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The Aroura from Goura's house 10th October



**Rotarian getting
ready for take-off**



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is
THE PUMPKIN

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Where have you seen Rotary?

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Rotary Club of Tenerife Sur

From Alex

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

We have held two important Rotary meetings this month. The first one on 2 October when we welcomed Charlotte Hedges of Business in the Community and also Cheryle Berry PDG and her assistant John who spoke about CPR and use of a defibrillator. Business in the Community offers our Rotary an excellent opportunity to obtain support from businesses in Sheffield.

The second meeting was on 30 October when we welcomed our new District Governor Philip Wilbourn, who spoke about Rotary and the environment. We also welcomed our new Ambassadorial Student Moka Matsushima from Japan, who is studying sustainable landscape architecture for her Masters Degree at Sheffield University.

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Regards

Mike



A Visit to Yeovil Rotary by Peter Keen

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AS A ROTARIAN

I was first invited to a meeting of Abbeydale Rotary by David Wortley (who later became the first Governor of District 1270) in 1976 and I was inducted as a member in the following year. This was a very proud moment for me as my grandad had been a President of Lincoln Rotary and as a boy I remembered him always wearing his Rotary badge. The very first talk I heard as a new member was by our member Malcolm Stevenson on the setting up of a new educational facility jointly with Michael Hill, the headmaster of Talbot Special School and a member of Hallam Rotary, and Sheffield businessman Alan Aikin. This was to be a project enabling the children of Sheffield and district (especially children with disabilities) to enjoy outdoor physical activity in the setting of a working farm. The Whirlow Hall Farm Trust was formally created in 1979 and since then has benefited countless young people over its 45 years of dedicated service.

My very first hands-on project as a Rotarian was to rescue and refurbish the old well at the farm which had fallen into disrepair. It had in fact been abandoned and was covered over with metal sheeting and a large heap of miscellaneous rubbish. Once we had cleared away the debris we discovered that the well was formed by beautiful concentric layers of shaped stonework but that the top metre or so had crumbled away. Malcolm had learned that I had considerable experience as an amateur stonemason, having been heavily engaged in the construction of a club room for a local mountaineering club inside an old barn at a local inn, and asked me to take on what was to prove a formidable task.

The first step was to remove the earth which had built up over the years right down to the highest stone layer - and then to rebuild the top of the well up to the level of the surrounding surface. This required a pile of suitable stones, a couple of bags of cement, access to a water supply, a load of building sand, and a great deal of elbow grease making up the cement in a three to one mix. After shaping the stones the first layer was set on a bed of cement and the second layer placed on top. The only way this could be achieved was for one of my mountaineering club friends to hold onto my ankle whilst I worked the best I could head down inside the top of the well. The most disconcerting aspects of the work were the long interval before gobbo dropped from my trowel caused a splash in the water far below - and the fervent hope that I could rely on the good intentions of my friend!! I hate to imagine what the present-day health and safety requirements would have made of this!!! Before the top layer of stones was put in place a substantial metal grille donated by our Rotary member Jack Coulson was cemented in as a foolproof safety measure. The well restored, flagstones were set round the edge of the well as a finishing touch. Job's a good 'un!

This was merely the first example of the support which Abbeydale Rotary has provided over the years, recognising the wonderful work of the Trust and the countless young people it has helped and inspire - and continues to help and inspire. Members of the Trust have joined Abbeydale Rotary as Corporate Members, ensuring the future positive relationship between Abbeydale Rotary and the Trust.

Rotarian Mike Jackson MBE.

Sheffield Young Artist



Emily, one of the artists and winners of this year's Sheffield Young Artist has received recognition for her beautiful picture from [Support Dogs](#) (see below), and I'm pleased to report that Abbeydale Rotary also got a mention.

A short while ago, Patrick Smith received an enquiry from Tracy Walker from **Support Dogs** in connection with the young lady, Emmy who was one of the winners at this year's SYA exhibition. Tracy put together an article which has been published by the three outlets and Abbeydale Rotary was mentioned in all three.

Just to let you know, a few places have used the story you so kindly helped with. Here are some links:

Trainee canine life-saver Howard has a special place in Emmy's art (inyourarea.co.uk)

Support Dogs: Trainee canine life-saver has a special place in Emmy's art (thestar.co.uk)

<https://www.rotherradio.co.uk/trainee-canine-life-saver-howard-has-a-special-place-in-emmys-art/>

And I'll also use a version in our volunteer newsletter, which comes out later this month.

I'm the communications officer at the Support Dogs charity, which is also based in Sheffield.

I'm writing an article about Emmy Worthy, who won the junior category of your Young Artists competition.

The subject of her piece was Howard – one of our incredible trainee support dogs – and the piece celebrates her victory, as well as the lovely relationship between Howard and Emmy's family, who are volunteer doggy foster carers for our charity.

Tracy Walker

Communications Officer

Support Dogs - for autism, for epilepsy for disability

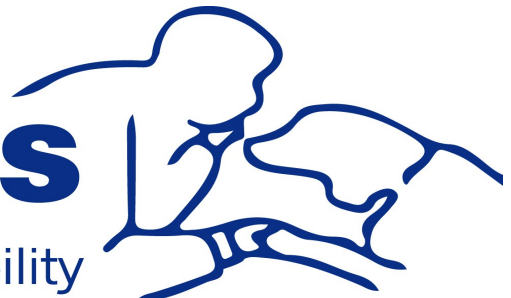
Did you know? 1 in every 4 support dogs only exist thanks to gifts left to our charity in wills

www.supportdogs.org.uk

0114 261 7800

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For Autism, For Epilepsy, For Disability



Mossbrook Special School Planters

On Tuesday 15th October Graham, Chris and I went to Mossbrook school for the official handover of the newly installed raised beds.

The headteacher, Laura thanked us for all the work we do and was very pleased with the raised beds area and said that they had enjoyed using several of the courgettes in the school kitchen.

Attached are 2 photos

- 1) The headteacher - Laura Watton
Deputy heads - Mike Haigh and Dawn Mallon
and President elect Graham and Chris
- 2) The headteacher - Laura Watton
Deputy head - Mike Haigh
and President elect Graham, Chris and Trevor.

Trevor



Pic 1



Pic 2

1220 Youth Connect *The District 1220 Youth Activities newsletter for Rotary Clubs*

Introduction

Welcome to the first District 1220 Youth Activities Newsletter of 2024/25. The aim is to let you know what's happening in the area of Youth Activities at a District level, so that you can make meaningful decisions as to the activities your club would like to be involved with and what assistance (if any) you may require from the District. I took on the role of overseeing District Youth Activities in July and am delighted that we can now outline these exciting plans for this Rotary year. The success or otherwise of activities for children and young people across the District, relies not on me, but on the enthusiasm and determination of all Clubs to make sure that we engage in a meaningful way with all young people, ensuring that their voices are heard and that we provide useful and stimulating activities that are relevant to them and to their schools.

Please read the newsletter thoroughly and make sure that everyone else in your club has a similar opportunity. If you have any questions or if you are unsure about anything I am just an email or a phone call away.

My email address is dave.ashley782@hotmail.co.uk and my mobile number is 07738 552178. And remember - The children of today are the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Enjoy - **Dave Ashley**

Please see [newsletter link on this website](#)

A Hectic Day

Wednesday 2nd October was certainly a busy day for the Abbeydale Rotary meeting. Starting at 12.15pm we received a very interesting presentation by Charlotte (Charlie) Hedges from Sheffield Business Together, part of Business in the Community. Her organisation assists charities and the like seeking physical support from local businesses. We soon became aware that local Rotary Clubs could see opportunities for help and assistance in projects and the Abbeydale Club Council has asked Alex. to keep in touch with Charlie to see what help she might be able to organise for us.

After lunch, our next event was the Induction of our new Rotarian Marcel Ivanov. A decision had been made to revert to the Club's former Induction procedure. Alex. introduced Marcel to Club Members; our longest serving Member, Past President Michael Jackson MBE., reminded us all of the "Object of Rotary"; and President Mike Waters MBE., formally inducting our new Member. Secretary Claudia was delighted to hand over the relevant paper work and was equally delighted to welcome her husband into Rotary International.

We then moved on to present the proceeds of our Annual Golf Day to Ben Davies, Chief Executive of Whirlow Farm accompanied by his Activities Manager, Sarah Kerrigan. An amount of £4,000 had been achieved and Ben thanked Steve Wilkin and all his helpers who over the years have made the Golf Day most successful.

Last, but by no means least came an excellent presentation by Past District Governor, Cheryl Berry accompanied by her assistant John Hutchinson. They gave a presentation on the *Community Save A Life Scheme* with practical examples on what to do if someone were to have a heart attack. This was indeed very interesting.

At the end of the meeting Members agreed it had been an excellent day and in thanking our visitors for their excellent presentations, he once more congratulated Marcel on his induction, mentioned our great relationship over 47 years with Whirlow Hall Farm and specifically thanked Claudia and Alex. for making the whole day work so well.

Alex



We are happy really



New member Marcel
induction



Golf Day Presentation

Sarah left. Ben middle



DG Philip Wilbourn Abbeydale Sec., Claudia Ivanov
Ambassadorial Student Moka Matsushima
Abbeydale President Mike Waters

Abbeydale Rotary October Evening Meeting

At an Evening Meeting held on 30th October, President Mike welcomed two visitors. The first is our new Ambassadorial Student, Moka Matsushima (below) from Japan who is studying landscape architecture at Sheffield University; the second is our District Governor, Philip Wilbourn. Each of the visitors made interesting addresses which were well received by our Members and guests.

Alex.



Also

St Andrew's Music Festival 2024

For the full brochure and ticket information, please either: visit:

www.sheffieldartsstudio.co.uk/standrewsfestival

or speak to Pat Jackson


The Dickens Fellowship (Sheffield Branch)
present
The Annual Reading of
Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL


Thursday
5th December 2024
at 7.00pm

Upper Chapel
(Unitarian, 1700)
Top of Norfolk Street
Sheffield S1 2JD
(Opposite the Head of Steam)

Doors open 6.30pm
for organ music by Phil Croft.
Interval Light Refreshments.

Free Entry
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Club Diary — Lunch and meetings at the Abbeydale Sports Club unless specifically stated

November 24

6th	Lunch. RYLA Castleton Camp Visit	Jeremy Holmes
13th	Lunch. North Star Project	Richard Vergette
20th	Lunch Sheffield A Civilised Place (Part 2)	Duncan Froggatt
27th	Evening meeting	

December 24

4th	Lunch	
5th	7pm A Christmas Carol , The annual reading of Charles Dickens' Reader: Rtn. Patrick Smith . Upper Chapel, Norfolk St, S1 2JD	
11th	Lunch SGM and Pitchfork Party	
18th	Lunch Christmas Party Lunch	
25th	No meeting	

January 2025

1st Jan.	No meeting	
8th	Potentially Zoom Quiz with Bochum-Renaissance	

Wed 6 th Nov	10:15am	Castleton Rotary Centre Walk and Lunch	Kath Williams
Sat 23 rd Nov	Sun 24 th Nov	Whirlow Hall Farm – Annual Christmas Fair	Alex Ritchie
Fri 29 th Nov	9:30am-13:00	Mock Interviews at Birley (Educational outreach Charlie Hedges – Sheffield Business Together)	

Deadline for next Pumpkin:

midnight Wed 4th Dec.

Fellowship Rota

Nov. Chris Jones,
Ken Marshall
Dec. David Ludlam,
Heather Morris
Jan. TBC

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Other useful links www.rotary.org www.rotarygbi.org www.district.rotary1220.org

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