

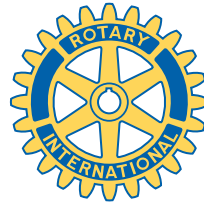
# 31st January 2011

The Rotary Club of Renfrew

[www.renfrew-rotary.org.uk](http://www.renfrew-rotary.org.uk)

## President's Message...

Traditionally the aftermath of the festive period means that January is less productive in the Rotary Year. A number of us realised it was rubbish as we visited the Viridor recycling centre in Bargeddie, and decided that it was more like the old Yorkshire saying "Where there's muck, there's Brass! We have been very busy with 2 bag packs, and a race night. Our Burns Night, which has had to be delayed due to our club members commitments to speaking engagements at other suppers. Prior to our Ceilidh in support of Motor Neurone Disease Scotland on the 18th of February, we'll have a speaker, Iain McWhirter from MND (Scotland) on 15th February, to tell us more of this killer disease.



## Curry and Race Night

**Raised £753.31**

Curry Race Night at Mr Singh's is beginning to be a regular occasion. This visit, raised a fantastic £753.31 for club funds in addition to a donation to Kidney Research whose volunteers staff the night. A great night was enjoyed by all, so much so that a table of 12 of Mr Singh's customers joined in with the evening. A couple from Canada, just arrived on holiday, said they had a great night. (You know how dark and cold it is there in winter.)



## Local Collections

**Raised £447.61**

The Customers and Staff of the Wallace Bar in Renfrew donated the proceeds from their Christmas raffle (£200) to the Club. Braehead Shopping Centre like wise donated the proceeds of their Santa's Grotto collection (£247.61). Both of these will go towards funding local school projects in Renfrew, such as Euroscola and Primary 7 Quiz. Our thanks to all those who donated to both collections.

## Schools Photography Competition

All entries have now been collected from our 2 local high schools for our photography competition. The pictures submitted will now be scrutinised by our panel of judges led by Allan Donaldson and the winners of both age categories announced soon. A selection of the best entries will be displayed in the town library and also at Renfrew Picture Framers.

## M&S Backpack for the Wheelchair Foundation

**Raised £751**

On Saturday 29 January the Rotary Club of Renfrew actioned a bag pack in Marks and Spencers in Braehead. The funds raised are pledged to the Wheelchair Foundation. From 10am to 4.30pm members of the club, and a couple of non members, Maureen Drummond and Rupert Black, packed furiously to fill their buckets. We raised £751. Gordon Drummond would like to thank all those Rotarians who gave up their valuable time to support the event. [www.wheelchairfoundation.org.uk](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org.uk)

## Euroscola

Our Euroscola Ainsley Lynch has just returned from Strasbourg and will be speaking at our club meeting on 8 March. Ainsley, since returning, has described the trip to our Youth Chairman Gary Louttit, as 'the best experience in her life so far'.

## Backpacks for Mary's Meals

Our Interact Club will shortly be packing the backpacks for Malawi with the contents they have been collecting over many weeks, along with those items generously donated by many of our club members.

## Office Bearers for 2011/12

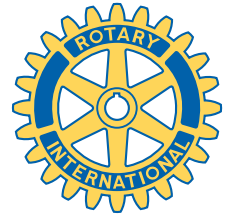
Jim Naismith, President | Gary Louttit, Secretary  
Robert Flynn, Vice-President | Jack Winch, Treasurer  
David Atkinson, Junior Vice-President

## Diary for February 2011

- Tuesday 8th Feb - Foundation Night
- Tuesday 15th Feb - Iain McWhirter, Fundraising Manager, MND
- Friday 18th Feb - Ceilidh
- Tuesday 22nd Feb - SPEAKER: John Steele HMS Dasher
- Wednesday 23rd Feb - International Rotary Day

# Renfrew Rotarian's go to Waste!

Visit Viridor MRF (Bargeddie), January 20, 2011



A select group of Rotarians braved the recent bad weather to discover what all the fuss about rubbish is.

We arrived at Bargeddie, on the east edge of Glasgow at a state-of-the-art Material Recycling Facility (MRF) run by Viridor a major player in the recycling industry. Joe Scott the area sales executive welcomed us and prepared us with hard hats, high visibility vests and soft earplugs (which resembled dolly mixtures) before the short drive to the main processing area.

At their office Eddie mistook the weekend shift rota list for a visitors book and signed up for 6am till 2pm Saturday morning. When corrected, he replied he'd have a go anyway.

A guided tour followed which took us through the whole process from delivery of mixed waste to sorting, picking and removing unwelcome materials to the baling of "new" raw materials in this case aluminium, cardboard and paper. Much of the process is automated with computerised equipment and clever machinery however we were also impressed by the small corps

of hard working individuals ensuring the recycled material had minimal contamination and was of best quality. This is a lucrative business with brokers selling the recycled bales worldwide to hungry markets. 'Where there's muck, there's brass' so to speak. Apparently the UK lags behind mainland Europe in recycling and much investment is needed to meet the demands set by the Scottish Government's zero waste policies and lessen the burden on landfill.

Viridor run many facilities and a future invitation to see their television and electronics recycling plant was extended to the club.



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## Bagpack for Mary's Meals **Raised £772**

On Saturday 29 January, the Renfrew Rotary 'Family', comprising of Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotarians, friends and family spent a successful day packing customer's shopping at Sainsburys at Braehead and raised £772 for the charity Mary's Meals. The charity is able to feed a child for a whole year at school in Malawi for example for £9.40 and so the amount raised will feed 82 children for a year.

