

## Welcome Message

Welcome to our first edition of the Home Team Newsletter of the new Rotary Year.

We are pleased to welcome Bob Barclay and Salinder Supri onto the Home Team. Bob is our Lead in Partnerships, Sponsorships and Events and Salinder joins us as our Newsletter Editor.

Most importantly we welcome All Rotarians to the New Rotary Year and wish you All fantastic fun filled Rotary in 2018/19. We wish you every success as you start your club and district roles and we would like to share your success stories this year in our Newsletter under the heading of 'Around the Clubs and Districts' but we can only do this if you send in your stories and photos. We want to show how Rotary is about having fun whilst doing amazing things to help change people's lives in the Community. It doesn't have to be a big occasion, it could be a duck race, a dragon boat race or just something like a fun night at your club to raise money for a local good cause. So please help us by sending in those stories and photos to Salinder.

In every edition of the Newsletter you will find all the contact details of the RIBI Home Team along with their specialities so that you can contact them direct for any help that you may need in a specific area. Please do ask for their help because that is what they are there for, to give you help and advice when you need it.

Have a successful and fun packed 2018/19 Rotary Year and please, 'don't forget those stories'.

Yours in Rotary Service & Friendship.

*Lynne*

Lynne Marshall  
RIBI Home Team Leader (Chair)



The Rotary Stand at The Big Bang Fair East Midlands, held at the iconic Roundhouse in Derby

## Technology Update

June and early July was a very busy time for our Technology team – several Big Bang Fairs to attend and finalising the challenges for the 2018/19 Rotary year.

Our attendances at the Regional and Local Big Bang Fairs have been highly successful – in total 130 teachers have expressed interest in

Rotary's Technology or other Youth programmes. A very Big Thank You to all of the local Rotarians who turned out on each the days to help make them so successful. We are currently looking at our programme for the 2018/19 Rotary year – more details when we have it!

The Main Big Bang Fair will be at the NEC again in 2019 – from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Could you contribute to our Technology team and have some Fun?

Our Technology programme is growing – more Schools and Clubs are interested in running Technology Tournaments and we are also appearing at more Exhibitions. The current Technology team is really stretched, and we are looking to expand the team with some enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers, who have some experience in this area.

It is a rewarding role – and great fun – supporting Rotarians who are inspiring young people to consider a career in Technology.

If you would like to get involved, then please contact John Sayer – e-mail him on [technology@rotarygbi.org](mailto:technology@rotarygbi.org) or call him on 07768 212197 for a chat about what we do.



## Spotlight on Dementia Support

Dementia features strongly in this latest issue of Rotary Magazine which is flagging up community projects that Rotarians can get behind in a bid to make life easier for those living with dementia.

Magazine editor Dave King paid a visit to the research labs at Cambridge University whose work is funded by Alzheimer's Research UK. Via REPoD's RED Box campaign Rotarians have already contributed more than £2,500 of pocket change to ARUK and there are still boxes available if you would like to fundraise to help find new preventions and treatments for dementia.

Dave also chatted with Rotarian Sheila Wainwright President of the Rotary Club of Wakefield about her amazing robotic cats.

Sheila, who has already raised over £120,000 for Dementia UK, the charity that trains Admiral Nurses, has been working with her fellow Rotarians to bring Robocats across to the UK.

The cats run on batteries and are hugely realistic. They miaow, roll over, purr, lick their paws and bring a smile to anyone who sees them and

are hugely beneficial for people with dementia.

After appearing on BBC 1 with the cat last year and having one on display at this year's RIBI conference in Torquay, Sheila has been inundated with enquiries as to where to get Robocats.

Thanks to a grant, Sheila and Wakefield Club Secretary Peter Clark have already been able to distribute 30 cats around Wakefield and they are hoping that more clubs across RIBI might consider following Wakefield's lead and donate a cat to their local care home or Memory Café.

Key note speaker at the RIBI Conference was broadcaster Angela Rippon and Dave was also able to interview her about a new campaign being launched in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Society and HelpForce a new charity helping volunteers to play a greater role in supporting NHS staff.

If you would like a RED Box to fundraise for Alzheimer's Research UK, a speaker on dementia research to visit your club or more information on the Robocats or HelpForce then please contact Geri Parlby at: [geri@theparlby.uk](mailto:geri@theparlby.uk)

## Rotary KidsOut Update: 2018/19 August 2018

This really is a 'Bumper Bundle' Issue – Please read on...

Have you read the latest (August) edition of Rotary Magazine, and the Rotary KidsOut article entitled 'Sunshine Days'?

## National Rotary KidsOut Day 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

A very BIG 'Thank You' to everyone involved in the annual National Rotary KidsOut Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, having received main reports and seen updates on 'social media', it was not only the children that enjoyed their day out!

We are pleased to say we achieved a **RECORD BREAKING 30,477** children having a great day out, WELL DONE to ALL involved.

NB: On-Line Registration is now CLOSED. However, IF you still need to register for the above retrospectively, please contact me without delay.

## Rotary KidsOut Festive Fun Day 04<sup>th</sup> December 2018

(First Tuesday in December)

Whilst this event if possible should be held on the first Tuesday in December each year, appreciating that given the availability of venue and children, then this target date is flexible.

A number of Clubs and Districts have already been involved in the Festive Fun Day for the past 2/3 years and it is hoped to expand the FESTIVE Day Out so even more children can enjoy a festive great day out, perhaps meeting Santa, going to a Pantomime/show, sing-a-long, Fun Fair, Indoor Zoo, Farm etc.

KidsOut are pleased to advise they will offer a subsidy of £5.00 per child especially for the Festive Fun Day, plus FREE Baseball caps if required.

### Rotary Festive Fun Day On-Line

**Registration:** Please click on the link below. The Registration Form 'process' is similar (but NOT the same) to that used for the National Rotary KidsOut Day in June. See and please use the following link: <http://www.kidsout.org.uk/forms/festive-fun-day/>

**Rotary KidsOut Baseball Caps:** These are issued free of charge (one size fits all), and if required should be ordered separately, giving at least 4 weeks' notice in advance of the event. Please see the following link: <http://www.kidsout.org.uk/forms/national-rotary-kidsout-day-caps-order-form/>

### KidsOut Pantomime 'Offers'

Following on from last year's Rotary KidsOut Festive Fun Day Free Pantomime Tickets in both Birmingham and London, KidsOut are pleased to announce that for this year's festive period, there are 2 'Pantomime' offers.

#### Offer No. 1: Exclusive offer for Rotarians

A chance to take your grandchildren and family see one of these fantastic Christmas shows in 6 locations: Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham. Simply log on to: <https://www.jonconwayproductions.com/> then order your tickets ADDING 'ELF ROTARY' or 'PAN ROTARY' in the voucher code at checkout.

This will get you £10 off an Elf ticket and £5 off a Peter Pan ticket from normal adult prices. Further discounts do not apply to already discounted children's (under 16 yrs. old) tickets.

Incredibly, the producers will match 1 free ticket for every ticket you purchase using the discount code above to KidsOut, who will provide refuge children the opportunity to see the show which otherwise they could never afford to go. For many it will be the first time they have ever been in a theatre.

#### Offer No. 2: Specifically for Rotary Clubs, Schools and Larger Groups

This offer is much the same as last year, except this year it is available at 6 locations (as above) namely: Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham, with each venue having an allocation of 400 FREE tickets, except Belfast will have 200 FREE tickets.

As yet full details are still to be confirmed, but it is likely that the free tickets may only apply to specific timed performances on certain days.

Whilst we await the full details, should you wish to register your interest, please do so by emailing Sandra Doherty (KidsOut): [sandra.doherty@kidsout.org.uk](mailto:sandra.doherty@kidsout.org.uk)

It is particularly important when ordering tickets, that you ensure any allocated should be specifically for children who would not normally get the opportunity to see a top class 'spectacular' Pantomime. Please ensure you only order what you can practically use.

### KidsOut Rotary 'Ambassadors'

In an effort to ensure even more children can avail themselves of a Rotary KidsOut Day Out/Festive Fun Day, and I am pleased to advise that we now have a Rotary KidsOut 'Ambassador' in 12 Districts, namely D1040, 1060, 1070, 1090, 1120, 1130,

1145, 1180, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1240.

#### Has your District got an 'Ambassador'?

Whilst this is great news, and will no doubt help to coordinate more, bigger and better Rotary KidsOut Events around RIBI, we still need more 'Ambassadors'. IF you are interested, then please contact me without delay.

**KidsOut CEO Gordon Moulds** is available to attend District Conferences as a Speaker. In addition, should your Club or indeed District require a KidsOut Speaker to address a 'local' meeting, please contact me to discuss details.

#### Spread the Word

Please forward a copy of this email to your club colleagues, to ensure they too are updated with 'Rotary KidsOut'. Additionally, why not take a look at the KidsOut website? [www.kidsout.org.uk](http://www.kidsout.org.uk)

As always, should you have any comments or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, I am here to help.

Again, 'Thank You' and your Club for your continued support, please carry on the good work.

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## Rotary Young Citizen Awards

### Game, Set, Match - Abbie Breakwell Goes from Success to Success!

15-year-old Paralympic hopeful Abbie Breakwell is going from strength to strength after winning the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award 2018.

After receiving her Award at the Rotary in Britain and Ireland Conference in April, it was announced that she had been selected to represent Great Britain in the junior wheelchair tennis squad at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup in the Netherlands from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. A big achievement as this is the wheelchair tennis equivalent of the Davis Cup and Fed Cup.

And then in July, Abbie was crowned British Open Wheelchair Tennis Girl Junior Champion. The British Open is the UK flagship wheelchair tennis tournament. She had ball crewed all week for the professionals, before her own tournament started

All this - and she has only been playing wheelchair tennis for just two years! Her dream is to represent Team GB at the Paralympics and to play at Wimbledon.

Abbie is also celebrating a second year as President of her Interact Club of Long Eaton where she has been a member for four years.

Abbie sees sport as a way to channel her energy and frequently encourages others to join in, knowing the positive benefits. Long Eaton Rotary Club spotted her exceptional activities and put her forward for the Award.

Abbie says: "I'm just taking part in sports that I love and hope to encourage others with disabilities to



just have a go. Give it a try as it could change your life like it has mine."

Rotary in Britain and Ireland partnered with WheelPower, the UK wheelchair sports charity, to create the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award, and we are looking for more nominations for 2019.

The purpose of the award is to recognise and highlight the achievements and contribution as

a positive role model to others by a wheelchair sports participant or group. Previous winners include Paralympians 17-year-old Kare Adenegan and 22-year-old Samantha (Sammi) Kinghorn, Scottish World Champion wheelchair racer.

This Award is part of the **Rotary Young Citizen Awards** set up in 2006/2007 to showcase and celebrate the positive citizenship and important responsibilities assumed by many



## Environment and Sustainability

The Environment and Sustainability Group Newsletter this month features three projects in Wales which are aiming to 'Turn the Tide Against Plastic Pollution' – and asks Rotarians in other parts of the Country to tell the Group what they are doing to reduce the use of single use plastics.

Do take a look, it has been sent to every District and can be found on the Home Team webpage - <https://www.rotarygbi.org/members/rotary/newsletters/>

## Organ Donation Week is taking place 3-9 September

The good news is that the Government is proposing the introduction in England of a new system (commonly known as 'deemed consent' or 'opt-out') in which everybody would be considered as a potential organ donor unless they have either added their details to the NHS Organ Donor Register to opt out of donation or are in one of the groups excluded within the legislation. A similar system came into force in Wales in December 2015.

However, this new law probably won't come into force until Spring 2020 so it is important to keep talking about organ donation.

Three people die every day waiting for organ donations. Sadly, many donation opportunities are lost every year because families don't know if their loved one wanted to be a donor or not. Family support is crucial to enable donations to take place so let's keep talking.

For more information visit: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/get-involved/promoting-donation-hub/download-digital-materials/words-save-lives>.

young people under the age of 25. An individual or group can be nominated for the award. This can include Interactors and Rotaractors.

Many Clubs know of young people who deserve recognition for being positive young role models, so please nominate them. Districts or Clubs may also be involved running Youth Awards themselves or with the local authority or other organisations so why not put these youngsters forward for a Rotary Young Citizen Award.

Nominees do not necessarily have to be working on a Rotary project to be eligible, they just have to be recognised by a local Rotary club as worthy of nomination.

### New Rotary Young Peacemaker Award

A new Award, the Rotary Young Peacemaker Award, reflecting Rotary's area of focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, is being introduced for 2018/19 to recognize young people aged under 25 who have made a significant contribution by building peace and understanding, whether in their school,

local community, by for example helping tackle anti-social behavior and youth crime, or with a peace project internationally.

Winners of the Young Citizen Awards will be presented with their Award by BBC TV Presenter Ellie Crisell at the Rotary in Britain and Ireland Conference in Nottingham on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. They will receive a trophy, certificate and a £500 prize for their chosen charity or project.

The Awards are internally managed by the Rotary Home Committee with one Rotarian working as the responsible liaison for club contact. The Rotarian with responsibility is Eve Conway who can be contacted at [youngcitizen@rotarygbi.org](mailto:youngcitizen@rotarygbi.org).

More details are on: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/>

You can find out more about last year's winners on: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-young-citizen-award-winners-revealed-2018/>

## Rotary Poppy Pin Appeal 2018

### Your opportunity to show "Rotary Remembers"

The Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge plans to raise funds this year for the Royal British Legion and Poppyscotland from the sale of the lapel pin badge depicted below, showing the inscription of "Rotary Remembers" for those that made the ultimate sacrifice and to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.



Pins are 20.7mm x 28.8mm.

Following the initial project in 2016, in 2017 Chelmer Bridge successfully took the scheme across District 1240 and was also supported by four other districts in RIBI. This year we propose to open the scheme up across RIBI in order that we can all share and display the fact that "Rotary Remembers" by having this as a "Supported By" RIBI Initiative.

Chelmer Bridge has sole rights across RIBI to use this design and concept. Each year we have changed the design of the lapel pin badge and this year we are especially commemorating and remembering the centenary of the Armistice of 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

In accordance with the terms of agreement reached with RIBI last year, Chelmer Bridge will sell the badges at £3 per pin, with all profits (of approximately £2.00 per badge after production and distribution costs) being donated at the end of the campaign to the Royal British Legion and Poppyscotland.

This year we are inviting all Rotarians in RIBI to join in our 2018 appeal to help raise significant sums for the Royal British Legion. We will order pin badges from our supplier based on orders received so could we please ask you to send in your orders by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 by completing the order form below and returning it to: [chelmerbridgerotaryremembers18@gmail.com](mailto:chelmerbridgerotaryremembers18@gmail.com)

Prepayment will be required with each order, with cheques made payable to The Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge and sent to the following address:

Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge  
c/o PDG Rtn. Bob Barclay  
2 Barnaby Rudge  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM1 4YG

Alternatively payment can be made by Direct Bank Transfer to:

The Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge  
Sort Code: 60-05-13  
Account No: 55327206

Thank you in advance for your support  
Alan Swash, President of The Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge, 2018/2019

### "Rotary Remembers" – 2018 Rotary Poppy Pin Appeal

Rotary Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poppy Pin badges required @ £3.00 each (inc. P&P) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost £ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## World Heart Day

The British Heart Foundation is celebrating World Heart Day on September 29<sup>th</sup> with a new fundraising campaign to raise £100k for life saving research into heart and circulatory disease. The campaign called The Big Collection starts two weeks earlier on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and is in collaboration with Tesco.

If any Rotarians would like to lend a hand fundraising during the Big Collection or on World Heart Day, then visit [bhf.org.uk/big-collection](http://bhf.org.uk/big-collection) for more information.