

ROTARY CONGLETON

Newsletter

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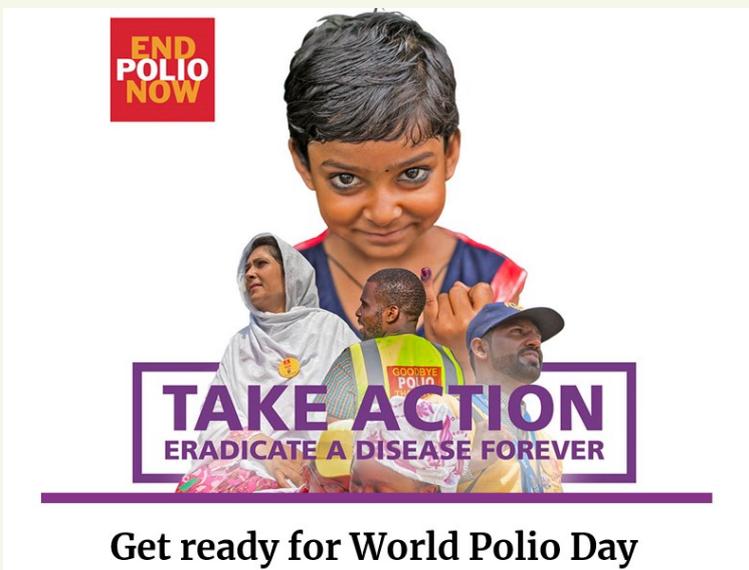


The Four Way Test

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?

World Polio Day



Get ready for World Polio Day

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

Celebrate **World Polio Day** and share our progress on the road to polio eradication with the global health experts who are our partners in this great venture.

Sunday 24th October is World Polio Day. Why that date? Because it is the birthday of the developer of the first polio vaccine, Jonas Salk.

More than 18 million people can walk today because of polio vaccines, and the past year has seen a further dramatic decline in wild polio cases with the last two cases more than six months ago.

This day we should be thinking particularly of the benefit of polio vaccination for children of the world. There is light at the end of the tunnel, but the goal of ending polio has not yet been reached, and we still need your help and perseverance.

Above all we must redouble our efforts to raise the money necessary to finish the job, a process that begins by using every avenue to talk about the impact of the global campaign. Only this way will friends, neighbours, and government be reminded of the importance of what Rotary and its partners are doing.

[Download World Polio Day Toolkit](#)

President's Patter

At last we are back to some form of normality and we have resumed our meetings at the Golf Club. It's great to be meeting face to face again and we can look forward to a busy Diary of Events in the months to come with our usual fundraising activities as well as many social events. Furthermore, with our present small membership numbers I suggest that were possible we invite other clubs to join us especially on our social/speaker nights.



I want to thank Kevin for all his hard work these past months organising and running our Zoom meetings which have kept us all in touch. I think our club has been very successful during the lockdown and I now look forward to making the club even more successful and especially expanding our membership.

Foundation

infocus - Education and Literacy

"Literacy Changes Lives. How Rotarians make it happen."

In our communities we have people of all ages whose quality of life and life chances can be significantly improved and enhanced by helping them with their basic education and literacy skills.

We are very fortunate to have **Carolyn Johnson** as our infocus speaker for **14th October (5pm)**. She will be sharing examples with us of how Rotarians have implemented Literacy Projects and Programmes.

She is the Chair of BelRAG, The Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group, and the Founder of The Culture of Reading Programme (CORP) which is part of The Guatemala Literacy Project.

Registration for this event is [now open!](#)

If you missed the opening infocus event, looking at Economic and Community Development, it is now [available to watch on YouTube](#).

[Register for this infocus event](#)

Billion Seeds Challenge

Saturday 30th October

Rotary is a partner of the **Together Coalition** which aims “to build kinder, closer and more connected communities by bringing people together and bridging divides”. The Together Coalition is organising a **Billion Seed Challenge** to highlight the importance of **COP26** and the environmental decisions which will impact our future.



The Challenge is to plant one billion wildflower seeds to raise awareness of the importance of green spaces for wildlife and our communities. This means everyone can become involved in protecting our local environment and ensuring it survives for future generations.

Crocus corms highlight the importance of polio eradication. Planting the Crocuses and **wildflowers** can become part of the Billion Seeds Challenge to support the environment, to bring communities together and to highlight the importance of COP26.

Planting day for the wildflower seeds is the **30th October 2021**

Last Night Of The Proms



Despite reducing seating capacity in the hall, Rotary-Congleton sold all the tickets for its 'Last Night at the Proms' held at New Life Church.

The audience was treated to a programme of modern and traditional music by the Rode Hall Silver Band before the audience joined in to raise the roof and sing the traditional Proms favourites.

Soprano, Sarah Francis, accompanied by her husband on keyboard and guitar, performed a programme of well-known songs from the cinema and theatre, before leading the audience with a rousing rendition of Rule Britannia.

Our own Kevin Thompson was compere while event organiser Doug Parker, introduced the evening and managed the raffle, raising much needed funds to support Rotary's work, locally.

ROTARY RADIO UK

Rotary Radio UK



It's been a successful period for Rotary Radio UK! At the end of the academic year they were delighted to receive the "Employer of the Year" award from Canterbury College in recognition of the work they have done with their media students. The awarding panel were particularly impressed with the work they carried out via the internet and Zoom, which enabled their students to study with them despite the problems with lockdowns. Opening up new opportunities despite the difficult times.

They now have a new presenter, Richard Talbot, who is sending in programmes from his home near Nuneaton. Richard is an experienced presenter and will be spreading the news about RRUK via his club, Arbury Rotary.

Rotary Radio will have a presence at the Rotary South East Conference and is planning special broadcasting for World Polio Day.

To find out more about what is happening at Rotary Radio UK click the link to the [full report](#).

CENOTAPH OPENING CEREMONY



Like all towns, villages and cities in Great Britain, the cataclysm of the First World War changed life in Congleton as men failed to return from the bloody conflict. The names of men who died in the Second World War and in later conflicts have been added to the memorial since it was built in 1923.

After years in the planning, the newly renovated Cenotaph now displays just over 600 names of all the local men and women who lost their lives through serving their Country. The Lawton Street site is now a safer, more attractive, and fitting place for people to visit.

The cenotaph refurbishment was made possible by the very generous support of many organisations including Rotary Congleton.

The ceremony was led by our very own Rotarian and Congleton town Mayor Denis Murphy.



October/November Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
4th October	Business meeting	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
18th October	Speaker Evening - Tony Birchall	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
23rd October	Big Band Night	New Life Church	7.30pm
5th November	Bonfire night set-up	Congleton Park	see Brian Hogan
6th November	Bonfire night	Congleton Park	see Brian Hogan
7th November	Bonfire clear-up	Congleton Park	see Brian Hogan
8th November	Business meeting	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm
15th November	Social Night - visit to Massey Foods	Massey Foods Mill - Holmes Chapel	7.00pm
22nd November	President's Night	Astbury Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm