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NEWSLETTER: MARCH—APRIL 2017

We now approach the final few months of this Rotary year which I'm sure has not gone unnoticed by our President Dick! So far it has been a busy year with Rotary York Ainsty contributing much to local communities but also through international links as well. I have included some notes on page 5 to explain what 'YARN' is, as this is something we are exploring to publicise the 60 years of the link between York and Münster, but also our Rotary partner as well. Simon Popple will be talking about this at the meeting on 24th April, so hopefully this will give you some idea what it is about. Enjoy your Rotary...

Jim Murison

Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th March	Days for Girls Workshop—York Minster (see page 4)
Saturday 11th March	Rotary Grant Training Seminar—The Bridge Hotel, Walshford
Saturday 18th March	DfG/Specsort2—St Clement's Church, Scarcroft Road (see page 6)
Saturday 25th March	RIBI Regional Assembly—Leeds (Thorp Park Hotel)
Wednesday 29th March	Specsort—Copmanthorpe, 9.30am (at Colin Perrott's)
Friday 7th April	Start of RIBI Conference in Manchester
Wednesday 26th April	Specsort—Copmanthorpe, 9.30am
Saturday 6th May	District Assembly (Fulford School)
Saturday 20th May	District Council (Fulford School)
Saturday 20th May	DfG/Specsort2—All Saints' Hall, Upper Poppleton
Monday 22nd May	Rotary York Ainsty—AGM
Wednesday 31st May	Specsort—Copmanthorpe, 9.30am
Saturday 10th June	Duck Race—Poppleton (see page 3)
Monday 19th June	Rotary York Ainsty—Club Assembly
Monday 26th June	Rotary York Ainsty—President's Night & Handover evening
Sunday 2nd July	District Handover lunch
Tuesday 11th July	St Crux Fund Raising Day
Saturday 15th July	DfG/Specsort2—All Saints' Hall, Upper Poppleton
Sunday 27th August	Rotary Day at the Test Match (Headingley)
Saturday 16th September	DfG/Specsort2—All Saints' Hall—Upper Poppleton
Friday 13th October	Start of District Conference—Scarborough

St Leonard's Hospice—volunteers required for collection in York City Centre

If anyone can spare time on **Thursday 16th March** between 9.00am and 4.00pm, please contact Alan Stow by 6th March (Tel: 01904 707358).

Gardens at York District Hospital

Our Rotary group continues to provide gardening and maintenance of the Cancer Care and the Bereavement Suite Gardens. Additional work is currently being done to enhance the Bereavement Suite before their annual Mothering Sunday event. Jim Murison is hopeful of financial assistance from charity sources in addition to Rotary's contribution.

Club News: Ernest Victor Fawell, MRCVS

We are sorry to report the death of one of our Founder Members and Past President Ernest Fawell, who died on 8th January at Amarna House, York. We extend our sympathy to Vera and the family at this sad time. A number of York Ainsty Rotarians attended the funeral on 24th January at York Crematorium.

Ernest was born on 16th January, 1926, in Coxhoe, Durham, a small mining community and attended Cornforth Lane School, Coxhoe, and Alderman Wraith Grammar School, Spennymoor. He studied at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College

in Edinburgh during the war years serving in the Dick Vet Contingent of the Home Guard for two years until the end of the Second World War. He qualified in December 1948 and became a junior assistant to Leslie and Clark at Skipton, West Yorkshire and latterly as a partner in a York veterinary practice. He became a director at The Veterinary Defence Society in 1992 and served until 1996. Ernest was also widely known for his equine abilities, and as Chief Veterinary Officer to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for 20 years and a horse committee member for over 50 years.

Ernest served York Ainsty Rotary faithfully for over 50 years, serving as Club President in 1977-78 and subsequently awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Visit of Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor of York, Cllr. Dave Taylor and Lady Mayoress Ms Susan Ridley visited the club on Monday 6th February. He spoke of the highlights of his year being the civic visit to Shanghai, China.

Dave was elected as a Councillor for Fishergate for the Green Party in 2007 alongside Andy D'Agorne. He was the first Councillor to be put forward by the Green Party to be Lord Mayor of York.



President Dick with the Lord & Lady Mayoress

Interesting ways to raise funds as RIBI aim for £1 million in latest 2017 Polio eradication campaign

Purple4Polio

Wilkin & Sons Ltd (Tiptree Jam) has given 52,000 specially branded jars of plum and greengage Purple4Polio jam to Rotary members across Britain and Ireland who will use the jam to raise awareness of the Purple4Polio campaign and to raise money by filling the empty jars with coins. The aim is to raise up to £1 million, and with matching funding through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this £1 million will become £3 million.

Polio eradication has become a personal mission for **Eve Conway, the President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland**. Eve recently returned from India where she joined British Rotarians on the frontline in the fight against the disease. India was declared polio free in 2014 but there are still vital ongoing national immunisation campaigns giving polio drops to every single child under five years old in order to keep the country free of the disease. Eve Conway says: "We want to celebrate our immense achievement so far and remind everyone we are so close now to Rotary's goal of a polio free world. With just 37 cases worldwide last year, it's absolutely vital we push this last step. We truly are on the brink of an historic milestone and this year we could see the last case of polio worldwide."

Tea parties is another way that clubs across Great Britain and Ireland are raising funds throughout the coming weeks.

Rotary York Ainsty will continue to support the polio campaign throughout 2017.



Cabinet—Defib Safe2



AED to be used in Acomb

Defibrillator update

Note: AED is Automated External Defibrillator

Dennis Miller reports that the defibrillator we raised funds for in Acomb has now been ordered and will be installed at the offices VisionCare run by Colin & Ruth Perrott. Colin has kindly offered to arrange the installation.

Cost of the cabinet **£478.80**

Cost of device **£921.60**

On Saturday 25th February a collection was held at Tesco, Askham Bar, raising £515 towards a defibrillator for Acomb Sports Club. Dennis is also encouraging us to recommend suitable sites for defibrillators in areas we collect at Christmas.

Specsort and Ruth Perrott

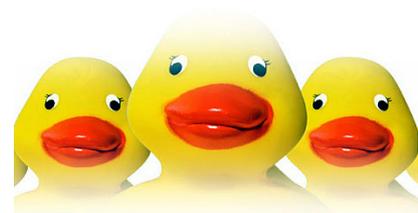
Ruth will be travelling out to Malawi on Tuesday 7th March, returning on 22nd March. She will be giving a presentation about the visit to the York Ainsty Meeting on **Monday 10th April**.

Don Wilson reminds us that Specsort requires volunteers on the last Wednesday of each month to help with the sorting at the Perrott home in Copmanthorpe.



A date for the diary: Saturday 10th June Fund Raising Duck Race in Poppleton

Andrew Wordie is organising this day and seeking help through our friends and other charities that may be willing to partner with us. YorkMind has already agreed to help with publicity and sell ducks (£1 per entry). Let's make this a fun event and publicise Rotary at the same time.



Change of email address:

Please note that Jim Murison has changed his email address to: james.murison@outlook.com



Afternoon Teas in Copmanthorpe

Chris True writes:

Over the past year a group of people in Copmanthorpe have hosted a monthly afternoon tea event for some older people in the York area who find it more difficult to get out on their own. Contact the Elderly is a charity which was started 50 years ago in London and has extended throughout the country.

Led by York Ainsty Rotary, with the help of Revd Julia Skitt and of course some generous people opening their homes, up to six people have enjoyed this delightful hospitality during 2016. We also have several volunteer drivers to pick up their charges and return them safely to their homes. It has been a very rewarding experience for all concerned and the feedback has been wonderful. We call it 'better than Betty's!

I would like to thank everyone who has held a tea party here in Copmanthorpe and the team of drivers.

If anyone thinks they could host an afternoon tea or knows of anyone who is unable to get out by themselves and would enjoy taking part, please let me know. We have room for a couple more people – gentlemen would be most welcome.

All I can say is thank you to the people of Copmanthorpe for being so generous and thoughtful.

Editor: This article appeared in the February issue of the Copmanthorpe Village Magazine

Rotary York Ainsty's big day at York Minster celebrating International Women's Day



On **8th March 2017** the North Transept of York Minster will be turned into a Days for Girls workshop. Days for Girls (DfG) is a world-wide "hands-on" project which involves volunteers coming together to make washable, easy to use, feminine hygiene kits for girls in developing countries.

Following on from the huge success of last year's event, the first of its kind, which saw over 300 women and girls from across York, Yorkshire and the country (with some travelling from as far as Edinburgh to take part), over £600 raised and more than 80 completed kits, which were sent to Nepal, the Gambia and other projects throughout this year, we hope this year's event will be just as successful.

Contact **Issy Sanderson** for more details and if you can come to the Minster on **Wednesday 8th March.**

'YARN'

What is Yarn?

Yarn is a community storytelling application designed to allow users to create stories, using material from the web and from archive partners such as the BBC, National Media Museum and the Science Museum.

Who created Yarn?

Yarn was designed and created during the Pararchive project, a research programme led by the University of Leeds that took place between October 2013 and March 2015. The project explored the creation and development of new public spaces online, bringing material from large institutions out into the public web for use by various communities.

The project team co-designed Yarn together with communities in Manchester, Bute, Stoke-on-Trent and Leeds.

What is the Yarn Library?

Every time you add an item to a story, it is also added to your Library. The library is a collection of all the items you and other storytellers have added to Yarn.

You can add items to the library while you're writing passages for your story. Or you can add some items directly to your library before you've even starting writing stories.

This is a great way of collecting material together before you know how you want to organise it into a story.

The York—Münster Yarn

The York-Münster Memory Book Project: 60 years of twinning
by [ExploreYork Archives](#)

July 2017 marks the 60 year anniversary of the town twinning between York and Münster. The idea for this project was created by Explore York Libraries and Archives and the Civic Office with the aim of creating a digital archive of the memories and experiences of the people of both cities who have taken part in visits and exchanges since 1957.

This project is open to all, please share your memories, by creating your own yarn! If you have any questions about the project or how to get started, contact Catriona Cannon, Archivist (Civic and Public Records) at Explore York, by email: catriona.cannon@exploreyork.org.uk

N.B. Simon Popple from University of Leeds will be speaking about this at the meeting on Monday 24th April

