



The Rotary Club of Renfrew

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President's Message

April, A month with little on the diary. Or that's what it looked like. The Ladies of the Inner Wheel extended an invitation to join them in a cheese and wine night - an excellent evening of good food, entertainment, and great fellowship.

We lent a hand to the Rotaractor's to man a bag-pack at M+S, and are looking forward to their Ceilidh at the Anchor Bowling Club on Saturday 23 April. More potential members are being actively encouraged to join with presentations to be made to local employers. Invitations have been sent for the Community Challenge on the 29 May at the Enable Hall.

The Renfrew Gala Day (5 June 2011) is heading our way. We've begun planning for the visit from the GSE (Group Study Exchange) team from Chile in September.

If you require information about any of the above events, just ask. **President John**

Rotary Bag packs

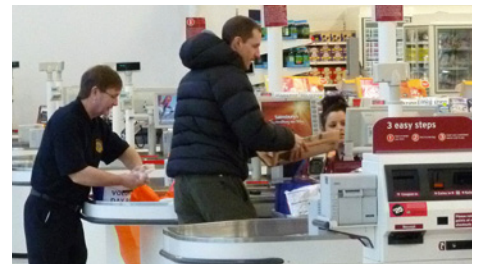
for Mary's Meals

Wheelchair Foundation

On Saturday 29 January, the Renfrew Rotary 'Family', comprising of Interactor's, Rotaractor's, Rotarians, friends and family spent a successful day packing customer's shopping at Sainsbury's 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.

On the same day we 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. Funds are around £800+, for more information see Gordon Drummond.

www.wheelchairfoundation.org.uk



Thank you



Colette, Jack (son) and I would like to thank Renfrew Rotarian's Eddie and Gordon and The Glasgow Flying Club. Firstly, for staging the Rota-fest last year where Colette won the introductory flying lesson. Secondly, for Gordon's excellent hospitality and tuition at the club and lastly for getting jack back in one piece!

David Atkinson

Diary Dates

Sun 5 Jun 11	Renfrew Gala Day
Tue 31 May 11	Meeting
Sun 29 May 11	Community Challenge
Tue 24 May 11	Meeting
Tue 17 May 11	Council Meeting
Tue 10 May 11	Meeting
Tue 3 May 11	Club AGM
Tue 26 Apr 11	Meeting
Tue 19 Apr 11	Council Meeting

Active in Renfrew Rotary Week

Renfrew shoppers have been stopping in their tracks to view an emotive window display produced as part of the Rotary Club of Renfrew initiative to end the war against polio.

The Rotary Club of Renfrew has decked out the unoccupied shop window in Canal Street with posters and shocking statistics about the devastating effects of polio in a bid to get the public behind Rotary's last push to stamp out polio from the world.

Members of the Rotary Club of Renfrew are joining forces with over 55,000 other Rotarians across Great Britain and Ireland in a co-ordinated effort to finally win the battle with this most debilitating and, often terminal disease.



EuroScola

Our EuroScola Ainsley Lynch returned from Strasbourg and spoke at the 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'. Ainsley with her Mum, Dad and President John.



February Ceilidh

MND Scotland

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Round the World

The Round the World Pennant is back home after the following journey; Renfrew Scotland to Gibraltar; Gibraltar to Sydney Australia; Sydney Australia to Vancouver Canada; Vancouver Canada to New York City USA; New York City USA to Dublin Ireland; Dublin Ireland to Renfrew Scotland.

Monies raised by sponsoring the Pennant will go to Rotary Foundation.

Our Foundation Chair, Derek Louttit, would like to thank all the Clubs & Rotarians involved.



Rotary Club of Renfrew held a successful ceilidh on 18th February in Moorpark Hall Renfrew. Martin Moir seems to be showing us his moves. Rotarians and friends helped raise £420 (approx) for Motor Neurone Disease Scotland. Thank you to all who managed to make the night and everyone who supported and helped organise the evening.

If you would like to find out more about Motor Neurone Disease Scotland visit their website: www.mndscotland.org.uk

Youth & Young People

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 scrutinized 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.



Our Interact Club has recently sent 60 fully packed backpacks to Mary's Meals, for distribution to schools in Malawi. The packs include school equipment, clothing, toiletries and other essentials. Interactor's would like to thank Rotarians and friends who generously donated many of the items for the packs.

MND Scotland

Iain McWhirter, Fund-raising Manager

On 15 February Iain informed the Club about 'Motor Neurone Disease', and the struggles ahead, there is still no known cure. MND Scotland is one of President John's chosen charities.



Rotaract Ceilidh

President Louise and other Rotaractor's are staging a Ceilidh on 23 April at the Anchor Bowling Club in Paisley. Tickets are only £6.00, all Rotarian's and friends are welcome!