls.  
Fillet of Salmon with Poached Egg and Fish Veloute Risotto  
Chocolate Fondant with Home Made Ice Cream, Raspberry Coulis  
and Tuile Biscuit*

A very close runner up was Leo BEWERS aged 16 of Northampton College and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Spalding. Third place was awarded to Stephanie WILSON aged 14 of Glead Girls Technology College. Stephanie was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Spalding.

A week later on Saturday 6th February, 14 competitors from in and around Leicestershire gathered at Samworth Enterprise Academy in Leicester for the Northern Final. Our sponsors “Dickinson & Morris” were also well represented. As well as an array of promotional material the company also provided, throughout the day, samples of their very tasty baked products. Some Rotarians were seen to leave very much heavier than when they arrived!

Judges were Robert Presland, Simon Benning and Marcus Taylor, Development Chef with sponsors “Dickinson & Morris”.

The quality of finished meals was again superbly high and the consistency of approach by all competitors made decision making very difficult. Eventually a winner was identified, 15 year old Bethany DARE of Robert Smyth School sponsored by the Rotary Club of Market Harborough. Her winning menu

*Tea Smoked Duck with Orange & Mozzarella Salad  
Herb Crusted Cod on Puy Lentils & Braised Baby Gems  
with Garlic Pommies Puree & Tempura Prawns  
Mulled Plum Tarte taken with Vanilla Ice Cream*

Second was Victoria ALLEN aged 14 of Ashby School and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle. Placed Third was Katy LEWIS aged 15 of Lutterworth College. Katy was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lutterworth.

District Governor Dick Parsley presided over both events. He presented certificates to all competitors and prizes to the winners. Thanks are extended to DG Dick for his valuable contribution on the day. The Regional Final was hosted by District 1070 at Samworth Academy on the 13th March 2010. The national final takes place in Southampton in May.

Finally, a word of thanks to our sponsors, Dickinson & Morris for their continued and invaluable support for Young Chef. As well as the provision of sufficient funds to re-imburse the ingredients cost for each competitor, the company is to host our prize winners to a tour of the Walkers Charnwood Bakery in Leicester. The visit took place on Tuesday 16th March 2010 and included a bakery tour, an opportunity to try their skills at hand-raising a pork pie using traditional methods and, lunch.





### Youth Speaks



We have been treated to a veritable feast of young talent this year throughout the Youth Speaks competition. Thirty seven teams took part in the semi-finals at Grantham, Bedford and Leicester.

The range of subjects chosen and researched by the teams threw out some challenges to the audience including attitudes to reading, the effects of the recession, do footballers get paid too much? – even do men have a future?

The teams reached a very high standard and all the adjudicators were left with the unenviable task of trying to decide which teams should go forward.



It was a night of high tension at Wellingborough School when teams from Bourne Grammar School, Garendon High School, Northampton High School Woodbrook Vale and two teams from Holmemead Middle School took to the stage in the District Intermediate Final.

Meanwhile in the school chapel the District Senior Final was being contested by Bourne Grammar School, The Ferrers Specialist Arts College, Kimbolton School, Northampton High School, Twycross House School and Woodbrook Vale Graduates.



The judges finally emerged with the result first place Intermediates Northampton High School runners up Bourne Grammar School. In the seniors first place went to Twycross House School and runners up The Ferrers Specialist Arts College. The evening was well supported by parents, friends and Rotarians.



The next challenge was the Regional Final held on Sunday 14th March at Radcliffe on Trent Village Hall. Teams representing Districts 1040, 1070, 1220 and 1270 took part in both sections.

The Intermediate competition took place in the morning and at its conclusion the judges complimented everyone on the standards of their performance but were in no doubt that the winner of the Intermediate Regional Youth Speaks was Bourne Grammar School their subject – To P.E. or not to P.E., much to the delight of all the supporters.



At the end of the Senior Presentations the judges took longer in their deliberations and returned with the words we want to send two teams forward – those being Twycross House School and Ferrers Specialist Arts College – having been told that only one could go forward they announced Ferrers as the winner of the Senior section – their subject – Communication in the Modern World. Congratulations to them this was the first year they have entered the competition!



I am sure we shall be routing for them on Sunday 8th May at the UK Final.

If you do not currently have youth speaks as part of your Youth Opportunities program I would be delighted to encourage you to include it!

### Young Musician

The Young Musician Finals once again produced a vast array of talented youngsters. The standard of these youngsters gets progressively higher each year.

A total of two hundred and fifty one performers appeared on the stage at Melton Mowbray. These ranged from the diminutive form of young Aubrey Cable, whose feet could not reach the pedals of the grand piano that he played so expertly, to the large and sophisticated Robert Smyth Jazz Band.

There were a few surprises in this year's winners, the Senior Group being won by the Abbey Flute Ensemble from Ramsey displacing the Robert Smyth Jazz Group. The Robert Smyth School did not leave empty handed as they won the Senior Ensemble Instrumental with their Jazz Quartet and the Senior Choir section with their Rock and Pop Choir.

Notable achievements in other sections included the trombone playing of Jim Cooper from Bedford in the Intermediate Solo Instrumental. In the Solo Vocalist each age group produced some outstanding talent from Ilea Caver in the junior section, a talent to watch for in the coming years as she matures, to the winner of the Senior section and vocalist of the year Harriet Eyley. Other outstanding performances by Hannah Butson and Natalie Davies winners of the senior ensemble vocalist brought tears to the eyes with their renditions of Bacaralle and Wiegenlied.

A very fulfilling and remarkable day filled with the talent of these young people.



## Obituaries

### Gordon Bentley

#### Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven

I first met Gordon about 25 years ago when we first lived in Great Gonerby. Our children all went to the village church on Sunday mornings and I thought what a nice family they were. We then moved from the village but very soon after I met up with Gordon again through work, in his role as rep. for Trent Valley Restorations where he was a director, and soon realised what a genuine, honest and friendly person he was and quite remarkable and unusual in being a steeplejack. It wasn't long before I brought him into Rotary where he made many new friends – the sort of guy you couldn't help but like; despite his towering stature he was a gentle giant who will be sadly missed by so many people. His popularity was apparent by the number of people showing their last respects at church and at Belton Park after.

Gordon was well known in the village where he was a Parish Councillor for many years and frequently called in at the Recruiting Sergeant for a chat and a pint and be it Rotary or village life he was always there to give a helping hand. A great sportsman with cricket and rugby being the favourite pastimes in his younger days, but a man game for anything. Gordon loved his garden and was a very devoted family man.

Gordon enjoyed his 22 years in Rotary; he rarely missed a meeting or function and was a true Rotarian in that you could always rely on him to be there supporting and helping. We will miss Gordon's tales and jovial humour on Wednesday nights, a great character and a friend to all.

*President Mike*

### Rotarian Derek Broughton

#### Rotary Club of St. Ives

Derek Broughton of the St. Ives Club passed away at the end of December 2009 after a short illness. He was a pillar of the community and a true Rotarian. He lived in Earith all his life, but there was nothing parochial about him. Both an electrical contractor and fruit grower of the highest standards, giving of his time and his skills to benefit the community, forty eight years a Parish Councillor and Chairman on several occasions. The village prospered under his care.

Rotary was very important to Derek and he more than lived up to the

principle of 'Service before Self'. He was a Rotarian for almost fifty years, joining the St. Ives Club in January 1961 who threw himself vigorously into this new venture. His was a long and distinguished Rotary career, during which 'Friendship', 'Community', 'International' were his watchwords. His year of office as President stretched from August 1971 to July 1973. He was very active at District over many years, District International Chairman and Friendship Exchange Officer several times and organised International camps in East Anglia for young people from all over the world. He was particularly concerned with Palermo, Sicily. He obviously became a favourite of the Mafiosas, for he was the first non-Sicilian to gain the 'Hands of Friendship' Award from the Palermo Club. Derek was an innovator; he organised one of the first Handicamps, where disabled young people could socialise and test the true extent of their capabilities together. One of the spin-offs was the development of the RYLA courses. In the nineties he was District Vice Chairman Group 4 for three years and many benefited greatly from his quiet advice and experience.

Just when he might be expected to step back, Derek took the demanding role of Club Secretary, a post he filled with distinction in his normal efficient, unobtrusive way. He more than justified the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship. However, the role he probably enjoyed most in Rotary was that of Santa Claus on the annual carol float. He thrilled countless children in St. Ives and the villages with his appearance, his gifts of sweets and apples and his promises of presents to come. He had all the generosity and kindness of the original St. Nicholas. He was always immaculately turned out, but we shall never forget the night he stepped off the float in a snow-strewn Hilton up to his waist in the coldest, wettest, muddiest ditch in Christendom.

He leaves a huge gap in our part of Cambridgeshire and his Rotary Club, which will not easily be filled.

### Passed to Higher Service

\* **Gordon Bentley**, Grantham Kesteven

\* **Derek Broughton**, St Ives

**Brian Howard**, Bedford

**Frank Rinaldi**, Melton Mowbray

\* *Obituary provided*

## New Members

### New Members to 16 March 2010

Peter Hay, St. Neots St. Mary's  
 Keith Sawbridge, St. Neots St. Mary's  
 Bob Eaton, St. Neots St. Mary's  
 Joe Leverment, Soar Valley  
 John Calow, Soar Valley  
 Philip Burrell, Oadby  
 Gary Clarke, Coalville  
 Lee Ross, Coalville  
 Edward Hemsley, Lutterworth Wycliffe  
 Alan Dodds, Thrapston & Raunds  
 Keith Yates, Melton Mowbray Belvoir  
 Eric Ward, Melton Mowbray Belvoir  
 Paul West, Grantham  
 Alan Mullen, Grantham  
 Christopher Mitchell, Leicester  
 Jitendra Patel, Leicester  
 Mike Cooke, Shepshed Charnwood  
 Jeremy Hyde, Ramsey  
 Ted Barcock, Bedford  
 Valerie Corrigan, St. Neots  
 Geoffrey Wakefield, St. Neots  
 Caroline Johnson, Dantre Daventry  
 Karen Sheldon, Sleaford  
 Nigel Allard, Northampton Becket  
 Daniel Groom, Rushden Higham  
 Ian Creary, Rushden Higham  
 Judith Webb, Rushden Higham  
 Paul Winterbottom, Market Bosworth  
 Susan Waring, Sleaford  
 Stephen Smith, Bedford  
 Marriann Eggesone, Kimbolton Castle  
 Carol Teachy, Kimbolton Castle  
 Tony Adams, Boston St. Botolph  
 Steve Buck, Oundle  
 Pally Data, Leicester Novus  
 Geoff Bolland, Rushden  
 David Hartley, Northampton West  
 Margaret Hill, Northampton West  
 Malcolm Saw, Nene Valley  
 Kempston, Jonathan Vowles  
 Charles Robertshaw, Rutland  
 Shirley Robertshaw, Rutland  
 Bhee Nathan, Northampton Apollo  
 Ron Silver, Rushden  
 Julia Hinde, Melton Mowbray  
 Robert Conboy, Stamford Burghley  
 Andy Dunlop, Sleaford  
 Uday Dholakia, Leicester  
 Chris Wick, Ramsey  
 Mark Pettitt, Ramsey  
 Kevin Edwards, Ise Valley  
 Mel Jarvis, Corby Phoenix  
 Helen Hope, Biggleswade  
 Claire Laffin, Rushden Higham  
 David Hayes, Shepshed Charnwood  
 Ian Neale, Melton Mowbray  
 Judith Woodhead, Bedford de Parys



### The Rotary Wheel...

The Rotary wheel brings help and hope,  
Wherever disaster strikes.  
Supports the victims, helps them cope,  
Young and old alike.

The Rotary wheel runs round the globe,  
A sign of friendship and peace.  
Ethnic conflict, we can probe,  
Help tensions to release.

The Rotary wheel brings shelter from –  
Earthquake, famine or flood,  
War torn Countries, roadside bomb,  
Causing death or loss of blood.

The Rotary wheel brings fresh water,  
Keeping disease away,  
From every son and every daughter,  
Gives them life and health we pray.

The Rotary wheel helps educate,  
Students to travel abroad,  
Learning helps to stimulate,  
Understanding and accord.

The Rotary wheel helps our community,  
Elderly and sick in the town.  
Centres for fun, warmth and unity,  
The lonely don't feel so down.

The Rotary wheel at our meetings,  
We're just a cog in that wheel,  
Other Clubs send us their greetings,  
Providing a family feel.

The Rotary wheel our badge and emblem,  
Is a sign of honour and pride,  
Others know when we meet them,  
A dignity – world wide.

Chris Harrison-Smith, Stamford Burghley RC

### Gold for Jessica

Jessica Oughton, aged 20 from Birstall near Leicester, was sponsored by Wreake Valley Rotary Club jointly with the SportAid Charity.

In October 2009 she went on to win double gold medals at the Wild Water Racing World Cup Series in Tasmania. Her medals were in the Womens' Sprint Race and Womens' Classic Race. Find out more on how to sponsor aspiring young athletes jointly with SportAid by contacting Geoff Waller: geoffwaller@talktalk.ne



### What has Isaac Newton got to do with polio?

Grantham Kesteven Rotary Club held an event in the Isaac Newton Centre to raise awareness and funds for the eradication of Polio on Saturday 27th February 2010. Rather than use purple pads they produced plans of the four countries where polio still exists and asked the public to stick "Thanks for Life – Stop Polio now" labels to cover the poster. Many had never seen photographs of the iron lungs so common in the 1950s.

Together with a carol concert and event at Walton School over £750 has been raised for Thanks for Life. Photograph shows the Afghanistan map with the stickers on it.



### A public relations success story

Following the disastrous earthquake in Haiti in January, the Rotary Club of Oadby International Committee wondered how they could help ease the suffering of the victims. Seeing that ShelterBox had received excellent news coverage. They adapted a ShelterBox Press Release to send our own appeal letter to the local daily newspaper, the Leicester Mercury. This was published on 22 January.

They sent the same text to BBC Radio Leicester by email, and were asked to give a telephone interview almost immediately that morning. It was repeated later in the day.

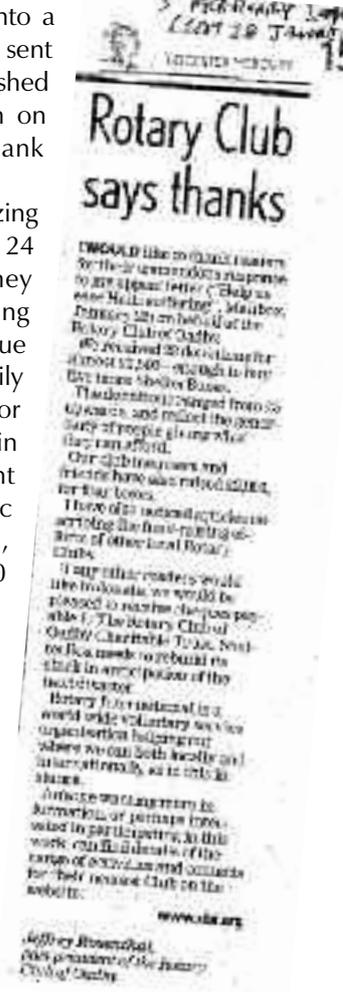
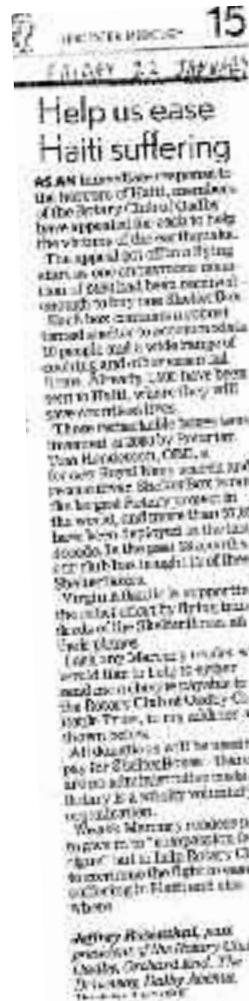
As a result, they started to receive a trickle of letters, which turned into a regular flow for two weeks. I then sent a thank you letter that was published on 3 February, and spoke again on BBC Radio Leicester to thank listeners for their support.

The response was truly amazing and heart-warming. Between 24 January and 8 February they received 40 donations ranging from a £5 Postal Order to a cheque for £1,000 plus Gift Aid. Cheekily they asked other major donors for Gift Aid – through their banks in two cases as they just sent cheques. The total public donations came to £4,942, enough to pay for 10 ShelterBoxes.

They received many letters of support with the donations, not just for ShelterBox but for the work that Rotary is known for in the community. Some people had organised their own local fundraising events, including a concert, a coffee morning and a bring and buy sale, and were pleased to process their donations through Rotary as they knew it would all be put to good use.

Club members responded by donations to buy 3 more ShelterBoxes – a Club that prides itself on "hands on", not "cheque book" Rotary!

Jeff Rosenthal, Rotary Club of Oadby



**DG's Diary Dates**

**APRIL**

20th	Peterborough, District Council	E
22nd	Ashby Charter	E
24th	TBC RIBI Young Chef Final	D
25th	Loughboro' Rgnl Young Musician	D
26th	Grantham Charter	E
27th	Sleaford Charter	E
28/30	Lake District Calvert Trust Visit	D

**MAY**

4th	Shepshed Interact Charter	D
5th	Alcester, DLTC Meeting	D
6th	Ise Valley Charter	E
8th	Loughboro', District Assembly	M
8th	RIBI Youth Speaks Stratford-on-Avon	A
9th	Weandel Walk Support Wellingborough	D
12th	Peterborough Ortons Charter	E
13th	Rushden RFE Arrival Reception	E
14th	Leicester De Montfort Charter	E
15th	Corby Rotaract Assembly	D
18th	Loughborough Beacon Charter	E
29th	Essex, RIBI Young Musician	D

**JUNE**

5th	Alcester, General Council	D
6th	Alcester, General Council	D
8th	Corby, Team Meeting	E
9th	Kettering, Kids Out	D
9th	Boston St Botolph Charter	E
12th	W'boro' Hatton IW Charter	E
14th	Corby, District Executive	E
15th	Wellingboro' Hatton Charter	E
16th	Travel to Montreal	
17th	Montreal, RI Convention	D
25th	Depart Montreal	E
26th	Arrive in UK	
26th	TBC, Celebration of Youth	D
27th	District Handover Greetham Valley	

**District Calendar**

**APRIL**

20	District Council	Peterboro'
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**MAY**

8	District Assembly	L'boro University
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**JUNE**

8	District Team	Corby
14	District Executive	Corby
20-23	RI Convention	Montreal
27	District Handover	Greetham Valley GC

**JULY**

7	District Council	Peterborough
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**Forthcoming Events**

➤ **Bonanza Ramble-Ride-Run Sunday 9 May, Brixworth County Park and Pitsford Water**

Pledge to raise at least £20 with an entry free of £5 (£2 under 16s). Free T-Shirt for each Entrant, Draw Entry for a New Mountain Bike. Prizes for the Highest Sponsorship raised. Entry forms: David Hourihan, 01604 846914 e: dms@btinternet.com or Pitsford Cycles, Brixworth Country Park, 01604 881777 e: pitsford\_cycles@msn.com Website: www.rotary-nw.org.uk

➤ **Lutterworth Rotary Club Annual Plant, Craft & Food Fair on Sunday 9 May** in the delightful grounds of Misterton Hall.

Added attractions this year will be Councours d'Elegance for Vintage and Classic Cars. Fancy Dress Parade for children 12 and under to be judged at 2pm. Gardens open from 10am to 4pm Entrance fee £2.50 accompanied children 12 and under free Contact Elaine Turner 01455 553425 or Graham Johnson 01455 552991.



➤ **Carlo Curley Organ Spectacular Saturday 22 May at 19.30**

The church of St Mary The Virgin, Godmanchester. Tickets will be available from Paul Wells on 01480 435251 or John Bathurst-Hoile on 01480 465442 at £12.00.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF STAMFORD

➤ **Dragon Boat Festival, Northampton – 17/18 July**

➤ **Kimbolton Country Fayre Sunday 18 July**

Live music, dancing, animals, archery, fine beers, new extended food court, tea, coffee, ice cream treats. Battle of Britain flight whose sight and sound is matchless. www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com

**District Conference Bournemouth 24-26 September 2010**

Details of the Conference and particularly accommodation is shown on the District web site [www.rotary1070.org](http://www.rotary1070.org). No password needed, just plug and play.

**DISTRICT BULLETIN COMPETITION**

Closing date 15th July 2010

"Let's Communicate" newsletter and further details from Graham Walker

