



# THE BANSTEAD ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2023



# JANE ILLINGWORTH

# DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE BANSTEAD ROTARY CLUB

On behalf of all members of Banstead Rotary Club, I wish to congratulate His Majesty, King Charles III on his coronation

Long live the King.



King Charles III supporting Rotary's End Polio Now campaign during a trip to India.

On an historic weekend for the country, which sees the crowning of a new monarch for the first time since 1953, Rotary is getting into the community spirit.

## By James Bolton

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ith a Bank Holiday Weekend to mark the Coronation of King Charles III,

Rotary clubs from every corner of Great Britain and Ireland will be taking the opportunity to celebrate the historic occasion whilst also doing some good for local communities.

This includes volunteering as part of **The Big Help Out** on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, an initiative led by a coalition of non-profit organisations and championed by Buckingham Palace, to give the public a taste of volunteering.

Rotary clubs will be supporting a variety of activities, with a particular focus on one of King Charles III's great passions; the environment. From litter picks to tree planting, Rotary volunteers will be working with the public to restore, celebrate and promote our outdoor green spaces.



King Charles III meets Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, as part of Commonwealth Week in March.

Garth Arnold, Chair of the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Board, commented:

"On behalf of all members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, I wish to extend our warmest wishes to His Majesty King Charles III on his coronation.

Rotary and the Royal Family have held a strong connection with one another for decades. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was an honorary Rotarian of the Edinburgh, London, and King's Lynn Rotary clubs, first joining the former in 1952.

We've also been delighted to welcome King Charles III to our national conference in Blackpool in 2003, as well as The Princess Royal to Torquay in 2018, who is herself also an honorary member of Elgin Rotary Club.

We share your passion for community, for togetherness and tackling some of the most pressing issues being faced by people across not only Great Britain and Ireland, but the world.

While it has always been a thread running through all our humanitarian efforts, Protecting the Environment officially became one of our 7 Areas of Focus in 2020. This is a cause which you have so passionately and proudly championed for many years, and for which we were delighted to **recognise you with our Rotary Award of Honour**. Your voice continues to inspire action and change around the world.

We are also grateful for the support you have given to our End Polio Now campaign, which, to date, has helped to reduce the number of polio cases worldwide by 99.9%, including those in the Commonwealth most effected by the disease.

Rotary clubs and members will be involved in events nationwide which celebrate this historic coronation, as well as volunteering their time and engaging with their communities as part of The Big Help Out, which we are delighted to be a partner

organisation for." Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

## **BANSTEAD ROTARY Club CHARITY WALK (8.5 miles)**

## Sunday 21st May 2023



## **BANSTEAD ROTARY CLUB - CHARITY WALK 21st MAY 2023**

## Do you enjoy raising funds for your favourite charity?

Once again, we are organising our Rotary Charity Walk on 21st May 2023

This is a fun day out for all with a walk over local down and woodlands of about 8.5 miles.

Walkers can choose to raise funds for their nominated charity as well as helping us support both national and international charities.

For more details and how to enter visit our Charity Walk Event Page HERE

### ROTARY CHARITY QUIZ FOR THE ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY



Nearly 50 people got together on 22 April to enjoy a challenging quiz presented by Rotarian Simon Edmands to 8 teams. With questions on general knowledge, 50/50, 1950s music, the 1970s, logos, food & drink, current affairs and much more, the grey cells were well and truly taxed. With the ticket money after the buffet supper had been paid for, Banstead Rotary will have raised nearly £500 for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity thanks to those who came. We had several residents from Priory House and Banstead Rotarians, their families and friends. It was a lively and sociable evening.

Team Jolly Roger were a lively group who lived up to their name and won the quiz. If you missed it sorry but we will do it all over again next year.

#### HISTORY OF ROTARY: 118 YEARS YOUNG!

At our recent Charities Cheque Presentation Dinner, our Acting President Jane gave a brief history of Rotary and we thought it deserves to be shared more widely.

On February 23, 1905, Chicago lawyer, Paul P Harris, called three friends to a meeting.

What he had in mind was a club that would kindle fellowship among members of the business community.

Early on, Paul Harris realised that Rotary needed a greater purpose. While he served as president of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project: the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club.

The first Rotary Club established outside the US was the London Club, founded in 1912. There are now more than 46,000 Clubs worldwide in more than 200 Countries, with in excess of 1.4 million members.

Rotary works actively in the international arena, aiming to promote peace amongst all nations.

One of the international projects for which Rotary is best known is End Polio Now, a programme to immunise the world's children against Polio. This was started in 1985.

At the time, there were 350,000 cases reported in 1985 across 125 countries.



Last year 2022 there were only 30 new cases reported; which were confined to 2 in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan & 8 in Mozambique. In 2023, to date, zero children paralyzed by polio! This is a magnificent achievement, but work still continues to consolidate the eradication by continuing vaccination in vulnerable countries.

A joint venture Between Rotary, The World Health Organization and Bill Gates Foundation.

To find out more visit: <a href="https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history">https://www.rotarygbi.org/</a> or get in touch with us at Banstead Rotary via our contact page.

#### LOOKING FOR A LIVELY SPEAKER!?

# Would you like someone to provide your charity, Club members or volunteers with a talk?



Our Banstead Rotary member Richard Clark frequently provides presentations on topics of interest and would be very pleased to speak at your event. The topics typically last 30 minutes followed by a Question & Answer session. The talk is normally accompanied by a slide presentation so a

screen is usually required. A donation is requested in return to Banstead Rotary.

A very interesting talk is about "Jack The Ripper". Other topics include "Researching Family History". To arrange a booking please contact him via the Banstead Rotary website <a href="www.bansteadrotary.com">www.bansteadrotary.com</a> or our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub">https://www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub</a>.

# MAGNIFICENT EFFORT BY ROTARIANS AS £11,120 RAISED AT CHRISTMAS PRESENTED TO CHARITIES!

## To all our Charity partners,

I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for your attendance at our recent charity dinner. Your presence made the evening all the more special, and your testimonials and company were invaluable.

Your charity's missions are truly inspiring, and we are honoured to have had the opportunity to support your cause. We hope that this event helped raise awareness and funds for your organization, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the future.

Once again, thank you for joining us on this special occasion. Your support and dedication to your cause are truly commendable.

#### Sincerely, Jane Illingworth the Deputy President

The Rotary Club of Banstead has raised a **magnificent £11,120** for local charities over the Christmas period thanks to the generosity of Banstead!

The club held a very enjoyable Cheque Presentation Dinner at the Cuddington Golf Club on Tuesday 7th March. This was the largest Supper of Jane's Deputy Presidency. A great evening was enjoyed by all. Friends and charity partners also joined us as our special guests. The Club took the opportunity to present cheques to our charities to ensure that the money raised is put to good use as soon as possible. The evening is also a major networking event. Banstead Rotary's main Christmas activity is the Santa Sleigh which tours around the streets of Banstead Village, Nork, Tattenhams and Preston Hall from the beginning of December for three weeks up until Christmas.

The Santa Sleigh has been running for a great number of years since the 1950s and is a popular festive feature in the community.

Returning for the Christmas period, Santa and his charity partner elves raised £11,120. This was in spite of bad weather which forced the cancellation of some tours. Other Christmas activities this year included participation in the Banstead Village Christmas Shopping Evening with the Club's Santa magically switching on the lights.

The Club also organises supermarket collections and this season they were at Waitrose Banstead and at ASDA in Burgh Heath.

These activities plus Gift Aid resulted in bringing the total of the raised funds to over £11,120.

Some of the charities to benefit 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, Maggies at the Marsden, Q.E.F., Princess Alice Hospice, Crossroads Care Surrey and Transform Housing & Support.

Other special attendees were the recipients of The Charity Walk 2022 Awards: Liz Swinton Carshalton Inner Wheel Best Individual Fundraiser and Maura Barber and her parents 7th Banstead Scouts Best Team Walk.

Jane Illingworth, the Deputy President of the Club, welcomed everyone to the evening, as well as giving a talk about the history of Rotary. After a delicious meal of chicken in sauce with puff pastry followed by a chocolate dessert the awards were presented by Jane. The distribution of the funds to charities attending took place at Cuddington Golf Club after the celebration dinner. Other donations made immediately after Christmas were to the Scouts. Suzanne Rouse spoke about the Charity Walk and our next event due on 21 May 2023.

Roger De La Perrelle updated everyone: "We have just completed another successful year in fundraising."

"For us Rotarians it is very important to support local charities with our fundraising and projects. In addition to the Christmas Collection and Charity Walk we also organise the Banstead Village Fair which will take place on 1 July 2023 and which is an opportunity for local organisations and charities to promote their activities. We also hold Youth Competitions such as Young Chef and Youth Speaks."

We would love to see more **people joining Rotary.** We have a friendly and welcoming Club and want to extend an invitation to everyone who is interested in learning about how Rotary makes a difference in our community. All are welcome and just contact us via <a href="https://www.bansteadrotary.com">www.bansteadrotary.com</a>.



The gathering of Rotarians and their guests



David Annand -Crossroads Care



Roger de la Perrelle -Treasurer of the Macular Group



Lara Bell - Maggie's



Pete Jobson - Age Concern



Rebecca Ussher - Queen Elizabeth Foundation (QEF)



Penny Dearing - Epsom & Ewell Talking Newspaper



Alison Easson -Princess Alice Hospice



Steve Axon - Diamond Centre



Penny Griffiths - Good Company Food Bank



Liz Grace - Dyscover



Sara Truman - National Autistic Society Surrey



Liz Yiangou - Homestart Epsom, Ewell and Banstead



Maura Barber - 7th Banstead Scouts



Liz Swinton - Carshalton Inner Wheel

## SPECIAL THANKS



# THE DIAMOND CENTRE

FOR DISABLED RIDERS

Tel: 0208 643 7764

Email: admin@diamondcentre.org.uk

Charity Registered No. 1045970 Registered in England & Wales No. 3042659

9th March 2023

Roger de la Perelle

#### **Rotary Christmas Collection 2022**

#### Dear Roger

On behalf of everyone at The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders I am writing to thank you for the donation cheque for £450 which we received from your Rotary Christmas Collections. Please pass on our thanks to the members — their support is appreciated.

The dinner at Cuddinaton Golf Club was very enjoyable and as usual it was a great chance to network with other charities which is always worthwhile.

Diamond is going well at the moment and we have expanded our equine therapies. We have introduced 'Tea <u>With</u> a Pony', which has proved particularly beneficial to those suffering with dementia. Already we have noticed that for some of the participants it has rekindled old memories.

We always value support from Rotary and as I mentioned, this year's donation will go towards replacing some of the equipment we use for our riding activities and games for our riders.

I look forward to seeing you and Denny again at the Banstead Village Fair and hopefully we will have a team for the Charity Walk in May, as well.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Axon

Vice-Chair of Trustees, The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders



Our ref: Banstead Rotary - Christmas Collection22

29th March 2023

Mr R De La Perrelle

Transform Housing & Support Bradmere House, Brook Way,

info@transformhousing.org.uk www.transformhousing.org.uk

Dear Roger and all at Banstead Rotary,

Thank you for your generous donation of £500 that we received on 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support, hopefully this year we will be out in force with Santa and his sleigh, and the weather will not hinder collections as much as it did last year.

We have allocated the funds raised to our services within the Reigate and Banstead area. Many of the individuals we support come to us without any funds/income and have no family or friends as a support network. Due to the emerging impacts following the coronavirus pandemic, but also because of the cost-of-living crisis our clients are facing greater challenges than we have ever seen before. This donation will help us to support our clients in a variety of ways, including welcome packs, individual grants towards training and education and also support to move on to independent accommodation.

If you would like to find out more about our work or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again, thank you for your kind donation.

With very best wishes,

Georgie Brazier

Fundraising & Grants Co-ordinator

Community	and	Events	Team
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Supporter No:191512

Mr David Martin President

11 April 2023

#### Dear Mr Martin

Thank you so much for the proceeds from Charity Presentation night. Your support really is vital, as we couldn't be there for local people without you.

Now is a particularly difficult time for the Hospice, with both our costs and the demand for our services rising. Your fundraising has helped us so that we can care through the night.

Two weeks' worth of fuel so we can get to patients' homes costs œ38. While œ91 could pay for a nurse to carry out one night visit to someone in their own home. Without this service, those long hours between dusk and dawn would be much more frightening. Knowing our nurses are there, whatever the hour, makes a huge difference.

We could not continue in our work without supporters such as you. Your support helps us to provide advice, support and comfort to our patients and their families at every stage. Crucially, it allows us to bring our patients the right care, by the right person, at the right time whilst ensuring they are in the place they want to be. Thank you again from all the staff, volunteers and patients for whom this money will make a huge difference.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Jones Senior Community and Events Fundraiser

P.S. You can read how we manage and respect your data in our Supporter Privacy Notice at www.pah.org.uk/privacy













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### SPECIAL THANKS



admin@hseeb.org.uk

FAO: Jane Illingworth Banstead Rotary Club BY EMAIL ONLY:

22 March 2023

Dear Jane,

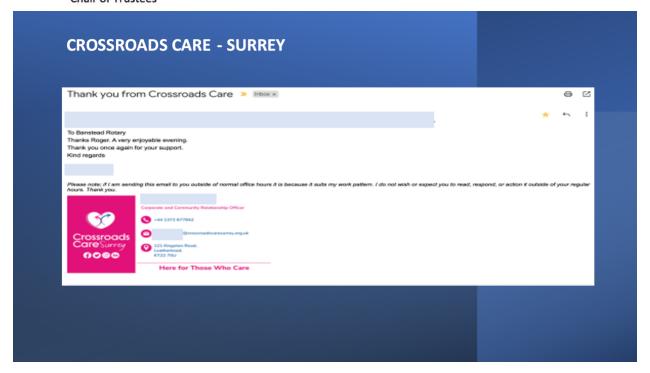
On behalf of everyone at Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead I would like to thank you for the kind donation we recently received from you in connection with the Banstead Rotary Club Charity Presentation Night.

Your donation is gratefully received and our families and their children will benefit from your kind generosity greatly.

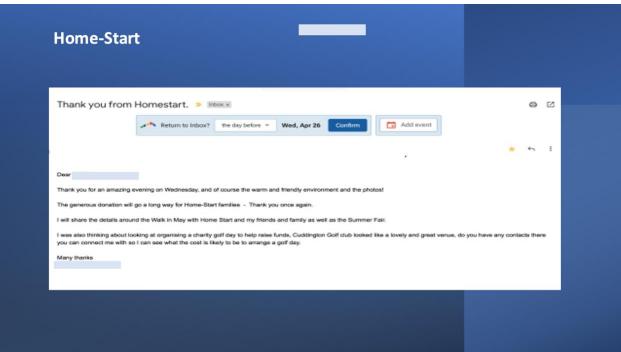
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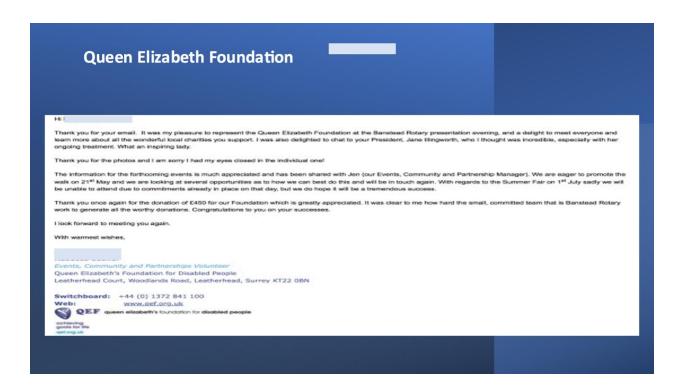
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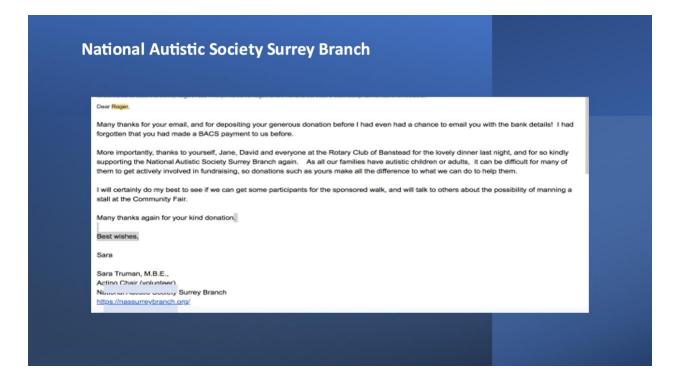
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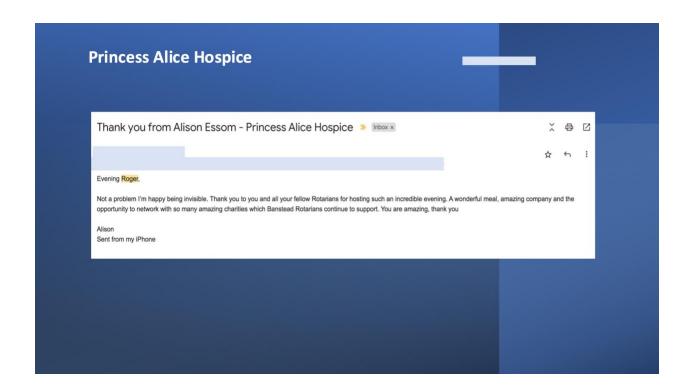


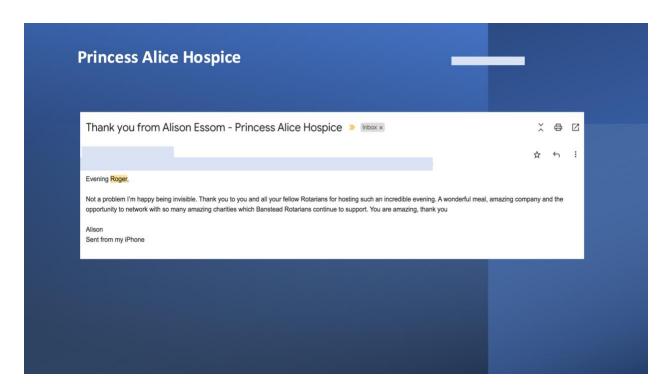












CROCUSES IN BLOOM AROUND BANSTEAD!



All the hard work in October, November and January was worth it – the Banstead Village area turns purple!

Banstead Rotary, The Beacon School and Banstead Village In Bloom and friends and family planted crocus corms across the Banstead area in October and November over the last few years. Now we have great displays of purple for all to see and for all to be reminded of the fight to End Polio. See the photos.

Lovely displays of flowers on the Banstead Library lawn and the verge by the entrance to The Horseshoe.

Let's hope that the mass of purple on the Orchard doesn't turn too many heads! Blooms are also visible now at the War Memorial verge as well as the Tattenham Corner Green.

Banstead surely must qualify for the title of 'most purple area in the Borough' as 4000 corms were planted last winter to add to those already planted in previous years. As these bright purple gems burst into bloom all over the town, Banstead ad Rotary Club celebrated!

#### **SHELTERBOX**

DONATION SEEING THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY MONDAY 6TH 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 HAVE DONATED OVER £1000 TO SHELTERBOX WHO ARE HELPING WITH THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS. THIS HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY SHELERBOX.



Rotary Club of Banstead

20 February 2023

A warm welcome to ShelterBox and a big thank you for your £1,180.00 donation. Your gift means that a family living through a crisis right now can feel more secure and start rebuilding their lives.

No one should be left without shelter after a disaster. Tents and home repair kits enable families to remain in their familiar environment while mending their homes and rebuilding their livelihoods. For those who have been forced to leave everything behind to flee for their lives, the gift of essential aid items means that they can create a safe shelter — not only to survive but also to have a private space for family life and to start planning together for the future.

Recovery starts with shelter, but we know that every crisis is different. Water filters, mosquito nets cooking sets and hygiene kits ensure that people stay healthy. In countries where families face harsh winters, warm blankets, mattresses, and winter clothing can be lifesaving. But we always ask the people affected by a disaster to find out what they need. So, we can promise you that your gift will be used where it is needed most and spent on aid items that make the biggest difference.

ShelterBox relies entirely on donations, and without our supporters, we wouldn't be able to help so many families around the world. That's why we value every donation and are genuinely grateful for your support.

The enclosed leaflet explains how we respond to disasters and how ShelterBox aid items help people turn around a crisis. We hope you enjoy reading it and feel encouraged about the change your gift will bring.

As it is so current, we want you to know that ShelterBox is responding after a series of powerful earthquakes in both southern Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and northern Syria. We believe that the best way for ShelterBox to be impactful is by staying flexible, and it is essential that we have funds available to support those affected by disasters around the world. Therefore, your support will contribute to our response as part of our General Fund and will be used wherever the need is greatest.

Once again, welcome to the ShelterBox community and thank you for giving people shelter after a disaster. We don't know what the next disaster will be, but we know we will be ready because of your support.

With warm wishes

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Phil Gilbert on behalf of ShelterBox

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

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."

#### WORK OF ROTARY

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:

<u>www.bansteadrotary.com</u> and you can find photos Website: <u>www.bansteadrotary.com</u>, Twitter: <u>@BansteadRotary</u>, Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/bansteadrotary.club</u>

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.

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.



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...

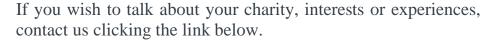
In the process, you can enjoy the benefits of business networking, personal development, meeting new friends, hearing inspiring speakers, having a great deal of fun and experiencing that special sense of fulfillment that comes from achieving something really

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.





#### **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 <u>click here</u>

