



The Rotary Club of Banstead

PRESIDENT JOHN HANNAM 1951- 2022

We are so very sad that John has now left us and we know that you will be feeling his loss so terribly.

Words cannot express just how deeply one is affected by the death of a close family member so it is perhaps appropriate to think about the good times and those happy occasions where we all can share in the memories.

Although John had been in Rotary since 1987, we have only really come to know him since I joined the Banstead Club in 2008. He was always very welcoming with his special brand of humour and his love and deep knowledge of the motor trading industry (not to forget his experiences of the frustrating parking arrangements in the Benhill Road area of Sutton).



He was very happy to help with projects but seemed a little shy of taking on an officer's role in the group. We were delighted that he finally agreed to become Club President for the year 2020/21, the year of Covid 19 and Lockdown. He seemed happy to continue into 2021/22 after a year in which there were so few meetings and all events were cancelled. We were all aware of his health problems but he was adamant he could carry on.

We have so many happy memories of our trips to France when he entered into the spirit of the visits despite speaking very little French. We know our French Rotarian friends will be devastated to learn of his passing and any future visits will not be the same without him, thinking especially of Le Chapeau Rouge where he always enjoyed his lunch in surroundings which had become so familiar over successive visits.

We have wonderful recollections of International Dinners at 23 Benhill Road when Dorothy's cooking skills were celebrated by all assembled! The hammer for the chicken in a hard crust comes to mind!

We appreciated John's regular assistance with preparations for the Rotary Walk, putting out signs at some ungodly hour of the morning (a job he did right up to last May despite finding walking so very difficult).

And of course, everyone will remember how smart he was — so well dressed in suit and tie on almost every occasion.

John was very proud of his family and grandchildren. He was obviously very close with you all. We hope that you will have many happy memories together that will carry you over your grief to a better time.

ROTARY REMEMBERS HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH



Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is deeply saddened to learn of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

As we learn of the sad news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has passed away, the thoughts of the members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland are with the Royal Family as they grieve for their Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

The Queen demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to duty throughout her Reign and did so with a graceful strength and admirable determination.

She reigned throughout decades of change, from the dark post-war years, through to the new horizons of the 21st century, providing essential continuity for the nation.

This is a period of public grief when people who do not know each other come together to mourn a national figure who has been consistent throughout our lives and for whom we have collective affection despite not knowing her personally.

We share our condolences to the Royal Family and His Majesty King Charles III at this sad time.

Garth Arnold, Chair of the Board for Rotary GB&I, Nicki Scott, Rotary International Vice President, Amanda Watkin, General Secretary of Rotary GB&I

SHELTERBOX DONATION



Seeing the devastation caused by Monday 6 February 's Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, our Rotary Club hasn't hesitated to act. ShelterBox is sending emergency response teams to the region to understand which communities are most in need. We will be donating over £1000 to ShelterBox who are helping with the emergency response efforts.

If you would like to contribute please follow this link:
<https://shelterbox.org/turkey-earthquake/#donate>

ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation

ShelterBox and Rotary International are project partners in disaster relief

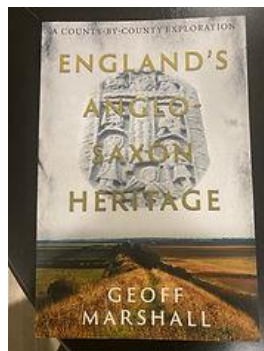
BANSTEAD MANOR: SUPPER & AN ANGLO SAXONS TALK



A brilliant evening of friendship and delicious food was enjoyed by Banstead Rotary Club at a buffet supper held by its Corporate members Lisa and Fiona at Banstead Manor.

Members and partners attended the event. Jane also welcomed Lisa to the Club and presented her Rotary badge. Geoff Marshall

gave an informative talk about The Anglo Saxons and an overview of the course of events in Anglo-Saxon England. The Anglo-Saxons held sway in this country from the Romans departing until the Norman Conquest; a period of over 600 years.



Geoff Marshall was born in Walsall and studied chemistry at the University of Aston followed by post graduate research at Imperial College. After a career as a research chemist, he now divides his time between delivering history talks and writing.

Jane thanked everyone involved for the tasty buffet, "It was an enjoyable meal in a lovely setting and good to share fellowship and build on our relationships! Many thanks to Fiona and Lisa for organising tonight and Geoff for an informative talk."

YOUTH SPEAKS AT THE BEACON SCHOOL



The first round of this competition was held at The Beacon School on Thursday 12th January 2023. The teams entered were an intermediate and senior team from Sutton Grammar School, and an intermediate team and senior team from from Wilsons School. The judges were Eileen Hannah, Wendy Phillips and Ros Rokison (Chair) who have all be involved in judging this competition in the past. Each team consisted of a Chairperson, Speaker for the

motion and a Speaker against the motion. The Chairman and Speakers were allotted the same time each . Rotarians organised the event and Rotarians from two clubs were involved in running the competition - Banstead, and Sutton Nonsuch Clubs The first to speak were the Sutton Grammar School intermediate team. Their chosen subject was "The voting age should be reduced to 16". Next to speak were the Wilsons intermediate team. Their subject was "Animal testing should be abolished ". After this came Senior Team from Sutton Grammar School, the talk was on " No subject should be mandatory at GCSE". Finally came the Wilsons Senior Team. The subject was "Abolish the Monarchy". The winning team of the two intermediate schools was Wilsons and the winning team of the two Seniors was again Wilsons! The winners were each presented with a certificate and cash vouchers by Nonsuch Rotary President Chris Hughes and will go on to the next round of the competition. The judges said it was not easy to chose the winners as all the teams spoke well. The Beacon School provided tea and coffee for the interval while the judges made up their minds about who was the winner. Ros Rokison spoke for the judges and gave an excellent critique of the performance of each speaker.

CROCUS PLANTING

On Friday 6th January Banstead Rotary Club and the Banstead Village in Bloom joined forces to plant 4,000 crocus corms on the verge alongside Banstead Library in the village Why are we doing this? Since 1985 Rotary's 1.4 million members worldwide have been working hard to rid the world of polio, a crippling disease that severely disables and even kills children. The purple crocus corms planted here and across Britain and Ireland during the Autumn each symbolise the purple dye painted on the little fingers of the 3 billion children worldwide when they have been vaccinated. To help raise money for the immunisations the Rotary movement has adopted the purple crocus. They will flower each February when Rotary celebrates its birthday. To find out how you can help to eradicate polio worldwide, or, for more information about the work of Rotary contact Banstead Rotary on the website www.bansteadrotary.com and you can find photos Website www.bansteadrotary.com Twitter @BansteadRotary Facebook



www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub Membership of the Club is open to men and women. For information on joining please contact us via social media and we will be pleased to help you.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS GUESTS' NIGHT 2022!



It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Christmas together again this year, have some fun, and appreciate each other's company during our Club's annual Christmas Guests' Night at Cuddington Golf Club! Jane welcomed everyone, as well as thanking the Club members and Golf Club staff who made the evening such a success. Around 50 Rotarians and their guests came together for our annual event. Guests enjoyed a full 3 course Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings followed by a quiz set by Suzanne, and musical entertainment. There were crackers, table decorations, and, Christmas decor to get us into the seasonal spirit! During the event David and Roger organised the raffle with prizes donated by the Club members, as well as our Corporate partner Banstead Manor Hallmark Care Home, which raised £310 for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. After the dinner we were treated to a medley of Christmas Carols and songs played by Roger leading the community singing with all guests taking part to end the evening!

CHRISTMAS TREES OF GOODWILL

Banstead Rotary has been busy this week selecting, felling & storing the Christmas Tree for the roundabout! Each year The Oak Tree Farm & Nursery (owner Premier Fruits), Croyden Lane, Banstead, SM7 3BE donates a Christmas Tree to the Rotary Club of Banstead, and in 2022 has continued this tradition of supplying the tree that will become the centre of Banstead High Street's Christmas celebrations. Centro Christies Banstead High Street joined us by sponsoring putting up the tree and decorating it with Christmas Lights.

The Rotary Club of Banstead visited seven local schools in Banstead, Tattenhams & Nork to celebrate the upcoming Christmas festivities with the children. We donated a Christmas tree to each school and Rotarian volunteers Shan and Rae made the deliveries.

The schools were: Banstead Infant School, Banstead Community Junior School, Warren Mead Junior School, Warren Mead Infant School, Epsom Downs Primary School, The Beacon School and St. Ann's Primary School.



BANSTEAD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



On Thursday 1 December 2022 Banstead lights were switched on by the annual visit by Father Christmas, which signals the start of Banstead Rotary's annual Christmas Collection in support of many well deserving local charities.

Banstead Rotary and Banstead residents joined members of the Business Guild for the Banstead Community Event with street entertainers, shopping offers, kids' games and a very special appearance by Father Christmas and his sleigh! Banstead glowed with fairy lights, rosy cheeked carol singers and a bright red Father Christmas last Thursday as Banstead Village held a special Christmas Event.

Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Frank Kelly, opened the event. The High Street Lights and Christmas Tree Lights were switched on with the help of Father Christmas who arrived at the event on the Banstead Rotary sleigh!

Banstead Rotary's Father Christmas tours the area to spread much Christmas cheer and to accept the many valuable donations from local residents, which in the past raised around £10,000 . We have also retained a more virtual and more internet based initiatives, which can be accessed via www.bansteadrotary.com.

Every single penny that is raised will go to help and support the many local Banstead charities so all donations will be gratefully received and will make a huge difference to those in need particularly at this challenging time.

Thank you for your support of Banstead Rotary Club and the many Local Charities to benefit from your generosity, which this year includes:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family SupportHome Start Epsom, Ewell and BansteadEpsom and Ewell Food BankChildren SupportThe Diamond CentreNational Autistic Society (Surrey)The Beacon SchoolThe Beacon FriendsBanstead ScoutsCommunity Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transform Housing & SupportEpsom and Ewell Talking NewspaperMacular Society (Banstead)Health & Well-Being Support for Persons of All AgesAge Concern BansteadDyscoverPrincess Alice HospiceQEFCross Roads CareMaggie's At The Marsden
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JACK THE RIPPER AT BANSTEAD MANOR!



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Members and partners attended the event. Jane also welcomed Fiona to the Club and presented her Rotary badge.

Richard gave an electrifying talk on the subject of Jack The Ripper, and, how in the second half of 1888 the most infamous serial killer drove terror into the hearts of Londoners! This was followed by supper before Richard took a lot of questions and laid out the good research he had undertaken on the topic.

Jane thanked everyone involved for the delicious buffet, "It was a wonderful meal in a lovely setting and good to share fellowship and build on our relationships! Many thanks to Ben for organising tonight and Richard for a brilliant talk."



CHRISTMAS TREES DONATED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS!

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NEW MEMBERS



We were very pleased to welcome 3 new members to our Club . Jo, Richard & Stuart, we know you'll be great members and we look forward to getting to know you better!

If you're looking to meet new people, have fun and help others, then get in touch today, we'd love to meet you!

Join us, everyone's welcome!

BANSTEAD REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



On 13 November Deputy President Jane Illingworth attended the Banstead Village Remembrance Parade. She commented "It was a real honour to take part in the Banstead Remembrance Ceremony, to lay wreaths on behalf of Banstead Rotary, and, U3A Banstead.

Once again very well supported by the local community - honouring those who serve and who sacrifice".

PURPLE 4 POLIO DINNER & RAFFLE

(18 October Cuddington Golf Club)

On 18 October Banstead Rotary held a dinner at Cuddington Golf Club with a purple theme! The Rotarians and guests were all wearing something purple!

Purple is the theme of Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio. After dinner Jane explained about the progress to eradicate this terrible disease which paralyses children. Most people nowadays have never encountered it.

A raffle was run by International Chair John Draper with generous prizes supplied by the Rotarians, and, a gourmet hamper by our Corporate Partner, Banstead Manor Care Home. This raised £150.00 towards our funds.

On behalf of President John Hannam Jane lead the Club's welcome to our two newest members Jo and Richard.

The worldwide Rotary Purple 4 Polio event on, or about, 24 October is a major Rotary initiative every year. Banstead Rotary also plants purple crocus corms to raise awareness with help from The Beacon School pupils and Banstead Village In Bloom.

The funds raised are used to immunise children around the World. Since Rotary began the project in 1988 they have raised \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in over 122 countries worldwide!

Wild Polio Virus Weekly Update October 2022

2021, 6 children paralysed
(Afghanistan 4, Malawi 1, Pakistan 1)



2022, 29 children paralysed
(Pakistan 20, Mozambique 7,
Afghanistan 2)

On 25 September Jennifer Jones, President, Rotary International pledged an additional US150 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. She wants this to be the start of a massive funding effort to reach the initiative's USD4.8 billion goal.

18 TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Decision made at Club meeting on 20th September 2022 to donate
£10 per member for 18 trees in the Queen's Green Canopy



BANSTEAD ROTARY AFTERNOON TEA!



The Rotary Club of Banstead was invited to Banstead Manor Hallmark Carehomes, 8 Brighton Road Banstead SM7 1BS for an event on Tuesday 30 August.

Four staff are Banstead Rotary Corporate Members: Ben, Fiona, Nina and Veronica.

Guest of Honour was the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Frank Kelly who delivered a short speech and spoke to all the Rotarians and residents as he circulated the room.

Guests enjoyed a lavish afternoon tea of a wide selection of sandwiches, savoury tarts, cakes, macarons, and a delicious chocolate cake prepared by the Banstead Manor chef. Banstead

Rotary President John Hannam welcomed the guests and thanked Banstead Manor for the generous hospitality. During the event Ben and Nina were presented with their Rotary pins.

Entertainment was an enjoyable overview by Paul, the Mayor's Assistant who provided a talk about the Mayoral Regalia it's origins, history and use. He remains a constant staff member in his role as the Mayors change office.

The highlight of the afternoon was our fellow Sutton- Nonsuch Rotarian Peter Stammers who gave a well researched presentation on the History Of The Joke. He had a detailed knowledge of the subject and he proceeded to enlighten the group. Peter spent his working career in education, however through the years he has developed a highly entertaining series of talks.

A special thank you to everyone involved to make the event such a success!

The Rotary Club of Banstead has been a part of the community since 1951, beginning as a networking organisation it now plays an important role in supporting many charities and activities. Typically the Club raises between £ 10,000 and £15,000 each year for charitable purposes.

Just in July the Rotary Club organised the Banstead Village Fair on 2 July at which stalls were taken by 35 local charities and organisations.

Local charities supported by Banstead Rotary in recent years include Home Start, Dyscover, Age Concern, Banstead Macular Society, National Autistic Society Surrey, Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper, Diamond Riding School, QEF, Princess Alice Hospice, Crossroads Care Surrey, Transform Housing and Support, Maggie's at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Scouts, The Beacon School and The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

BANSTEAD VILLAGE FAIR

The weather as good and the sun shone for another fantastic Banstead Rotary Village Fair. Hundreds of visitors and 33 exhibiting stalls helped to make it a highly enjoyable event and raise more money for charity.

The Mayor, Councillor Frank Kelly officially opened Village Fair with a short speech. He then went with President John Hannam touring every stall to meet all the organisers and stallholders.



There was live music throughout the day from the excellent Gavin's Band, a trio performing 60s and 70s music and their energetic performance was hugely enjoyable.

Banstead Show Choir sprang to fame in the last few years with performances at many local events and venues. Their singing of several songs from Broadway and West End musicals certainly pleased the crowds in the Orchard.

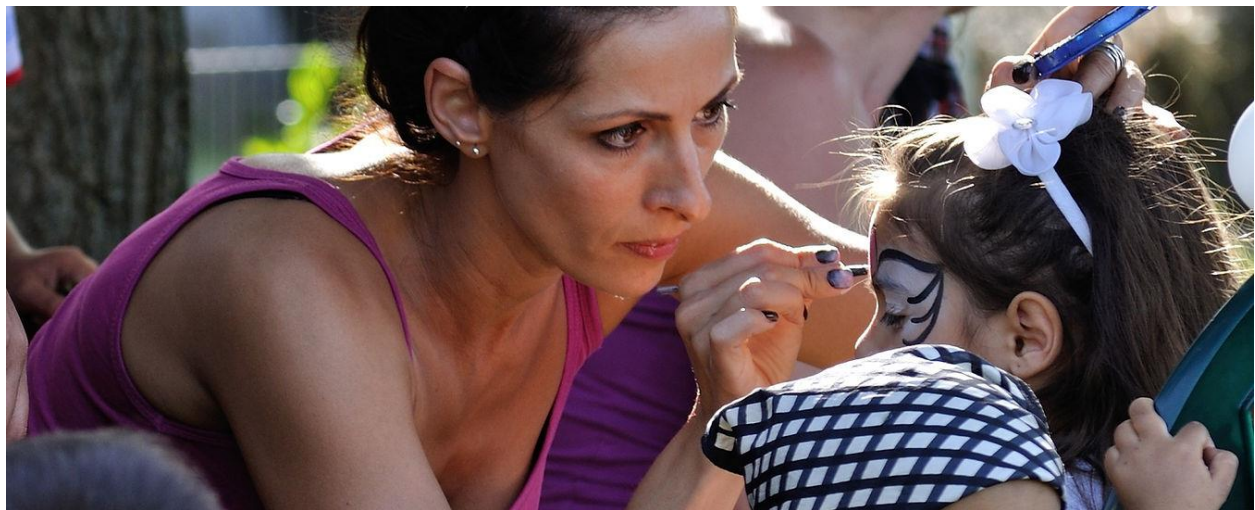
More than 33 stallholders provided plenty of other activities including lucky dips, competitions, home made cakes, bric-a-brac and information about local charities and groups.



Banstead Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who regularly makes the Village Fair possible: the members, friends and volunteers who organise the event, the organisations and groups who support and donate to the event preparation, the stallholders who are such an integral part of the day and the many visitors who come year after year. We look forward to seeing you again on 1st July 2023!

The full list of participants: Banstead Rotary, Gavin's Band, Banstead Cricket Club, Crossroads Care, Paw Prints, Banstead Macular Group, Epsom Medical Equipment, Age Concern, Disaway Trust, Diamond Centre, Banstead Library, Family Voice Surrey, Banstead Manor, Horticultural Society, History Society, Brigitte Trust, RSPCA, Banstead 3rd Scouts, Banstead Arts Group, Epsom & Ewell Talking Newspaper, Epsom Canine Rescue, Mothers Union, Tuesday Club, Banstead Community Craft, Banstead Village Residents, Brooke Hospital, Banstead Oxfam, Banstead U3A, Banstead and Reigate Conservative Association, Foster Caring Surrey, Dementia First, Mary Frances Trust, Christchurch Banstead and the Showchoir.

REGULAR ANNUAL EVENTS



BANSTEAD VILLAGE DAY



Banstead Village Day with the Village Fair will be held on Saturday 1st of July 2023 in The Orchard in Banstead High Street (In front of All Saints Church). Show your support and have fun!

This is a 'traditional' Village Fair organised by Banstead Rotary with over 30 local organisations and charities running their own stalls or sideshows to raise funds. This includes attractions such as cakes, preserves, books, crafts, bric-a-brac, tombola, competitions and

much more. Today's fair is an opportunity for those organisations to promote themselves and raise funds for their great variety of projects, and for members of the public to enjoy themselves and contribute. The Fair will be opened by the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead at 10.30 a.m. and will run until 3.00 p.m.

So join the fun and enjoy finding out more about the groups in our area. If you are a member of a group who would like to take part, please contact us through this website.

BANSTEAD ROTARY CHARITY WALK (8.5 MILES)

Sunday 21st May 2023

(NOTE LATER DATE AVOIDING THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS)



Our charity walks have been a great success, raising many thousands for walkers' favourite charities.

Sponsors are able to give online or using sponsor forms in the old fashioned way. For those who find the task of getting sponsors a little too onerous, some just choose to walk and make their own donation.

We are delighted with the response to our walks when there are so many sponsored events - each competing for the pounds in our pockets. However, we have been making sure we get the word out and about by using social media and local press to remind everyone about our Charity Walk. The walk is fully marshalled so that road crossings are safe and First Aid is provided by St John's Ambulance volunteers. Once the organisation is in place, the more walkers we have the better we love it!

Why not join us on 21st May 2023? (Start any time between 8.30 and 10.00 a.m.!)

MONTHLY SPEAKERS



Banstead Rotary will be inviting two speakers a month to meetings, one from a charity, and the other on matters of general interest and intend to run several purely social and fun events each year as usual.

Banstead Rotary is a very friendly Club and is always pleased to welcome non-members to their meetings.

GET INVOLVED



BECOMING A MEMBER



If you're interested in joining our club, to use your time, talents, professional skills and energy to improve the lives of people in their local communities, read on...

And, in the process, you can enjoy the benefits of business networking, personal development, meeting new friends, hearing inspiring speakers, having a great deal of fun and experiencing that special sense of fulfillment that comes from achieving something really worthwhile.

BEING A SPEAKER

We meet every Tuesday 6:15pm for 6:45pm, at the Cuddington Golf Club. The second Tuesday of each month is dedicated to committees but other Tuesdays are for social events including speakers and other social occasions.

On the Tuesdays when we don't have committees, guests and prospective members are welcome.

If you wish to talk about your charity, interests or experiences, contact us clicking the link below.



HELPING US



Do you want to help us help others?

Do you want to give something back to your community?

Come and help us with our Christmas Collections -Father Christmas, his Sleigh and lots of Carols; Help us with the Banstead Fair, the Youth Competitions: Young Chef & Youth Speaks, our Charity Walk across

Epsom Downs or our Quiz Night. We are always looking for a willing pair of hands with any of our events.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES
AND WHICH ROTARY MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN EACH ONE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

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