



From the Chairman- A Wake Up Call

In the light of the recent Polio news from Nigeria I've had to re-write this introduction to this-Rotary year's first edition of ZONE IN your RIBI Foundation Newsletter.

I'd initially intended to sing the praises of clubs and districts for their huge effort in realising and exceeding the Purple Crocus Corms sales target of 5 Million Corms. The current sales figure being 6.25 Million Corms. This bodes well for a busy planting season in the Autumn and a country wide splash of Purple in the Spring all to promote awareness of the END POLIO NOW Campaign.

HOWEVER ... Last month's news of an outbreak of 2 cases of the Wild Polio Virus (WPV) in Nigeria after being thought to be disease free for 15 months has come as a real wake up call to those who thought that we were "cruising" towards the eradication of Polio from the planet.

Sad as such a set back is, it is also good to note that the thorough scrutiny of our partners at the WHO is such that we check and recheck that areas are totally cleansed. Hence the need for the funding of the "three year" follow up process.

It is worth noting that when Smallpox was being eradicated

from the planet campaigners had several such set backs which only stiffened their resolve to achieve the success which finally came their way.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? ...
The answer is quite simple. Please resolve and renew your commitment to support the End Polio Now Campaign with your Giving.

Last Year:-

The Giving by RIBI Clubs to End Polio Now was down by £85,000

Fewer than 500 of RIBI's 1700 Clubs donated anything to End Polio Now

Clubs thought that the job was done

We've just had a wake up call ... Now they know better.

If those missing 1200 clubs gave just £100 each we'd benefit by £120,000. To those clubs who supported End Polio Now last year my sincere thanks and an appeal to again lend your support.

With Best Wishes for a successful year for OUR Rotary Foundation.

Allan Maclaughlan
(Chair);



RIBI Foundation Committee

ERIC AWARDS!!

OUR Foundation Champion, Eric Knowles, has very kindly agreed to attend the RIBI Annual Conference in Manchester next April (see over for more details). Subject to certain H&S issues being addressed- we hope that you know eggs-actly what we mean- he again intends to present ERIC Awards to those Rotarians / Clubs / Districts who demonstrate unusual and/or innovative ways to take Ownership of and support OUR Rotary Foundation.





This year's Institute for Zones 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 (yes, that includes us folks) will be held in Madrid 23-27 November 2016.

The Rotary Foundation Seminar will be on Friday 25th November with the Institute following on Saturday 26th November & Sunday 27th November.

You'll find all the details at:

<http://www.rotaryinstitute2016madrid.org/en/index.html>

April 2017 – RIBI Conference Manchester!!

Join over 1,500 other delegates and 2016/17 Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland President Eve Conway in Manchester, April 7th – 9th 2017 for a fantastic and memorable Rotary Conference which promises to be full of fun, friendship and inspirational speakers.

The metropolitan city of Manchester has transformed itself into England's edgy northern capital of cool, with so much to see and do. It sets the perfect home for our conference with its innovative exhibitions and museums, red hot food and drink scene and abundant accommodation to suit all. Not to mention all of the hidden gems such as the beautiful Victorian Baths. The city is guaranteed to provide all of the right ingredients to ensure your conference is one to remember.

There will be an exciting mixture of functions and entertainment throughout the weekend being held at the impressive Manchester Town Hall and at the breath-taking Midland Hotel culminating in a stunning concert featur-

ing world-renowned golden-voiced Katherine Jenkins who will be singing exclusively for Rotary delegates. Add to the mix of inspirational and moving speakers, the celebration of the Centenary of The Rotary Foundation and the 10 year anniversary of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards and it is set to be a busy but exciting weekend.



ley Memorial Peace Seminar will be held at the University of Bradford on Saturday 29th October when Class XIV of the Rotary World Peace Fellows will present their program. This year the theme and title is "Peace Through Action". Events around the world have brought violence, conflict, national discord and acts of terrorism into the news on a daily basis and never has there been a greater need for the promotion of Peaceful Solutions.

Your Rotary Foundation is at the forefront of this work with our scholarship programme, helping equip the Peace Fellows with the skills to address the issues and help change attitudes This year's seminar will feature updates from Class XIV on their studies, the Applied Field Experience they have undertaken and their plans for the future.

To balance this a panel of Peace Fellows who graduated from the program and are now actively engaged in Peace Work will present on their work since completion.

If you have any questions about the event please email Rotary@bradford.ac.uk

Six million crocus corms ordered for Purple4Polio!

We are delighted to announce that Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland ordered over six million purple crocus corms, smashing our five million corm target!

Thanks to your support and partnerships with the Royal Horticultural Society's Bloom Groups, communities will be covered in a carpet of purple next spring, with funds and awareness being raised for our campaign to finally rid the world of polio.

Purple 4 Polio

It is Official -- The Purple 4 Polio Campaign is now OUR Foundation's Centenary Project.

Please support the campaign by purchasing Crocus Corms / Crocus buttonholes ..or by following some of the ideas on the P4P website <http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/>

Christmas Cards For Polio

This is a Centennial Project by The Rotary Club of Lindum Lincoln to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation 'doing good in the world', and of course to boost funds for our program to rid the world of Polio. Whilst still available all funds raised by Rotary will be matched by The Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation. The front cover has been painted for us by a local artist, and every penny profit will go towards 'End Polio Now'. Profit generated from sales by your club will be donated in the name of your club and you will receive confirmation of the amount by email by 30th January 2017 at the latest. Cards are in packs of 10 with envelopes at £4.25 per pack inclusive of post and packing. Order details from your DRFC – to be placed by 31st October 2016

Partner / Soul Mate Sought

Falmouth Rotary Club (D1175) are seeking an International Partner within "these islands" to support

an incoming Global Grant focussed on helping young people in an economically deprived area back into work.

There would then be the opportunity for a reciprocal arrangement with partner club at a future date.

Further details from PDG John Pearce at johnda.pearce@btinternet.com

Do you know that the limit on Gift Aid on bucket collections has gone up this tax year? It's now based on collections up to £8,000, producing a massive £2,000 extra for your charities. Details at <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme>

Some clubs are now augmenting their Rotary Foundation contributions by donating the extra cash this produces. Could your club do the same?

Sustaining Membership?

Are you a sustaining member – just £5.20 per month (gift- aided and based on Aug 2016 exchange rate) will make you one of those making an individual contribution of \$100 per year to our Foundation

Or how about a little more?

Paul Harris Society?

£52 per month (gift-aided and based on Aug 2016 exchange rate) will take you to a \$1,000 individual contribution and entitle you to join the Paul Harris Society.



It's OUR Foundation, OUR charity – go on – you know it makes sense!!

Our RFUK Manager Jean sends this Important news for Charitable Organisations –

HMRC has published new wording for Gift Aid Declarations. The new wording only applies to new declarations signed on or after 05th April 2016, declarations that are already in place will not have to be updated. It can be used from now on, but must be used from 5 April 2016.

The declaration includes new wording mak-

ing clear the responsibility of donors to have paid sufficient tax to cover their Gift Aid donation and their responsibility to pay any difference. It no longer includes references to VAT and Council Tax.

There is no set design for a declaration form but it must include:

- the name of your charity
- the donor's name
- the donor's home address
- whether the declaration covers past, present or future donations or just a single donation
- a statement that the donor wants Gift Aid to apply (this could be a tick box on a written or online declaration)
- an explanation that the donor needs to pay the same amount or more of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as all charities and CASCs will claim on the donor's gifts in a tax year and that the donor is responsible to pay any difference.

Please visit the HMRC website for model declaration forms and more information -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/gift-aid-declarations-claiming-tax-back-on-donations#information>

WARNING

Due to the recent fall in the dollar exchange, our donations do not convert to as many US \$\$\$ as before. Please check your contribution.

A donation of £50 GBP gift aided is no longer sufficient. Please increase your contribution to £60 GBP (gift aided) or £75 (without gift aid) to remain a sustaining member.

