

ROTARY CONGLETON

Newsletter

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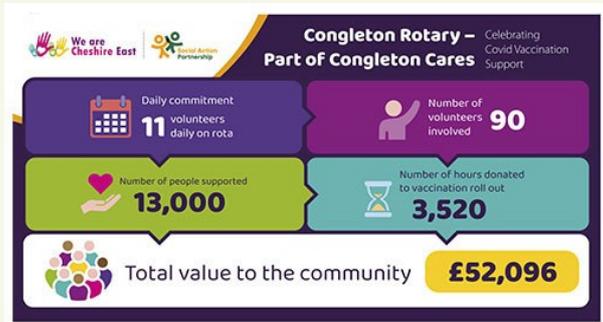
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President's Patter

Just a short piece this month as there is not too much to report.

We are still involved at the Town Hall helping with the Vaccination Centre although we believe this might be coming to an end in June. However, watch this space as it might all change. The Town Council must think we are doing a good job as through organising the volunteers we have benefited the local community to the tune of over £50,000.



Pity we are not getting paid an hourly rate! Only Joking, as it's our ethos to help the local community FREE of charge and we are getting donations of £100 from each of the 4 medical centres involved.

FOLKS THE END OF LOCKDOWN IS INSIGHT and we are hoping to return to our normal meetings at the Golf Club fairly soon. Let's wait and see what Boris announces on the 21st June and then we will make a decision on when to return.

Our Bikeathon event is on weekend of the 25-28 June and on Sat 26th we are having 2 displays of riders on static bikes in the town. One team The Wheelies led by Sandra will be outside Tesco and the other team will be The Rustic Rotarians in the town's pedestrian area. The idea is that team members will take it in turn to cycle for 4 hours hoping that the public will make donations to support our Bikeathon fundraising event. To support your team go to:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/RusticRotarians

OR to generally support the campaign go to:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/congleton-bikeathon

Please spread the word to family and friends and help us fund-raise for our Charity account supporting local charities and good causes.



SAVE
THE DATE
12-16 JUNE

2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION

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Opportunities



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Please join us for [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#), 12-16 June.

This year's event will connect you, virtually, with members around the world. It will open new opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far. Together, we'll inspire action, strengthen our commitments, work on our challenges, and celebrate our successes.

Visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with other participants and share what you're looking forward to experiencing with #Rotary21. The Virtual Convention is open to all Rotary members and participants, so invite a friend to join you or share the event with your community.

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The state of Rotary membership

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1,177,137

MEMBERS

+2,247 since 1 July 2020

-23,278 since 1 January 2020

36,400

CLUBS

+241 since 1 July 2020

24%

WOMEN

ROTARACT

214,614

+11,876 since 1 July 2020

+14,230 since 1 January 2020

11,223

+631 since 1 July 2020

51%

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BIKEATHON

UPDATE

Bikeathon goes International!

Eric Westwood mentioned the Bikeathon to his good friend who lives in Brittany, France. His friend responded immediately with "Great idea - I'm up for it! - Count me in! Not only that, he sent his photo, with his cycling helmet on and clutching his Breton beret as confirmation of his intentions!



Watch out for Sandra's 'Wheelies' team!

Rotarian Sandra Conway is out practising with her Bikeathon team on the quiet lanes around Smallwood. Sandra has registered her team called 'Wheelies' who will be riding their cycles and raising money for Rotary-Congleton during the weekend of June 25th to 28th. Fifty percent of the money they raise will be used to support Rotary good causes while the remaining 50% will be returned to Sandra's chosen charity. In this case, Sandra has nominated Rotary as her charity so all the money that her team raises will go to the club. And it doesn't stop there. Because sponsorship money attracts Gift Aid, every £1 given by a tax paying donor is worth £1.25!



Helmets not worn for photography purposes

"The Free Wheelers"

"The Free Wheelers" is a team made up from members of one of the U3A cycling groups and they are planning a sponsored bike ride to raise funds to be divided equally between Rotary-Congleton and the Air Ambulance charities. Their ride is to be on the part of the Wirral Way which is a disused railway track starting from Hooton to West Kirby and taking in some wonderful views of North Wales and Hilbre Island. Their route is 13 miles long and with a return journey they are planning a



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GIFT OF LIFE

Rotary Congleton donates to Indian appeal for oxygen generators

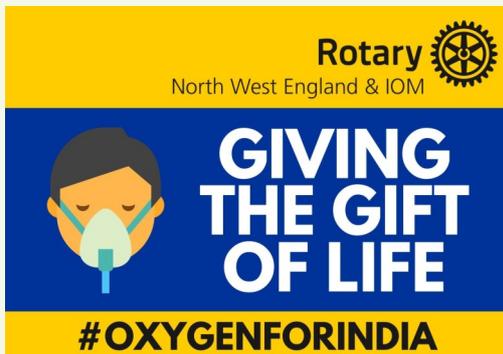
In India, the pandemic has created an urgent need for oxygen in order to treat the overwhelming numbers of the population contracting Covid-19.

Rotary-India has sent out a worldwide appeal for Rotary Clubs to support them by providing funds to purchase oxygen generators. In the Northwest, Rotary-Congleton has joined with other clubs in the district

to send £6,000 to Rotary India District 3040. Rotary-India will purchase and distribute the machines to hospitals under their supervision and control.

Each 10 litre oxygen machine will have a prominent label 'Giving the Gift of Life'

The contribution of Rotary-Congleton comes from the club members themselves and is not provided from funds raised by the club for the benefit of its local causes.



The years 2020 and 2021 have been difficult for everyone, and we couldn't have got through it without each other. Whether it's the neighbours for checking we were okay, the delivery drivers who kept food on the shelves, the volunteers who are standing alongside health workers in the vaccine rollout, or the children for learning from home – we've all got somebody to say "thank you" to.



We are so excited to join in the national [Thank You Day](#) on Sunday 4th July this year, alongside some amazing organisations including the NHS, Royal Voluntary Service and the Scouts, as well as celebrity backers such as Michael Sheen, Tim Peake and Bear Grylls. We'll be saying thank you to our incredible Rotary members. Right across Great Britain and Ireland, they've been doing what they do best – helping those in need in the communities they call home. Since before the first lockdown in March 2020, Rotary members were among the first to respond, helping provide support to the elderly, vulnerable and isolating. As the pandemic continued, so did the vital assistance of Rotary members, with hundreds and thousands of activities taking place nationwide, from stocking foodbanks, to providing laptops for children learning from home. In fact, Thank You Day was the brilliant idea of Rotary member Sandra McCabe from Northern Ireland and she joined [12 other original proposers](#) from a host of other organisations in calling for Thank You Day to take place.

Rotary-Congleton's Jazz Night is back in July!

Rotary-Congleton is organising a Jazz Night at the New Life Church. The event will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday, July 10th. The club hopes that, as life returns to near normal after June 21st, the event will run without any major disruption. Entertainment will be provided by Kaleidoscope, a jazz big band, based in South Manchester. They will play a variety of classic, swing, ballad, salsa, Latin and funky tunes...from Count Basie and Duke Ellington through to Weather Report and The Big Phat Band. They are lead by saxophonist Phil Shotton. Tickets, priced £10.00 are now on sale at the Community Information Centre at the Town Hall, or from any Rotarian. All proceeds from the event are in aid of Rotary's own charities.

The Rotary Club of Congleton
presents

KALEIDOSCOPE BIG BAND

at
New Life Church, Congleton,
West Road CW12 4EY

Saturday 10th of July at 7:30 prompt.

Bring your own food and drink

Proceeds in aid of
Rotary Charities

Tickets £10.00

Tickets available from the
Tourist Information Centre
or any Rotarian.



June/July Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
7th June	AGM & Club Assembly	Zoom	6.30pm for 7.00pm
12th-16th June	2021 Rotary Virtual Convention	Online	<u>REGISTER TODAY!</u>
21st June	Speaker Evening - Kerry Spink - Visyon	Zoom	6.30pm for 7.00pm
30th June	District Council Meeting	Zoom	Contact the Secretary if you would like to attend
5th July	Business meeting	TBC	6.30pm for 7.00pm
19th July	Visit to Masseys Mill, Homes Chapel	In person!	Arrive 6.45pm for 7.00pm start



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?