

ROTARY CONGLETON

Newsletter

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The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Pig Race



PIG RACE

**AT THE NEW LIFE CHURCH, WEST ROAD, CONGLETON
7 FOR 7.30pm ON SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY**

**TICKETS COST £10 EACH AND INCLUDE A PIE AND PEAS SUPPER
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS - AND BRING CHANGE FOR THE TOTE!**

ADMISSION BY ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY - FROM 07767 817170

All proceeds support Rotary good causes

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President's Patter

These past few weeks have again been difficult just when we thought things were going to get better. We had to be seen to be responsible in these difficult times and, therefore, with the advice from higher authority we cancelled our Christmas party and all face-to-face meetings for January. However, we are resuming our normal meetings as from February and our emphasis is going to be on more social functions and doing more things with the Biddulph and Alsager clubs. An exciting and busy year ahead. Under the helm of "Captain Kevin" we will also be celebrating our 75th anniversary of our charter so we have a special year to celebrate. Improving membership must be one of our key objectives this year. John Gauld is doing an excellent job advertising our club events, but can I encourage you to invite your friends to some of our social or speaker events so that we can spread the good word on what we do for the local community. Thanks again for all your support. Stew



Stars of the future

We've launched an exciting new event with participating Congleton Primary Schools. 'Stars of the Future' is the brainchild of Eric Westwood, who is responsible for Youth Activities.

Eric said, "With the Covid epidemic preventing us visiting the local schools I have been looking for something for a while to offer to the schools without us necessarily having to go into school and see them.

'Stars of the Future' involves recognising 3 schoolchildren in each of our Primary Schools with an award where they have made a special contribution to their school, family or community in the still somewhat restricted climate.

Certificates and medals will be awarded to the pupils who, in the view of their teachers, have been exceptionally good citizens, by putting others before themselves, caring for others, working hard and being courteous, yet probably being overlooked. The winners will be awarded a framed Rotary 'Star' Certificate of Achievement, a medal and a £10 book token. Eric said "Our thanks go to the participating schools for running the event - we can't wait to see who the worthy winners are and why they were chosen! It would be nice to make this an annual event!"





Our Swimathon 2022 team are doing an amazing job of reaching out to our supporters old and new. They are having great success filling the lanes - can you help them to make a splash in 2022 and book even more?

The 3 charities we have chosen to benefit from this years Swimathon are:

1. The Christie Centre, Macclesfield Hospital.
2. Congleton's league of friends, This charity provides relief to patients in Congleton and Macclesfield hospital by making grants to various departments or individuals.
3. Congleton's less able club, An organisation for people with mobility problems. This club provides an opportunity to meet with a varied programme of activities and events

Here are some stories of just a few of our amazing supporters:

Channel Swimmer to dive in for Swimathon!



A mother of 4 who swam the channel at the end of September is to take part in Rotary-Congleton's Swimathon event on 4th and 5th March at Biddulph Leisure Centre. Jennie Cook, from Knypersley is a member of a relay team that completed the channel swim in 14.5 hours. Swimming the 21 miles from England to France, her team just made it before the tide turned, which would have added another 3 hours to their time.

Jennie swims as part of the Biddulph Swimming Club. Their epic channel swim raised £40,000 for charity! Rotary-Congleton is hoping that her

Swimathon efforts will help to swell the coffers to help Rotary good causes with any sponsorship money raised from Swimathon shared with Biddulph.

The Bennetron team is a Swimathon legend!

Kim Bennett has entered her team for the Rotary-Congleton Swimathon.

This is not the first time she has entered to swim in the event. For Kim has taken part in every event since 2003!

When she started it was Kim and her 2 daughters Lauren and Nina, then aged 7 and 5. The only year since 2003 that Kim has missed was last year - 2021- but only because the event was cancelled due to Covid!



Kim's girls swam for Dane Valley and Biddulph swimming clubs and friends from the clubs have helped out along the way, This year, their team will be joined by another Swimathon regular, Anne Ogden.

Team Bennetron usually manages to raise around £700 with half of the sponsorship money going to a charity of their choice. The organisers from Rotary-Congleton have lost count of the total she has raised for local good causes over the years!

EATON BANK RESENTATION

Rotary-Congleton gives Eaton Bank the keys to make more musicians

We said 'Thank You' to the Eaton Bank Academy School Choir "Encore" for performing at the Christmas Concert. The club asked the school to identify its requirements in the music department. It turned out that there was a need to replace old and worn keyboards.

As a result, Rod and Kevin turned up with three new Yamaha keyboards to present to the Academy.



What is Volunteer Expo Live?

After a time in our lives like no other, it's time for us to continue rebuilding together. Volunteer Expo Live will foster the togetherness and community spirit we've seen during 2020 and 2021, and make that a lasting legacy of the pandemic. **For 2022, we're back and we're live!** After a virtual event in 2021, we're so excited to be back live and in-person at the NEC, Birmingham on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th May! The event will continue to help you find volunteering opportunities to suit you, connect with charities and not-for-profit organisations, and celebrating aspects of our communities that unite us! For people who are keen to volunteer, or already do so, there will be the opportunity to network with peers, develop your personal skills and turn your passion for change into action.

What about us booking a coach? - it will be great fun!

[**BOOK FREE TICKETS**](#)



February/March Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
7th February	Business meeting	Astbury golf club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
16th February	District 1285 Passport club meeting	Zoom - contact Phil Dyer	7.30pm
21st February	Speaker night - Stuart Neild	Astbury golf club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
26th February	Pig Race	New Life Church	7.00pm for 7.30pm
4th & 5th March	Swimathon 2022	Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre	See the Swimathon team for your times
7th March	Business meeting	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
11th March	The Mayor's Civic Ball	Congleton Town Hall	7.00pm
14th March	Biddulph Charter Night	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
15th March	District Grant Management Seminar	Zoom	Details from district
21st March	Games Night with Biddulph	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm