

# ROTARY WESSEX NEWSLETTER

Serving Central Southern England, The Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands

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## District Conference - Jersey

### 52 Lives - a touch of kindness

Jaime Thurston - *A report from just one of the inspirational charities that addressed the conference*

The charity 52 Lives aims to change someone's life every week of the year, with the help of almost 100,000 people around the world. Every week, we share a story about someone in need of help on our website and social media pages, and our supporters all work together to help that person. It could be paying for a lifesaving operation, buying medical equipment, sending someone on a holiday, building a sensory garden, buying Christmas gifts...anything they need. We give people tangible help, but the most important thing we do is spread kindness. I had so much pleasure in speaking about the work of my charity to the wonderful audience at the Rotary District Conference in Jersey in October, and I was so inspired by the young people who took part in Peacejam, which I was also lucky enough to be part of. 52 Lives also works in schools – but with a slightly younger audience runs free Kindness Workshops with young people – although a little bit younger than your Peacejammers! We run Kindness Workshops for more than 3,000 children in primary schools every year. We want to help empower young people by helping them to realise that the little choices they make every day have the power to change their own lives, the lives of those around them, and ultimately the world.

The world of Rotary is all quite new to me, but I left the conference feeling so inspired to have been surrounded by so many people working together to do something positive for the world. Rotarians really do have so much to be proud of - so many amazing individuals working together to promote peace, love and harmony through practical action, and that is what truly does change the world.



*District Governor Allan Smith with Allan Jagger, RI Representative and Rose Jagger, Mary Smith, Inner Wheel District Chairman, Debbie Hodge, RIBI President, and Mike Hodge.*



*Dancing to PeaceJam music at District Conference*



*House of Friendship*



## CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION

It is very important that we celebrate and recognise the great work being done by clubs, Rotarian's, individuals and organisations we work with. Below are just four ways we can do this, and I would urge you to take the time to recognise your clubs and individuals.

**Allan Smith, District Governor**

### Champions of Change Award

An award to recognise unsung heroes making a real difference through voluntary service. They inspire and lead in communities at home and internationally. Awards are in two categories:

- Champions of Change – members of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland
- Community Champions – members of the public nominated by their local Rotary club.

*Last year Tom Yendell nominated from our District was a Champion of Change can we repeat this again?*

Guidelines and nomination forms for both Champions of Change and the Community Champion Awards available on the member's area of the [www.rotarygbi.org](http://www.rotarygbi.org)

### Rotary Young Citizen Award

The Award is for under 25's to showcase and celebrate positive citizenship and responsibilities assumed. This year Young Citizen has been extended to include the Rotary Young Citizen Peacekeeper Award with a prize of £500 for the winner's nominated charity or good cause. Winners will be invited to the Rotary Showcase in 2019 where we continue to get excellent coverage by the BBC. The Guidance Notes and Nomination Form are on the RIBI website under youth service with a closing date – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Nominations should be sent by clubs and please copy in District Youth Service chair.

### RI Presidential Citation

Your club can earn a Rotary Citation for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community. Rotary clubs that achieve the goals listed in the [citation brochure](#) by the end of the Rotary year will earn the award. All activities need to be completed, reported, and reflected in the Rotary database by 30 June.

***This is the most prestigious award a club can achieve, and I believe a number of clubs in District can achieve this recognition.***



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Please send news and photographs of your club's activities for future newsletters to [steelerotary1110@gmail.com](mailto:steelerotary1110@gmail.com)

## Governor's Awards

This award is to supplement the Presidential Citation which some clubs may find very difficult, if not impossible, to achieve even after completing certain elements very well. Clubs will be split into 3 groups, based on membership at the start of the Rotary year.

- 20 Members and under
- 21 to 34 members
- 35 members and over

Member numbers calculation to be based on the total at the beginning of each new Rotary year.

Projects should focus on:

- Membership
- Purple4Polio
- Local and International Community Service
- Public Image
- Youth Work
- Raising Funds for Community Projects or International Projects.

*Full details are on the District web site. This is a new award and needs your support to inspire other clubs.*

**District Leadership is changing and seeking new approaches and ideas. JOIN US rather than.....**



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## WINCHESTER - SUPPORT FOR HOSPICE APPEAL



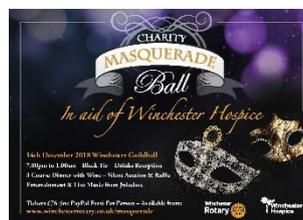
The start...



...the finish

Winchester Rotary President Les Haswell has made the Winchester Hospice Appeal the club's main charity for his year in office. A number of fundraising events have been planned, with some already having taken place. Most recently, a group of club members (including one Southampton Rotarian) and partners undertook a Snowdon Challenge. The conditions on the climb were daunting – rain, wind and fog! But they made it – using the Watkins Path – to the summit. They are now tantalisingly close to their £10k target having raised £9,120 so far.

The major event is yet to come – a Masquerade Ball at Winchester Guildhall on Friday 14 December. A Black-Tie event, Drinks Reception followed by a three-course dinner with wine, silent auction and raffle and entertainment and live music from Juicebox. Places are still available – why not make up a table?



<http://www.winchesterrotary.co.uk/masquerade>

## POOLE – 120 YEARS OF ROTARY SERVICE

Joint Presidents of Poole John Clement and Babs Plumbridge presented 40 years of Membership Certificates to John Duckenfield, Bryan Keeping and Stuart Dean.



## JERSEY - WORLD PORRIDGE DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals works in 17 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean providing daily meals to poor children in a place of learning. By providing a daily meal in a place of learning, they meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school to gain an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty. These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom.

Monitors from Mary's Meals work closely with school feeding committees. They regularly visit schools to ensure the precious ingredients we provide are cooked and served correctly and offer training and encouragement to the community volunteers. Wherever possible, locally produced food is served. This supports the local community and its farmers as well as the wider economy. Mary's Meals now feeds over 1.3 million children every school day. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for an entire school year.



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# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Tim Mason, DGN



## Unpacking Social Enterprise

Exploring the market place

Rotary Social Innovation 

Action Hampshire  
Helping our communities thrive



What fits together like a hand in a glove? Rotary... An organisation that aims to give Service in its community and Social Enterprises that want to deliver Social Value in their communities, both see the importance of being entrepreneurial.

Rotary Social Innovation SEH working with Action Hampshire, Lily & Lime LD and local Social Enterprises, want to help build community awareness of Social Enterprise, encouraging people and communities to use the services and goods provided.

Unpacking Social Enterprise is an event that will help you explore ways in which organisations, communities and Rotary can support Social Enterprise to expand, building their brand and services. It will also offer the chance to people with ideas which could deliver a Social Value in their community, to explore whether the Social Enterprise route is one which could best fit their aspirations.

One of the ways we have found to attract new members to Rotary is through discovering the Social Enterprises in our area and inviting them to connect with Rotary. To help other Rotarians and Rotary Clubs understand what Social Enterprises offer to the community, please book on our event on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at the Lily & Lime LD Academy, Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FB, 10.00 until 13.00.

To book your free place follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unpacking-social-enterprise-tickets-50599074193?aff=eac2>

