

<p>Rotary District 1070</p> <p>Rotary Serving Humanity</p>  	 <p>Take Off District Governor's Newsletter</p> <p>Flight 015 November 2016</p>
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My headline photo this month was taken at a Rotary Flying Fellowship day in Gloucester. About a dozen of us from around the UK flew in for a tour of the Jet Age Museum and to renew friendships developed through the Fellowship. This was an occasion for me to take a friend whom I have been working on to join Rotary for a few months. He saw and heard much of what Rotary is doing, both in terms of projects and the fun we can have. He's not joined yet, but I'll keep working on him!

Membership is vital: show and tell people what we do – projects and enjoying ourselves – then ask.

Our Rotary Foundation's Centenary



In this centenary year for our own charity, remember that it is there to support us in our Service to Humanity. Talk to the Foundation team about how they can help, both with grants and with advice on developing sustainable projects that fulfill a real community need.

How are your club plans coming along to meet the challenge of \$100 per member this year across the club? Included in that, I ask that every single Rotarian in our district donates some amount, no matter how much or little, PERSONALLY to our own charity.

End Polio Now

6,500,000 purple crocus corms are currently being planted across the UK and Ireland, 350,000 of them in our own district alone. We really will turn Britain purple in the early Spring. Make sure you get the press there while planting your corms, and again when they come up. Both times are great opportunities to tell the world what Rotary does. Plan for some form of plaque or other notice explaining why the crocuses are there.



Only 27 cases of polio world-wide so far this year (down from 51 at this time last year). Keep up the good work. We have had excellent responses from those MPs to whom clubs have written urging the British government to continue backing our campaign. Rotary's role is clearly well recognized.

New Opportunities

As I visit clubs across the district it is wonderful to see the enormous range of ideas, projects, activities and enjoyment that clubs are engaged in. Our amalgamation at the start of the year into our newly-expanded district has brought so many new opportunities for us all. A few examples are:

1. Slam Jam

This performance poetry competition introduced to us by Lincoln Lindum, wowed the audience at District Conference. It promotes creative writing and public speaking among secondary school children. The Lindum club are holding the Lincolnshire schools launch of this event at the Grantham

Guildhall, 18th November, 14:00. They will be pleased to see clubs from across the district. It will be a good opportunity to discuss more about how you can introduce it in schools across the district.

2. RYLA

District 1070 has long run a Rotary Youth Leadership course, for 18 to 25-year-olds at Grafham Water in July/August. This will take place this coming summer, open of course to all clubs in district 1070. Ken Billington (RC Huntingdon Cromwell) is the contact for further information.

District 1270's traditional RYLA has been for 13 to 16-year-olds at White Hall near Buxton in February. We are running this for all District 1070 clubs this year. Bookings are now being taken by Fiona Martin (RC Horncastle) with a closing date of 24th November. Places are limited to 20 young people.

3. Young Chef

I am sure all clubs know of Young Chef. Following any club and local heats we will be running two district finals, one to the east of the district, one to the west. Moira Bartlett (RC Leicester) is the organiser for that and will let you have details. Winners will go to the UK regional final.

Rotary in Britain and Ireland's National Finals take place in our district, in Lincoln on 20th May. The winner's prize, sponsored by Bertolli is to work with chefs in a top-class restaurant in Italy for a week.

4. Calvert Trust

This April week in the Lake District is an uplifting time for disabled adults. I liken it to an Outward-Bound course for disabled adults who benefit from the freedoms and independence designed into the week, broadening their experiences beyond their own expectations. Mark Winfield (RC Rushden) can tell you more.

5. Health Awareness

A new project applicable across the district is a programme to teach CPR (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation) more widely, especially in schools. Dr. Doug Skehan, senior cardiologist from the Leicester hospitals group, spoke about this at Conference. We are setting up a programme with him. Clubs involved with, or interested in, CPR in the community are invited to contact me (John Dehnel, RC Melton Mowbray) or Bill Watson (RC Shepshed Charnwood) for further information.

Know Your Rotary

The Know your Rotary at The Warning Zone went very well. The next one is on:
14th November 2016 – Milton Golf Club, Peterborough, PE6 7AG, from 6:30pm.

Ask the DG

The next "Ask the DG" conference call is on Friday, 4th November, 5pm. All Rotarians are invited to join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/376485781>, or dial in: 0330 221 0086, Access Code: 376-485-781

I look forward to continuing our great year with **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

Yours in Rotary

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