

District 1260 Governor's Newsletter



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Forthcoming Events

4th October

Sponsored Horse Ride
Hatfield Rotary Club

10th October

Music Hall Variety Eve
Watford & The Langleys

17th October

Golden Jubilee
Wolverton and Stony
Stratford

24th October

World Polio Day

30th October

Charter Night
Wendover & District

31st October

The Mark Armstrong
Big Band. The Swan
High Wycombe.
Amersham Club

19th November

District Council
Meeting, Tilsworth

Further details of
these events can be
found on the
District Website.

www.rotary1260.org.uk

D.G. Sandy writes.....

I cannot believe I am a quarter of the way through my year already; still so much to see and still so much to do. Busy busy busy. I think I know how the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland felt.

In many ways Rotary is a bit like a wonderland where the impossible is done at once but miracles take a little longer. That is certainly the case with the number of Projects clubs are engaged in and planning – it makes one feel proud to be a Rotarian when you hear just how much Rotarians do for the benefit of those less fortunate than themselves.

October is Vocational Service month, which is thought by R.I President John Kenny to be the forgotten service of Rotary. Well, in District 1260 it is certainly not forgotten; with GSE Team leader, Rtn. Paul Manning from the Rotary Club of Amwell appointed; applications from 4-6 prospective team members already received, we are well on the way to a successful ex-

change. So if there are any more prospective applicants out there please send in the applications immediately, it really is a great opportunity. Ask anyone who has been.

Our Ambassadorial Scholar for 2010-2011 has also been appointed. Congratulations to Oliver Pattenden sponsored by the Rotary Club of Berkhamsted Bulbourne. With many clubs involved with schools, not just for "Thanks for Life" but essay writing competitions, mock interviews and many other vocational pursuits and visits by clubs to various educational and interesting places, Vocational Service is very much part of District 1260's programme.

This is the month when we now have to appoint the District Governor Nominee for 2010-2011, so please ensure all the nominations are in before the 12th October.

Perhaps the most important date is 24th October, World Polio Day, so let us all raise the awareness this month of all that Rotarians are doing to eradicate this dreadful disease.

As part of the "Thanks for Life Project" there is a National Immunisation Day and about 100 Rotarians leave for India on 8th November to take part. If anyone is interested in going please let me know and I will put you in touch with the organisers to check if there are any places still available.

September for me started badly with a chest infection and laryngitis (David was glad of the peace and quiet!) but soon brightened with visits to several clubs and hearing more of all that is going on and being planned.



Amphill and their Jigsaw Club to whom I am happy to donate a Rotary Jigsaw (if anyone else wants one please let me know I have several to give away!)

Amwell with their web site updated before I had even got home! To hear the plans of Great Missenden for their Old Time Musical Hall evening; Harpenden Village and the Sports Aid Canoe Polo player Beth whose passion for her sport was awe inspiring; Hoddesdon and the effectiveness of their fundraising Committee and St Albans Priory and Hertford's 80th Birthday still to visit.

District 1250 kindly invited David and me to their Conference in Jersey so a restful couple of days before a very packed and varied Conference. How small the world is. I sat next to a Rotarian who had worked in the same hospital as me 34 years ago.

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**District Bowls Tournament winners
Amersham A Team and runners up
Luton Chiltern**

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Ideas for our conference including a presentation on the Starfish Project which warranted a standing ovation.

Finally a super afternoon at the District Bowls Competition – a too well kept secret. I had a great afternoon watching the skill of the players and the camaraderie of the teams despite their competitiveness.

I was delighted to present the trophies to the winners Amersham A team and runners up, Luton Chiltern. I was excellently entertained by

“Jethro” during lunch.

Breaking News.....

The Rotary Clubs of Berkhamsted and Berkhamsted Bulbourne.

President Geoff Budd has now received confirmation from RIBI that the merger of the two clubs has been approved and they are now The Rotary Club of Berkhamsted Bulbourne with a Charter Date of 16th October 1936 (the date of the original Berkhamsted Club). I am sure we all wish them well and are de-

lighted that Rotary remains in Berkhamsted for the continued benefit of the local community and beyond.

I am sure you will shortly be hearing from our District International Chairman re the disasters in the Philippines and Samoa. The current situation is that the best immediate support from RIBI is clubs to support Shelter Box and Aqua Box. A Shelter Box Team is already in the Philippines and a Shelter Box Response Team is on route to Samoa. There will be more information to follow.

Thank you Rotarians for a fun and fellowship filled month.

Editors Note

The deadline for the next Edition of the Governor's Newsletter is:

Monday 26th October

Contributions please to: editor@rotary1260.org.uk

Why not advertise your event in the 1260 Website Diary pages. You do not need to be registered, just click on 'Add New Event' In the Diary section on the left side of the front page.

Laura Wake Update.....in her own words

“Since seeing you earlier this year I have had a very successful season!

After switching from the 200m to the 400m at the beginning of the season I have managed to get to the top of the 400m Under 20 rankings.

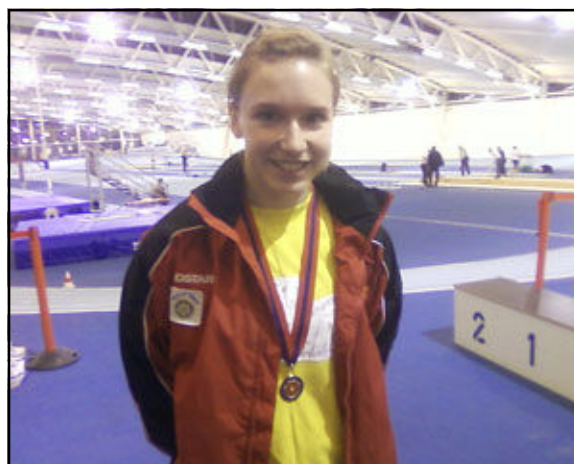
I won the National Championship in 54.07 seconds which was under the qualifying time for the European Juniors Championship in Serbia therefore I was selected to represent Great Britain.

My brother was also selected to run as part of the 4x400m relay squad.

So in July we flew out with the team to Serbia where I narrowly missed out on a place in the final of my 400m running 54.39 in the heat and was also

asked to run in the 4x100m relay.

My brother managed to come away with a gold medal from the relay!



At the English Schools Championship I also ran the 400m and won in a time of 54.36. I was also in the 4x100m relay here as well which

we (Hertfordshire team) won.

Last weekend I ran my last 400m of the season in the senior age group at

I have a couple of county matches over the next 2 weeks where I will be running the shorter sprints again for Hertfordshire.

I also got my A level results recently and received AAC so hopefully will soon be going up to study at Loughborough College.

Could you please let your members know at your next meeting that the funding has gone to good use this year, and helped me produce good results.

Thanks again.”

Laura

the Mc Cain UK challenge in Cardiff, where I came second running the second best time I have ever run 54.19.

Rotary Club of Hertford Celebrates 80 years of Rotary.



District Governor Sandy Aked-Walker pictured with RtM Stan Mansfield receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship award and Hertford club President Tim Berridge

The evening commenced with a club photo and then the celebrations started when an 80th birthday cake arrived decorated with a huge sparkler and candles. President Tim Berridge asked Edgar Norman, the longest serving member of the club, to blow out the candles and cut the cake.

President Tim welcomed all the guests and gave us an insight into the last 80 years. The Rotary Club of

Hertford was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Luton and chartered on 5th October 1929. Two weeks later the Stock Market collapsed and the World entered the longest and deepest depression for years and as President Tim said "80 years later it appears that we are doing it again!"

The Rotary Club of Hertford has much to be proud of, making history in the early 70's by becoming the first club to

provide three District Governors in succession. George Brighten, Eddie Bayliss and Len Harding, whose wife Paddy was there to join in the celebrations. Len was Headmaster of the Herts Training School and his Assistant was Bill Huntley, whose interest in Rotary was undoubtedly sparked off by Len. Bill went on to join the Rotary Club of Alford and Maplethorpe and became RIBI President and then R.I President in 1994/1995. Today we have The Bill Huntley Peace Scholar appeal.

The fourth District Governor in 1986/1987 was Roy Watson who was there with his wife. As President Tim went on to say "The children (they were very well behaved!) of the Rotary Club of Hertford, i.e. the Rotary Club of Ware, the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon and the Rotary Club of Amwell were all represented by the current Presidents and some club members.

And an evening of celebration it really was with the recognition of the fund raising and life of service engaged in by Rotarian Stan Mansfield who was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. A well deserved honour for many years of service to Rotary and the community and especially the Army, "his boys" as Stan calls them. A very poignant beneficiary at this moment in time.

The evening concluded with the speaker Captain Ian Robinson from the Royal Anglian Regiment sharing with us all his experience of the Army at home and in Afghanistan. This was both amusing and informative without losing sight of the very difficult time the troops have out there and for their families waiting back home. It truly was a memorable evening and very much enjoyed by all.

A very warm welcome to the new members of District 1260

Diana Ormrod
Rickmansworth

Neil Kotecha
Watford

Jackie Barnett
Brookmans Park

Bob King
Amphill & District

Andrew Ellingworth
Stevenage

Kieron Henderson
Watford

David Cox
Brookmans Park

David Bartram
Amphill & District

Glenn Chapman
Milton Keynes

Rod Pesch
Hemel Hempstead

Alison Hibbert
Brookmans Park

Norbert Kovacs
Stevenage Grange

Ken Herbert
Watford

Susan Thornton
Wendover & District

Gioja Attwood
Amphill & District

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Incoming Ambassadorial Scholars



Olga Braeuer

Olga Braeuer from Hamburg-Haake, Germany. Studying Law at the London School of Economics

Host Counsellor PDG John Hopkins (Harpenden Village)

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Michael Baxter from Annandale, Virginia, USA. Studying Public Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Host Counsellor Dora Reeves (Rickmansworth)
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01923 227626



Michael Baxter



Katrina Yu

Katrina Yu from New South Wales, Australia. Studying at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

Host Counsellor Louise Tilley (Brookmans Park)
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01707 665140

Andrew Appell from Denver, Colorado, USA. Studying Community Water and Sanitation at Cranfield University.

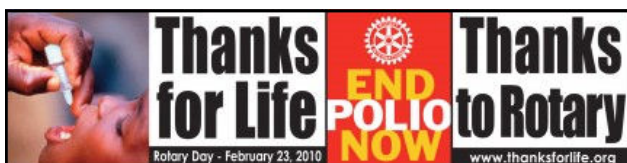
Host Counsellor Nigel Milway (Amphill)
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Andrew Appell

All four scholars would welcome invitations to speak to our Clubs, although I would suggest that we should consider repaying the travelling expenses of those based in London. In each case, please contact their Host Counsellor, who will co-ordinate the Scholars' diaries. **John Goodge**

How Will Your Club Be Celebrating Rotary Day 2010?



Clubs within District 1260 will be celebrating Rotary Day 2010 (23rd February) in many different ways.

The Rotary Club of Luton Someries has organised a fund raising concert.

Each year Luton Someries Rotary Club hold a competition for young musicians in the Luton area – awards are presented for Major,

Intermediate and Junior categories.

This year the Major winner was responsible for organizing a concert to include his musical friends and the other award winners. The concert in July was such a success that Luton Someries decided a similar concert would be an ideal way of celebrating the Thanks for Life event in February 2010.

We are thrilled that a number of groups within Luton have agreed to participate and we will be presenting 'A Celebration of Youth' at the Stopsley Baptist Church in Luton on Saturday 27th February 2010.

This is an ideal venue that seats in excess of 500 with excellent lighting and acoustics. The concert will include Luton Youth Cantores (a young girls' choir), Luton Youth Concert Band, Luton Youth Steel Orchestra, Stage One (a theatre group for children 8-14) Irish music and Danc-

ers and hopefully Indian music and dancers. We anticipate there will be over 150 performers which I am sure will create a very uplifting evening whilst at the same time raising funds for End Polio Now.

For ticket information:

contact Rtn Jill Gibson at j.gibson807@ntlworld.com

How will your club be celebrating Rotary Day?

Let us know! Contact:

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