



# Rotaract District 1070

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## **WELCOME TO THE 2ND EDITION OF DISTRICT 1070'S ROTARACT NEWSLETTER!**

It has been a busy few months since July and I am pleased to see the effect of the development group which has set the wheels in motion to help the new Rotaract club, Leicester, and has also produced district-wide T-shirts and free business cards and leaflets which are available to all clubs.

In addition to this I hope to launch a new competition for clubs in this district to take part in. This will be the District 1070 Rotaract-Week Award (See below for details).

The aim of the competition is to celebrate Rotaract Week in March, recognise the many successful events held by clubs in our district and to encourage clubs to attend each others events. The winning club will win £100 to use towards publicity of their club – this could be printing literature, holding an interest meeting event for new members, creating a website or anything else to promote the club in a positive way.

I hope that each club will organise an event as this is a great opportunity to hold an event for your members and a chance to win funds to help your club. I look forward to seeing how your club celebrates Rotaract week this year and wish you the best of luck in organising your event.

Before I finish I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Huntingdon for organising a super district ball and also congratulations to the winners of the District's annual awards; Kettering Rotaract who won the David Morris Development Award and Hazel Cottrell, of Huntingdon Rotaract, who won the Kathryn Orell Award for Outstanding Achievement. A big well done to everyone involved.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the newsletter and please do remember to keep me updated with your clubs' news and events.

Best wishes, **Victoria Hitchcock | District 1070 Rotaract Chair 2011-12**

## **District 1070 Rotaract-Week Award**

The best club event will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Involvement of members.**
- **Benefit to members, community or charity.**
- **Enjoyment for participants**
- **Organisation and effectiveness of the event.**

### **Here are some ideas:**

- **A skills sharing day where members of the club share skills they have with each other.**
- **A sponsored walk to raise money for charity.**
- **Visiting an care-home and entertaining residents.**

The event will be judged independently by two judges who will be announced shortly.

Entry forms will be emailed to club presidents - to enter you must send your completed entry form to me at [victoria@bedfordrotaract.org.uk](mailto:victoria@bedfordrotaract.org.uk) by the 28th February 2012.

## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

By Miriam Smith

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program was created to provide young people aged between 18 and 26 with opportunities to develop their skills and character. While on RYLA courses the participants also find out more about Rotary and what it stands for. RYLA courses run across the UK and differ slightly depending on the Rotary District that runs them.

RYLAs in District 1070 is a 8 day programme of activities designed to help with personal development including water sports, practical initiative tests, development of interpersonal skills, camping and problem solving. It was an action packed week and participants have returned with plenty of memorable stories, new skills to put on their CV, new friendships and happy memories!

Feedback on the event has been positive with the two Bedford Rotaractors that attended reporting having enjoyed the week and learned a variety of useful skills.



*Rushden's very successful fund-raiser to raise money for MS society*

## ROTARACT RETURNS... TO LEICESTER!

By Miriam Smith

Leicester is embracing the world of Rotaract again! With several thriving Rotary clubs already in the town, it was thought that it was about time Rotaract returned to join them. A group of local Rotarians and interested young people are working together on a development plan to create a brand new Rotaract club (RC) in the Rotary district of 1070.

It all started on a scatter week for the RC Leicester Novus earlier this year when two of its members, Gemma Kiddy and Dipan Bhagalia, decided to visit the RC of The Wreake Valley. Sitting with the President of that year, Chris Battye, they were soon sure that they would not forget the meeting in a hurry. As an old Rotaractor himself, Chris suggested that there should once again be a thriving Rotaract Club in Leicester for the young people in the city and county. After meeting with Victoria Hitchcock, the current Rotaract District Chair, it wasn't long before the ball started rolling and a development plan and team was put in place.

Now, Leicester Rotaract is about to hold its first interest meeting where people can come along, have a drink and find out more about Rotaract. Leicester Rotaract is supported by three local Rotary clubs which are The Rotary Club of Leicester Novus, The Rotary Club of Wreake Valley and The Rotary Club of Leicester De Montfort.



*Hazel Cottrell of Huntingdon - Kathryn Orell award for outstanding achievement 2011*

## Date for the diary

**3rd November**

**@ Rushden**

Stand to be held at the Rotary Road show.

**8th November**

**@ Huntingdon**

Film Night.

**9th November**

**@ Leicester**

First Interest Meeting.

**11th November**

**@ Huntingdon**

Dog Racing.

**30th November**

**@ Leicester**

Bowling Social Event.

**10th December**

**@ Bedford**

Christmas Charity Quiz.

**11th December**

**@ Kettering**

Santa Saunter at Wicksted park.

**15th December**

**@ Huntingdon**

Christmas Dinner.



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District ball 2011 - hosted by Huntingdon Rotaract

Kettering taking part in the annual Dragon Boat Race



## PAST EVENTS

**4TH SEPT | NENE VALLEY  
DRAGON BOAT RACE  
BY KETTERING**

**11TH OCT | EAT 'N' BOWL  
BY HUNTINGDON**

**22ND OCT | DISTRICT BALL  
BY HUNTINGDON**

**24TH OCT | FILM NIGHT  
BY RUSHDEN**

**25TH OCT | KARAODE EVENING  
BY BEDFORD**

**29TH OCT | HALLOWEEN  
DRINKS BY HUNTINGDON**