



THANK YOU JOHN!

John Draper is our longest serving member and he joined Banstead Rotary in May 1977 and has volunteered selflessly for 47 years! He has served as over time as President and for over 13 years as International Chairperson and has raised funds by organising barn dances, plant sales, charity dinners, raffles, horse races, our Twin Club visits to & from Louviers Le Neubourg (France), and much more. He is a true example of the Rotary ethos "Service Above Self"! All funds he has raised have gone to support Rotary charities both in the local area and abroad.

John we are all very grateful for your commitment and support from your wife Jean to Banstead Rotary. Thank you from everyone.

Jane Illingworth
President of Banstead Rotary Club



Banstead Paul Harris Fellow ‘Clocks Up’ 47 Years Rotary Service!

Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn. John Draper MBE PHF for his immense service to Banstead Rotary Club. As a member who shared 37 of those years with John, we thought it right that I should add some personal memories to President Jane’s congratulations.

Anyone who knows about John’s contribution to club activity cannot fail to be impressed with the energy, enthusiasm and caring he brings to every task, which is why I have headed this piece with the Atlas icon, showing him bearing the weight of the Rotary world on his shoulders, with which I began every ‘International’ piece about him in the many years I edited the Newsletter. John’s passion is always the success of the club.

John was President, when he welcomed me into the club in October 1988, one of 44 members at that time. I was privileged to take over from him as President in 2008/09 and he went on to fill that post on two more occasions, which was certainly Service Above ‘Self’! John has worked in virtually every post in the club but there is no doubting that the special job for him was heading International Service – and especially nurturing the friendship link with our Contact club of Louviers le Neubourg in Normandy. He tirelessly maintains contact, raises hosting funds and promotes in every possible way this important facet of international entente and understanding. He introduced me to this activity in 1990, when he and Jean gave Joanne and me a lift to Louviers on that year’s exchange visit. We were hooked from then on.

John’s major second string to his bow was his leadership role in local Scouting – he was deservedly honoured in the New Years List 2000 with the MBE - the citation reading ‘John Winston Draper, For services to Young People and to the Rotary Movement in Banstead.’ So it came as no surprise when he recruited me to help with taking a Scout group all the way to Louviers to rough camp in the forest just outside the town at La Garde Chatel, an ancient domain, which had seen better days. I’m not sure which was more exciting: John and I careering down the coast to Louviers in a lorry packed to overflowing with everything needed to set up camp [including 17 bikes] – or lying awake each night in the tent listening for the snuffle of wild boar. John’s



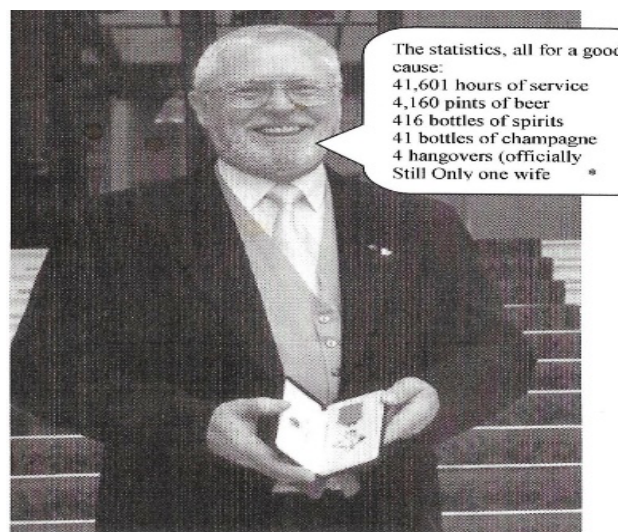
preparation and organization made it an excellent camp to remember with wonderful support from the Louviers Rotarians.

Successful as it is, the Louviers link is not the whole International Service story. John's work and leadership in a host of global projects is prodigious. In addition to the 'routine' work of paying the club's dues to the Rotary Foundation charity and ensuring substantial support for the Polio Eradication project – for which John has organised fundraisers from Raffles to Race Nights, Barn Dances and Plant and Book Stalls at the local Village Fair Day. Regular donations have been made to Shelter Box aid in disaster areas over many years and significant beneficiaries have been the 'Mercy Ships' and 'Jaipur Limb Centre' Charities. John organised the club's contribution to the District's matched-funding 'Sand Dams' project in Africa and we took on two international matched-funded projects of our own in the lovely but poor land-locked country of Lesotho. The first was to provide an upgraded Emergency Generator function at the remote mountain Hospital of Mantsonyane, after I had paid a visit there in 2009 and the second was to provide refurbished wheelchairs in that country. Both major projects and both, thanks to John's drive – entirely successful.

Skittles evenings, Stroke Awareness Day, substantial involvement at the annual Charity Walk – I could go on; John's 47 Rotary years have been action packed – an example to all of us.

Derek Aram

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



*Note: All figures approximate

John Draper MBE

An Example to us All

KEY DATES

4th of June - Diana Beck, Horticulture

DON'T MISS IT! Book your ticket

18th June Summer Guest Night - Mystery murder night, Cuddington Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd July - Ruth Mash about Banstead Rotaract

6th July - Village fair, Banstead High ST, 10.30am - 3pm

13th July Banstead Manor hallmark care home, Taster Day



*SUMMER GUEST
NIGHT.....*

Banstead
Rotary



A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

**Cuddington Golf Club, Banstead Road,
Surrey SM7 1RD**

Your invitation to...

The Grand Cru estate, situated on the fertile slopes of the Loire Valley in France, is a small family run vineyard with considerable rustic charm and appeal.

The owners of the Estate, Max and Demi Liler regularly post wine tasting evenings which allow their guests to sample the latest bottlings and place orders ahead of the big conglomerates.

Unfortunately, for the guests this evening, the vintage had more body than they were expecting.

Max Liler has been discovered dead in a vat of wine.

Who killed him and why?

*A bad
Vintage*

An evening led by Clive Richardson from Epsom Rotary Club

**TUESDAY 18th
JUNE
6.15 for 6.45 p.m.**

**2 course dinner
with coffee/tea**

£21.50pp

**Raffle
in aid of
The Royal
Marsden Hospital**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Email: janeillingworth@talktalk.net or rogerdlp06@gmail.com



BANSTEAD ROTARY CHARITY WALK24



This year our charity walk was held on Sunday 12 May which was a hot, sunny day so ideal for the road stewards, but, scorching for the walkers!

A total of 91 walkers strode the Downs (some with children and dogs) from Epsom Racecourse to Tyrrells Wood Golf Course, near Headley, and back in a circuit. The walkers passed a blue haze of bluebells in many of the woodland areas enroute and raised money for a number of different chosen charities.

The total raised is predicted to be more than £4500!

Suzanne Rouse, Charity Walk Chairperson commented “Thank you so much for all your hard work today to make Walk24 a success, it couldn't have happened without you all helping out. I want to thank our friends who helped to set everything up and also thank Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary Club as well as Valerie and Denise for their hard work with registration and certificate writing and Adore for her support on the day. An event like this just doesn't happen overnight so another big thank you for work



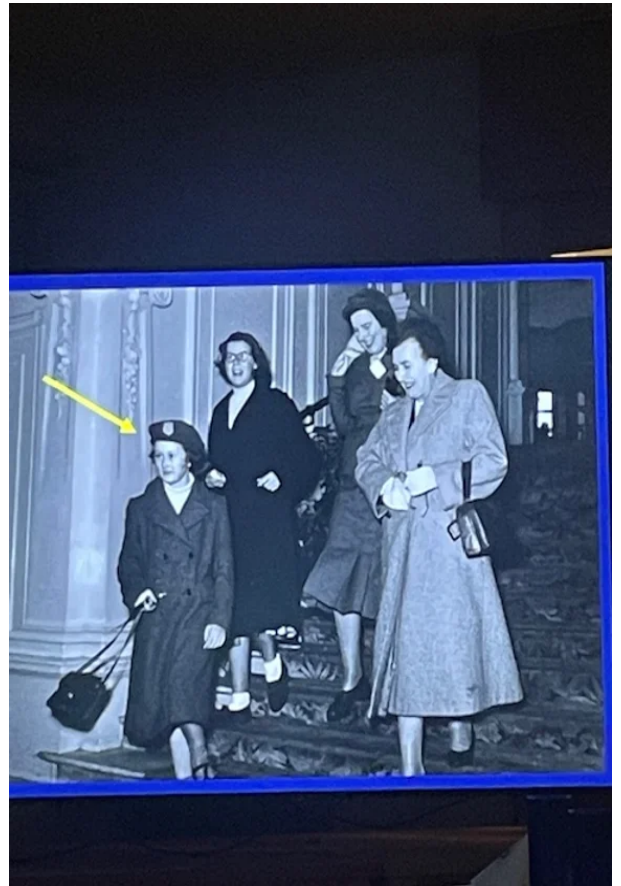
completed in advance. To Jane for the PR, David for sorting out admin for the event and organising tables and chairs. And last but not least, to Roger for all the emails over the last few months to walkers and gathering data for registrations and admin for the event to be able to take place. He will also be sorting out the sponsorship monies over the next couple of months.”

We are already working hard to deliver our next event:

The Banstead Village Fair on Saturday 6 July!



**HISTORY OF INNER WHEEL ON ITS CENTENARY - A
TALK BY DENISE DE LA PERRELLE**



Banstead Rotary members were delighted to welcome Denise de la Perrelle as speaker on 7 th May.

She spoke about this year's Centenary of Inner Wheel and its history since being formed by Margarett Golding in Manchester in 1924.

Inner Wheel is one of the largest organizations for women in the world with more than 120,000 members in 100 countries. Originally it was for wives of Rotarians but is now open to all women over 18. Over £1M was raised in the UK alone during 2023.

Denise has a long history with Inner Wheel and Rotary as her parents were founder

members of both Banstead Rotary and Banstead Inner Wheel. Sadly, the Banstead Club has now closed due to members moving away and age and health took its toll but the good work continues with as some members joined the Inner Wheel Club of Carshalton.

She talked about the importance of Inner Wheel and Rotary working together and the difference they can make in today's troubled world.



She finished with a moving story about Hope and read a short poem used by her father at his conference many years ago, but still relevant for us all.

*“So many Gods, so many Creeds
So many paths that wind and wind.
While just the art of being kind
Is all this sad world needs?”*

BANSTEAD MANOR LUXURY CARE HOME

Come and join Banstead Manor Luxury Care home on an incredible taster day on the 13th of July from 2pm – 5 ppm.



A taste of the good life.

Join us for a summer's afternoon of al fresco delights, live entertainment, activities and cocktails, and discover what life is truly like at Banstead Manor Luxury Care Home.

You never know, we might just surprise you.



Summer Taster Day

Saturday 13th July, 2pm - 5pm

Book today hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk/banstead-manor

Banstead Manor, Banstead, SM7 1BS | 01737 887 897



HALLMARK

BANSTEAD MANOR
LUXURY CARE HOME

Congratulations to our Corporate Rotary members!

Happy 5th Birthday to us!



Banstead Manor Luxury Care Home turned 5 on Saturday, and we had the most wonderful day celebrating.



Residents and their relatives, team, and their families enjoyed an afternoon of joyous celebration. With beautiful live music, magical entertainment, and the most wonderful food! 🥰

Everyone worked so hard to create such a fabulous day. Here are just some of the photos, with more to come!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

A special mention to the Banstead Manor Kitchen and Hospitalities Team for their hard work at our 5th birthday party on Saturday.








This is not just food, this is Banstead Manor Luxury Care Home's delicious and decadent canapes, lovingly prepared by our Head Chef and his team. 🥳🥰🥰

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 Banstead Manor - WALK24 for [The Brigitte Trust - Helping People Live Well Beyond Diagnosis](#).
 



 What a beautiful day it was for our charity walk yesterday organised by the [Rotary Club of Banstead](#)! In bright sunshine and clear blue skies, we managed to complete the 8.5 miles (plus a little bit more due to our map reading skills 🤔) up and over the North Downs to raise money for [The Brigitte Trust - Helping People Live Well Beyond Diagnosis](#)




🙏 We are still a little way off of our fundraising target, so if you are able to support us, please do so using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3Wknyn9>. We would be extremely grateful 😊. Thank you!

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[with Burgh Heath](#) [Banstead Village May Queen Group](#) [Age Concern Banstead](#)



BANSTEAD ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY TALK

Banstead Rotary joined our Corporate Rotary members at Banstead Manor Hallmark Carehome for a very interesting and comprehensive talk about Banstead Arts Festival Society and the history and accomplishments of the charity. To accompany the lecture recorded pieces of music were played.

Margaret Mcfarlane told us “ As Chairman of Banstead Arts Festival Society, it is a privilege and great joy to bring live music to Banstead. As well as engaging celebrated national and international artists it gives the society particular pleasure to support young musicians in the early stages of their professional career.”

You can read about the society and it's summer programme and events at



BANSTEAD ROTARY QUIZ NIGHT RAISES MORE THAN £780 FOR THE ROYAL MARSDEN!

A local quiz team has won the Banstead Rotary Club's annual challenge that has raised over £780 for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.



Held at The Beacon School, the quiz night was attended by over 90 people and brought together 12 teams made up of Rotarians and members of the local community, whose attendance and donations outstripped last year's fundraising efforts.

The winning team, amusingly named Leavers Alone was made up of local supporters.

Organisers of the quiz night were Banstead Rotarians Roger and David. The quiz master was Leatherhead Rotarian, Simon.



QUIZ MASTER SIMON



**JANET - OUR AMAZING QUIZ FOOD
PREPARATION ASSISTANT**

President Jane said “We were delighted that local Surrey charity, The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity is set to benefit from funds raised at our well attended quiz night at The Beacon School.



The tremendous support we received from all those who attended certainly boosted our fundraising efforts. It will enable us to distribute an even larger amount of money than was raised last year to a very worthy cause."

OUR NEXT MAJOR EVENT: BANSTEAD VILLAGE FAIR

(Saturday 6th July 2024)

Save the date for

Banstead
Rotary



VILLAGE FAIR

Saturday 6th July 2024

In the Orchard at the centre of
Banstead High Street
Opening by The Mayor
at 10.30 a.m.
Closing at 3.00 p.m.
FREE ENTRY - Come along and find out more

****Banstead Show Choir performing at 12 noon**
**** Live music from Gavin's Rock 'n' Roll Band**
performing 60's & 70's music

Around 30 local organisations
will be participating.

- * *Stalls*
- * *Sideshow*s
- * *Games*
- * *Information*
- * *BBQ*
- * *Refreshments at the Open Door Cafe*

Enquiries to 07817 210691
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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

There are many ways to get involved with 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



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

Get involved with Rotary!



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Rotary Membership means access to a circle of new friends and a range of social activities.

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)

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.



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>

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

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