

The Rotary Club of Banstead

FEBRUARY 2024

Warm greetings from all of us at Banstead Rotary!

New Year Message 2024: Banstead Rotary championing Banstead, the community and global causes

Rotary is an international organisation founded in 1905 with more than 46,000 members' clubs worldwide and 1.4 million individual Rotarians. It has a long and celebrated history of helping communities across the world and making a difference to millions of lives!

At Banstead Rotary our commitment goes well beyond Banstead. We tirelessly engage in a mixture of activities that uplift and support our local community. We run competitions for local school children, the Youth Debates; fundraise to support various charitable initiatives; provide a Charity Walk, Village Fair and more. Our work reflects the spirit of Banstead! Your generosity helped us raise over £12, 000 from the Christmas Collections!

This vision doesn't stop, recognising our interconnection with the community we actively support pressing global issues such as food poverty and the need for shelter.

Join us in making a difference locally and globally! Come to meet us at our **forthcoming dinners and events:**

20th February - Charity partner dinner and cheque presentation

27th February - Zoom business meeting with talk by Katie Wilson on Sight For Surrey

5th March - Dinner and a talk by Richard Clark "Spain beyond the Costas"

19th March - Dinner and talk by Beryl Smith on the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance

26th March - Catch up at The Woolpack, Banstead

2nd April - Dinner and talk by Chris Elliott & Jennifer Hyde about the Surrey Anti-Slavery Partnership

12th April - Charity Quiz at The Beacon School

12th May - Charity Walk on Epsom Downs

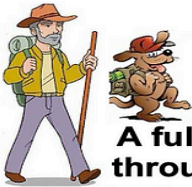
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President of Banstead Rotary Club

BANSTEAD CLUB CHARITY WALK 2024



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**Rotary Club of Banstead
Sponsored Charity Walk24
Sunday 12st May 2024**



**A fully marshalled walk of approximately 8.5 miles
through some of the most attractive scenery of the
North Downs starting and finishing at Epsom Downs.**

Walk to raise money for your preferred charity.

A great family day out – dogs welcome!

Entry and sponsor forms available online

<https://www.bansteadrotary.com/charitywalk24>

Further information available from:-

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Rotary Club of Banstead Trust Fund
Reg. Charity No. 1029532

In the month of May we put on a charity walk from Tattenham Corner and across Epsom Downs. We supply reception and stewards for the event to ensure its smooth running.

Over 80 walkers usually take part in this annual event. Walkers begin the walk from Tattenham Corner and are able to take in the splendid views and see the Epsom Derby venue getting ready.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends acted as reception and stewards along the route, giving support and ensuring the walkers are directed the right way. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood have always been in the forefront of the walk, and, in 2023, included Alzheimer's Society, Crossroads Care Surrey, Citizens Advice Reigate & Banstead, Diamond Riding, Dyscover, Jigsaw 4 U, and the Ryan MS Therapy Centre. Alongside them were individuals who had raised sponsorship funds to participate in the walk for other local charities.

This year the event raised over £6,000 for local charities. Over the years Banstead Rotary has organised the walk more than £40,000 has been raised.

STEVE BIRD ON THE SUEZ CRISIS OF 1956

On Tuesday 6th February Banstead Rotary Club and friends were entertained and informed through a talk by Steve Bird on the subject of the Suez Crisis 1956. Steve took us through the thinking, motivations and problems of each of the major participants in the crisis. In the process it became very clear why it was such a disaster for Britain and such a turning point in world affairs. Parallels with current events in the region were also very obvious by the time the talk was finished.

Steve was delighted to receive a cheque from the Club which will go to his chosen charity, the SAS Regimental Association Charity. Although everyone is aware of the SAS, few are aware of the



many needs of its veterans and injured serving members which the Association does so much to support. Steve competes with old friends to contribute and sees it as a small gesture to repay a debt the whole country owes.

SAM EYLES RECEIVES HER MEMBERSHIP PIN!

Congratulations to new corporate member, Sam Eyles, who received her membership pin from president Jane at our recent event hosted by Banstead Manor Hallmark Care Home.



MEAL A DAY TALK BY STUART WALKER



On 30TH of January, the Rotary Club met at our Corporate Rotary partner's venue, Banstead Manor Hallmark Care Home. We had a delicious buffet supper followed by a thought provoking talk about the charity Meal A Day presented by Stuart Walker



In a world where 22,000 people die each day due to poverty, 50% of the world's population live on less than \$2.50 a day, and 40% live without access to toilets, it's easy to see there's a need. The numbers are staggering, and it's difficult to comprehend just how big the need is!

Behind all the statistics are people: Brothers, friends, neighbors, mothers.

To learn more please see <https://meal-a-day.org/>

THE LONELINESS PROJECT TALK BY GORDON THOMAS

Sutton Nonsuch Rotary Club is running a Loneliness Project. The idea is to meet or telephone lonely people in the Sutton area, so they have some form of regular contact with a fellow, friendly individual. The project has been running successfully for over four years now. The Befrienders Team of the Volunteer Centre (Sutton) plays a key role in providing the contact details of the lonely people for the Nonsuch team to get in touch with. Contact is usually on





a weekly basis for a half hour home visit or a fifteen minute phone call

If you are interested in becoming a befriender with the Volunteer Centre, please contact Irene Jordan, the Befriending Project Manager, on 0208 661 5900 or email befriending@vcsutton.org.uk

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

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



LOCAL STUDENTS SHINE IN ROTARY DEBATING COMPETITION

By John Chamberlain - Sutton
Nonsuch Rotary Club

Twenty-one students from four
local schools took part in our
Youth Speaks: A Debate
Competition on Thursday
evening. Many adults run shy of



public speaking, so to see and hear year nine students speaking with such confidence and assurance was wonderful. This local heat of the national competition was once

again organised jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Banstead, Epsom and Sutton Nonsuch. Teams from The Beacon School, St Philomena's and Wilsons School took part in the Intermediate section (11 – 13 years old) with teams from Blenheim High School and Wilsons in the Senior (14 to 17) section. Each team consists of a Chairperson, a Proposer and an Opposer.

The team from The Beacon School got the Intermediate competition underway debating that 'footballers' income should be taxed at a higher rate'. St Philomena's discussed whether 'social media makes us less social', an important topic that affects many of us today. The team from Wilsons gave us a lively discussion on 'climate change being the most pressing issue facing us'. In her summary, chair of judges Ros Rokison said that the team were outstanding and they were adjudged the winners of the Intermediate competition.

In the senior section both teams provided the large audience, which included the Mayor, with lively debates. The proposal that 'the extra-curriculum is more important than the standard curriculum' was debated by an excellent team from Blenheim High School. The proposer of this motion was particularly persuasive. Then the proposal 'this house believes extremism is inevitable' was debated by a team from Wilsons. Although they exceeded the time limit of fifteen minutes, all three students were outstanding for content and delivery and they won the senior competition.

The three Rotary clubs thank our excellent judges Ros Rokison and Ken Rokison. Ros gave each of the twenty-one students useful constructive feedback. We also wish to thank Blenheim High School for hosting the competition. But most of all we congratulate each of the twenty-one students who had the courage to stand up and speak to a large audience. Public speaking is a hard skill to master, but such a useful skill to acquire and Rotary is proud to have given these young people this opportunity.

From The Beacon School Newsletter 19 Jan 24 (by Mrs. T. Pydiah)

Last Thursday evening, six of our Year 8 students participated in the Youth Speaks debating competition at Blenheim High School, led by Banstead Rotary Club. The students did phenomenally, competing against Wilson's School, St Philomena's Catholic School and Blenheim High School. Our teams debated the motions, "Homework should be abolished" and "Footballers' income should be taxed at a higher rate". At the end of a long evening, each participant was given invaluable feedback by the judges and was presented a certificate by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Councilor Rob Geleit. Whilst our teams did not win on this occasion, we are very proud of their

ambition and endeavours! A huge congratulations to Riley G, Niamh B, Anthony S, Tyler M, Georgi M and Oliver W.

THE BEACON SUPPORTING THE ROTARY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Beacon staff were delighted to support the Banstead Rotary Club's annual Christmas collection on Tuesday night; Ms Marrill, Mr Mitchell, Miss L Sharkey and Miss H Sharkey were there in fine spirits, walking the streets of Banstead with Santa's sleigh, knocking on doors and asking for donations to support a wealth of local charities. With well-loved Christmas tunes blaring out, the sleigh made its way through Banstead, bringing joy (and sweets) to lots of young children. We are certain that we knocked on the doors of many members of our school community - maybe you were surprised by one of us!

The Rotary Club is grateful for all of the kind donations received and please know that the money collected will be put to good use - almost £1000 was raised on the night. It was a close call between Miss L Sharkey and Mr Mitchell as to who collected the most, but in the end, Mr Mitchell was happy to concede defeat to our Head of History. Should anyone wish to add to the donations received so far and support those good causes, please click [here](#).

Article courtesy of the Beacon News



BANSTEAD ROTARY HAS A RECORD CHRISTMAS COLLECTION!



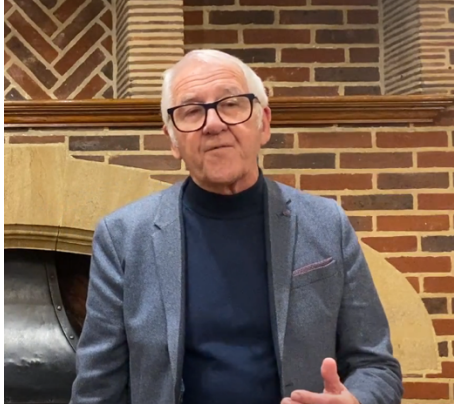
The Christmas spirit was alive and well in Banstead according to local Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Banstead is delighted to announce a record collection of over £12,000 for the Christmas Santa Sleigh last month. A big thank you to the residents who donated so generously! This generosity will enable us to support several local charities this year.

Yet again the generosity of Banstead came to the fore” said Christmas Collection Chair David Martin “Our Rotarians and charity partners would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the support received on the doorstep and at the supermarkets. We have been amazed by the response.”

Thanks go also to the individual volunteers, Club members and our charity partners who helped Rotarians take Santa’s Sleigh around Banstead Village and the neighbouring areas in the three weeks leading up to Christmas.

We also express our gratitude to both Waitrose Banstead and Asda Burgh Heath supermarkets for their support and for allowing us to make collections there too.

GET INVOLVED WITH ROTARY!



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Your skills and experience are invaluable in our drive to help communities at home and around the world through our volunteer work. Whether you become a member of Rotary or volunteer your time and abilities to our local club, you will be helping to make people's lives better. Just take a look at our list of members and committees [HERE!](#)

Banstead Rotarian Stuart Walker

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ROTARY:

- You could join your local Rotary and open up a world of opportunities
- You could donate to a club or Rotary initiative
- You could volunteer to speak at a club about a cause or interest
- If you are a school pupil, you could take part in a Rotary competition
- You could volunteer to help the club in one of its initiatives, without becoming a Rotary member

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, **we'd like to hear from you!**

Please contact us [HERE](#) to discuss your interest with a view to meeting up with local Rotarians at the Banstead Club - attending one of our speaker evenings or social events is a great way for you to get the measure of Rotary and for the club to get to know you.

You can learn more about us and membership [HERE](#) and:

[Twitter@BansteadRotary](#) & www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

QUIZ NIGHT 12TH OF APRIL 2024

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Exercise those grey cells and come along to

BANSTEAD ROTARY'S
QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 12th April 2024



7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start



Quizmaster - Simon Edmands

VENUE: The Beacon School, Picquets Way,
Banstead SM7 1AG *(Parking available)*

In aid of Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

Nibbles and bottled water on the table
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK - Glasses provided

Supper provided

Ticket: £15

Teams up to 8 or let us
know and we will allocate
you a team on the night.



To book: visit
bansteadrotary.com
Or Email:
rogerdip06@gmail.com

Banstead Rotary leaflet

BANSTEAD ROTARY LEAFLET

End Polio Now

This is an international project for which Rotary is well known and at Banstead we play our part. With the help of The Beacon School and Banstead Village in Bloom we plant purple crocuses across the Banstead area to provide a wonderful purple display and to serve as a reminder of the fight to end Polio.



Supporting Young People

Our support of young people is provided through Rotary competitions such as Youth Debates, Young Chef and an Interact Club (12-18 age).

In addition to these higher profile activities, we are constantly supporting other charitable initiatives under the radar.

BUT we always want to do more, and this is where you could play a part

What Banstead Rotary Does!

Christmas Collections

Christmas is a busy time of the year for Banstead Rotarians. We are proud we still maintain a Santa's sleigh. We brave the winter weather to tour the streets of Banstead with Santa to the delight of the young and young at heart. We are helped by local charity partners.

We also supply Christmas trees to local schools. But our biggest Christmas tree, which we select and cut personally, is reserved for pride of place in the centre of the roundabout at the start of Banstead High Street.

Through our Christmas collection programme, we aim to raise £10,000 to £12,000 each year.



Get involved with Rotary!



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If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, we'd like to hear from you!



Meeting over Dinner at Cuddington Golf Club



Banstead Rotary Club has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity over the years. We give back to the community, both local and international - and we'd love to have you come along.



Contact us via our social channels.

Website: www.bansteadrotary.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

X: [@BansteadRotary](https://twitter.com/BansteadRotary)

Charity Walk



In the month of May we put on a charity walk from Tattenham Corner and across Epsom Downs.

Over 80 walkers usually take part in this annual event.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends act as reception and stewards along the route. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood are at the forefront of the walk. Alongside them are individuals supporting other local charities.

This event raises over £6,000 for local charities.

Village Fair



In July each year we facilitate the Banstead Rotary Village Fair with over 30 stall holders representing a wide variety of local charities and organisations. There is music throughout the day and "The Orchard" is a colourful delight. This is a hugely enjoyable event which, as well as raising funds for local charities, raises the profiles of these organisations.

The importance of the event is in raising the profile of local groups and charities. The Rotary Club focuses on the organisation of the event as a key priority each year.



START YOUR ROTARY JOURNEY HERE

Rotary is more flexible than ever before. With a variety of ways to get involved with your local club, there is bound to be an opportunity to suit you, your lifestyle and your commitments.

Join an Existing Club (in person or online)

The most common method of joining. Clubs are flexible in their meeting times and locations, with multiple clubs often operating in a certain area, giving you options to suit you and your commitments.

As well as face-to-face meetings, a number of clubs operate with online meetings, offering greater flexibility for those who are frequently on the go, or those who lead a particularly busy lifestyle, but still want to give back to the community.

While clubs meet at different times, in different places and in different ways, the thing they all have in common is the fact they come together for hands on projects, volunteering and community activities to improve the lives of others.

Friend of Rotary and Project Volunteering

If you're not quite ready to commit, a number of clubs offer 'Friend of Rotary' programmes or volunteering options on specific club projects.

This gives you the opportunity to get involved with Rotary to decide whether it is right for you.

We'll ask you a few questions to understand what you're looking for, before connecting you with members in your area, where you'll have chance to try a few clubs to find your best fit.

Form your own club

Rotary builds from the ground up. So if you've got family, friends, colleagues or acquaintances to join you, why not start your own Rotary group? You can lead the way by facilitating new and vibrant ways of volunteering in your area. Rotary has a dedicated team of volunteers to help you every step of the way and build the perfect Rotary experience for you.

Corporate membership

Perfect for business! If your organisation wants to work closely with your local Rotary club to get involved in the community, you can. Rotary is a great way to put your organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility ideas into action.

Check out the Rotary Action Groups here:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/participate/programs/join-a-rotary-action-group>

Or Rotary Fellowships

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>



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£1,000 each, £120,000 total

Nominate today!




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<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history> and <https://www.rotarygbi.org/>,

Or get in touch with us at Banstead Rotary via our contact page.

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