

Dear friends,

As we begin the new Rotary year, I want to thank all the Club members and Friends for their hard work over the last 12 months. We had an amazing Village Fair with over 30 stalls.

The Christmas Collections occurred despite the weather and raised over £11,000; we held a successful Christmas Dinner, Quiz Night & Summer Guests' Night, raising nearly £1000 for

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity: the Charity Walk had over 80 walkers and raised an amazing £6000.



President of Banstead Rotary Club

As we volunteer together for Rotary, please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the New Rotary Year!

Jane

BANSTEAD ROTARY CHARITY RACE NIGHT

5TH SEPTEMBER 1815PM



Banstead
Rotary



ROTARY DISTRICT 1145

RACE NIGHT

All proceeds to
Rotary's 'END POLIO NOW'
campaign

£21.50 pp



PLACE YOUR
BETS!!

RAFFLE

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

Tuesday 5th September 2023 from 6.15 p.m.

6.45 p.m: 2 course supper followed by
an Evening at the Races.

TO BOOK: call Jane on 01737 356351
Or email: janeillingworth@talktalk.net
(mention any dietary requirements)

Payments by BACS please

Rotary Club of Banstead 30-98-43 17997068

OUR WORK

Banstead Rotary Club has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds over the years for charity, without our members taking a penny for ourselves. We give back to the community, both local and international - and we'd love to have you along.

We support and work in partnership with a wide range of charities and projects at a local and national level. By combining our skills, time and resources, we are able to successfully deliver local and national campaigns which have a positive impact in our communities.

We're preparing a variety of community service and fund-raising projects.

Rotary gives everything to charity and we are careful to see that the money we raise goes to the people who need it. The money from our Christmas collections goes to local charities, and we also do fundraise for the third world throughout the year e.g. sending Shelter Boxes to places like the Philippines after disasters, so peoples' lives will be changed for the better. If you want to give money to charity you can be sure if you do it via Rotary none of the money goes into members' pockets and we pass every penny raised to local charities. We try to ensure that the money gets to people who really need it!

We are People of Action



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Rotary is one of the world's largest and most successful global membership and humanitarian service organisations, with 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries.

Through membership of a Rotary club, individuals volunteer their time by uniting together to deliver projects in communities at home and overseas.

Rotary gives you the platform to turn your ideas and passion for change into action, develop your skills and build lasting relationships.

IN MEMORY OF JOANNE ARAM



In memory of Joanne

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of Joanne Aram. We extend our deepest condolences to her husband Derek, her children, Catherine and Richard of course their wider families during this difficult time.

Joanne was a gentle and charming woman who touched the lives of many within our community. Her warm smile, kind heart, and unwavering positivity were a source of inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those she encountered.

Joanne was very involved with Inner Wheel where she was President of Banstead Inner Wheel Club in 1993-1994 and again in 2004 – 2005. She was Treasurer of the Banstead Club and also District 14 Treasurer. She was very supportive of all the Inner Wheel activities over her many membership years.

As a keen member of the congregation at All Saints Church in Banstead she was very involved with All Saints Mothers Union. She worked in the Open Door Coffee Shop as a regular volunteer for a number of years. She also volunteered for the local foodbank.

Her career had been in education where she was an Ofsted Inspector for the Early years. As a Club we have appreciated her support over many years and will be there for Derek as he comes through this sad time.

Massive thanks Banstead!

Our fundraising events and activities for 2022-3 focused on the Christmas Collections, the Charity Walk and the Village Fair.

Our Rotary club organises various events and activities in Banstead throughout the year for fundraising purposes and we are able to make donations and support projects for many local charities and groups.

Last year we donated the sum of £14,923.78. During the last 12 months period, the breakdown of those donations raised a total **£22,350.55** , over 30% more!



BANSTEAD ROTARY VILLAGE FAIR 1ST JULY '23



Banstead Rotary Village Fair 1st July '23

The Banstead Village on 1 July was yet another success this year with 33 stall holders representing a wide variety of local charities and organisations.

The Orchard was colourfully set out with tombolas, raffles, bric-a-brac, cakes, lucky dips, competitions, and many tables giving information to the members of the public.

The weather was good after early morning rain, and, the sun came out for another fantastic Banstead Rotary Village Fair. Hundreds of visitors helped to make it a highly enjoyable event and raise more money for charity.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead Councillor Eddie Humphries. President Jane Illingworth welcomed him, and Fair organiser Roger de la Perrelle welcomed the public and the stall holders.

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.

There was live music throughout the day from the excellent Old Gits in the morning and Gavin's Band in the afternoon, 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.

Banstead Rotary 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 stakeholders who are such an integral part of the day and the many visitors who come year after year.

We look forward to seeing you on 6th July 2024!



Participants:

Banstead Rotary, entertainers: Old Gits, Gavin's Band, and the Showchoir 7th Banstead Scouts, All Saints Mothers' Union, Anchor (Greenacres) Residential, Home, Banstead Age Concern, Banstead Art Group, Banstead History Research, Society, Banstead Horticultural Society, Banstead Library Activities, Banstead Manor Care Home, Banstead U3A, Banstead Village Residents, Association, Carshalton Inner Wheel, Cheam & Sutton Rotary, Children's, Trust, Christ Church Banstead ,Diamond Centre, Disaway Trust, Epsom & Ewell Talking Newspaper, Epsom Canine Rescue, Macular Society Support Group Mary Frances Trust, MS Society, RSPCA Guildford & Epsom Branch, Scouts BBQ, Stepping Stones Cat Rescue & Haven, Support for Kenya, The Brigitte Trust, The Brooke Hospital for Animals, The Tuesday Club, Woodland Trust, World Scout Jambouree, YMCA.

To join us in volunteering please see www.bansteadrotary.com

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Here are some more memories of the day!



SUMMER GUEST NIGHT

Hot on the heels of the visit of our French friends from Louviers Le Neubourg, club members, their partners and guests were again out in force for our annual Summer Guest Night which was held at Cuddington Golf Club on Tuesday 20th June.

The setting was perfect: a glorious mid-summer's evening! Following drinks on the patio with its fabulous views towards London, our 30+ gathering enjoyed a delicious meal which was followed by the evening's entertainment. First, members Derek and Roger provided a recital which was followed by a mystifying display of magic by Theo, the magician.

Our raffle for the evening was for the benefit of the president's charity: The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. £200 was raised!

A great night was enjoyed by all.



A WEEKEND VISIT FROM OUR TWIN CLUB LOUVIERS LE NEUBOURG



The Rotary Club of Banstead is twinned with Louviers Le Neubourg. Typically we visit them one year and the next year they visit us. Over the weekend of 16-18 June 2023, 9 Louviers Le Neubourg Rotarians and partners travelled to Surrey to meet with their Rotarian friends from their twin club of Banstead. The clubs have been twinned for over 50 years and it was the chance to renew old

friendships and for new members to make new ones!

Everyone met up at Cuddington Golf Club for home made shortbread and tea/coffee. It was obvious from the start that food would play a big part in the weekend! The Louviers club's President Stephane Sauvan lead the French group and Rotarians Roger de la Perrelle and David Martin had organised the weekend's hospitality which began that same evening at Rotarian hosts homes which celebrated the return to UK visits following the end of covid.

We had a fascinating visit next day to Whitchurch Silk Mill by the Age Concern Banstead coach. We also had lunch there too. This was followed by a guided tour of the Bombay Sapphire at Laverstoke Mill and stroll around the area. We finished with a wonderful cocktail master class!

After the drive home through Hampshire and Surrey we relaxed and then all had a celebratory dinner with Rotary host families and friends at The Grumpy Mole, Tadworth including speeches and toasts made by Presidents Jane & Stéphane.

So after many miles and meals we found ourselves back for Sunday lunch at Cuddington Golf Club on our final day to discuss joint memories and future projects . We will make our return trip to Louviers Le Neubourg in 2024!



£700 END POLIO NOW DONATION!

Banstead Rotary just donated £700 to End Polio Now! Add Gates Foundation matching funds and it will be worth £2100!

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



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

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As people living in Banstead and Rotarians we are very fortunate to live in a country where we are vaccinated as a right, so long as we make the choices to do so!

Please help in this aim, and, help Rotary and its partners keep Rotary's promise to make sure the last case of Polio is sooner rather than later. Until polio is totally eradicated, every child is at risk of this highly infectious, potentially life-threatening and paralysing disease. There is no cure for polio but there is a safe and effective vaccine. Rotary and our partners continue to give around 2 billion doses of vaccine annually to 450 million children worldwide. If Polio is not eradicated, we could see as many as 200,000 new cases across the world within 10 years. When the world is declared polio free, it will be just the second human disease ever to be eradicated, after smallpox!

If you'd like to know more about Rotary and End Polio Now visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio>

3D PRINTER FOR THE BEACON SCHOOL BANSTEAD

Supporting The Beacon School from Banstead Rotary's Fundraising!

During Spring 2023 The Beacon School in Banstead were looking to purchase a 3D printer at a cost of £428.99 and approached Banstead Rotary in the hope that it might be able to provide funds.

The Beacon School pupils have supported Banstead Rotary in several ways over the years. The Student Council has formed a Rotary Interact Club. As an additional bonus to the Rotary Club, pupils volunteered to help with the annual Christmas Santa collection and this was supported in Banstead by some pupils. As a result several previous donations to the school were made.



In addition to this for the annual Polio Crocus plantings assistance was provided from pupils and a member of staff.

As an additional bonus to the Rotary Club, and as a result of this connection made by Rotarians the school has taken part in other Rotary youth opportunities, in particular, Young Chef and Youth Debates. Both of these activities will be followed up in future years.



Working with our Rotary South District the funds were donated, and consequently an amount for £428.99 representing the cost was presented to the school.

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE AT BANSTEAD MANOR!

A wonderful evening of friendship and good food was enjoyed by Banstead Rotary Club at a buffet supper hosted by its Corporate Member Fiona at Banstead Manor.

Members and partners attended the event. Jane also welcomed Toni to the Club and wished her well in her new role.

After we had eaten Thiery showed a video she had created with a detailed talk on the subject of Dorothy Dandridge, the American actress, singer and dancer, who was also the first African-American film star to be nominated for The Academy Award for Best Actress. This was



followed by a lot of questions and answers which bore testimony to the extensive preparation she 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 Fiona for organising this evening and Thiery for an excellent talk.”

BANSTEAD ROTARY CHARITY WALK 2023

Around 83 walkers took part in the annual Banstead Rotary Charity Walk!



On May 21, the walkers went to Tattenham Corner and made their way on the walk where they were able to take in the splendid views and see the preparations for this year's Epsom Derby.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends acted as reception and stewards along the



route, giving support and ensuring the walkers were directed the right way. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity. This year the total is heading for £6000. Over the years Banstead Rotary has organised the walk more than £40,000 has been raised.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood have always been in the forefront of the walk, and, once again they were out in force, including 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.

Suzanne, Chairperson for Banstead Rotary Charity Walk, said "Around £6,000 was raised for different charities and good causes and all concerned are thanked by the walk organisers for their involvement. Hopefully next year we will be back for the early May date.

The walk organisers wish to thank the Epsom Downs Conservators for allowing the walk to start and finish on the Epsom Downs. The beautiful scenery with bluebells in abundance made the walk enjoyable for everyone.

Deputy President Jane said, "I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Suzanne, Roger and the walk team for the amount of time they spent organising this grand event. Also, for all the people who did the walk and raised sponsorship, and of course all the Rotarians and friends of Rotary who gave up their Sunday morning to act as stewards."

**Donations can still be made at: [https://
app.investmycommunity.com/bansteadrotarywalk23](https://app.investmycommunity.com/bansteadrotarywalk23)**

BANSTEAD ROTARY SUPPORTS THE BIG HELP OUT

On Monday 8th May – the BIG HELP OUT DAY, some of our members volunteered as welcome party and waiters at the Sanderstead and Selsdon Reach Out. This is an event in which Banstead Club has been involved for many years with members from S&S Club helping us with our Rotary Walk as a reciprocal arrangement.



The weather was kind as a dozen minibuses arrived over about an hour carrying elderly and lonely folk from the local area. These were people who lived alone with carers or relatives looking in on them from time to time together with some who coped entirely alone. Some were wheelchair bound.

The 78 guests arrived to find the hall at All Saints Church in Sanderstead festooned with union jacks and the tables adorned with floral decoration and table cloths with patriotic napkins.

We helped welcome, seat and provide drinks for the guests and then at 1.00 p.m. food was served: ham, beef and chicken salad with buttered boiled pots. We delivered the food from the kitchen area to the tables where it was enthusiastically consumed! Dessert followed and then coffee and a slice of the Coronation cake rounded off the occasion.

Entertainment was provided by singer Barry Stephens using backing tracks. He soon got everyone involved, singing popular songs from over the years.

After reuniting the guests with their correct minibuses, we helped clear the hall and said our farewells.

We were part of a team of volunteers from the home Rotary Club together with folk from West Wickham and Ashted Clubs with the addition about 15 scouts.

Wendy Parr, President of S&S Rotary Club was delighted with the day and with the happy smiles and voices of those present we felt we had entered into the spirit of the BIG HELP OUT.

Representing Banstead: Suzanne, David and Roger Dip with guest appearance from Paul Lufflum who hosted a table.

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 Edmonds 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.

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ROTARY MYTHBUSTER!

Rotary Myth Buster



ROTARY IS FOR MEN

WRONG! Rotary has welcomed women for over 30 years.

IT'S FOR RETIRED PEOPLE

WRONG! We are open to ages 18+ Age is just a number, it's attitude that is more important.

IT'S FOR PROFESSIONALS

WRONG! Diversity is our strong asset and there's always a place for you in Rotary.

YOU MUST ATTEND EACH WEEK

WRONG! We focus on what you can contribute. Get involved with fundraising activities, community projects and activities.



IT'S A RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION / SECRET SOCIETY

WRONG! Rotary is non-religious and non-political.

YOU HAVE TO BE FORMALLY DRESSED FOR MEETINGS

WRONG! We are interested in what you can offer, not how you dress.

IT'S A LUNCH AND DINNER CLUB

WRONG! We do have meals at most meetings, however we principally meet to plan projects, have guest speakers, socials and run activities.

MEMBERSHIP BY INVITE ONLY

WRONG! Anyone with the right mindset can visit and join. We accept members from all walks of life.

INTERESTED IN BIG INTERNATIONAL

PROJECTS ONLY **WRONG!** We are involved in these huge projects, however the majority of our work is within local communities supporting local causes.



Rotary - People of Action

Google us to find out more

To find out more, visit:

<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.

