

1080 INTERNATIONAL TEAM NEWSLETTER



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I step down from the office of District International Service Team Lead at the end of this month after three very fulfilling years in the post and would be pleased to hear from a district Rotarian who would be interested in taking over from me. There is always a little trepidation about volunteering for these things but I promise you it is not an onerous burden. Quite the opposite - I've enjoyed the three years I've served. As DGE Ian put it at Assembly; 'by taking on these offices is like joining another Rotary club'. It really is and I've met many new friends through District Executive meetings and during my visits to clubs around the District. My contact details are on page 6.

YIR, Howard Phillips Downham Market Rotary

Ukraine

Fund now well over the half way mark!

One of the frustrations that Rtn Scott Stones has in his heroic travels with a TIR truck down to the front line is that there are warehouses full of much needed aid in Ukraine which cannot be delivered by conventional lorries. RC Swaffham has an ongoing appeal to purchase a rugged all terrain 5 ton truck capable of delivering heavier loads than the smaller pick-ups many of us have already helped fund. £20,000 is needed overall for the procurement of the truck, spares, maintenance, fuel, and training costs. Please dig deep and see if there are some funds available in your club charity account to help this really important cause.

RC Swaffham is heading the appeal.

Contact email is: club_treasurer@swaffhamrotary.org.uk

Bank account:

Swaffham Rotary Charity Account. TSB. sort code 77-66-52 a/c 14949260

or donations can be directed to: justgiving.com/page/swaffhamrotary



American Rotarian in epic fundraiser to raise funds to support the fight against Human Trafficking.

Your club might like to consider making a donation in support of Rotarian Naresh Kumar of RC Guindy, India, who is pedalling across USA to gain funds for this worthy cause. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking globally on any given day according to Rtn. Bob Deering, Chair of RAGAS - the Rotary Action Group against Slavery - who said; "Please consider joining the fight against human trafficking. Join the fight and together we can support Naresh and his incredible effort to end human trafficking. For information and to make a contribution scan the QR code below. Thank you, in anticipation, for any and all support you and your club can give to Naresh and the cause".



DISTRICT 1080 SHOOTS PAST THE £500,000 MILESTONE

Twelve years after launching the District Lendwithcare initiative, the half a million pound milestone has been achieved. This has been made possible by the forty two Rotary Clubs and twenty nine Rotarians participating in the District scheme. The current statistics are:

- Total Loaned £505,164
- Donations to Lendwithcare £19,142
- Number of Loans 16,855
- Entrepreneurs Helped 55,002
- Jobs Created 30,827

Head of Lendwithcare Tracey Horner has sent the following message:

"District 1080 was one of the first districts to support Lendwithcare and Brian Davies & Nick Corke were instrumental in helping to spread the word about Lendwithcare among other districts. I was absolutely delighted when District 1080 reached the magnificent milestone of having loaned £501,355 to 55,002 entrepreneurs. We are very grateful for the support of District 1080 and other clubs around the country.

Tracey Horner and the Lendwithcare team."

*If you or your club would like to find out more please contact Brian Davies at:
brian.davies55@btinternet.com*

Two Middle East Rotary districts have created funds to bring relief to communities in crisis in Gaza and Israel

Gaza

The Palestine Aid Fund is hosted by Rotary District 2452, which includes Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates. The fund will provide humanitarian assistance to communities and families in Gaza, West Bank, and other countries in the district. Contributions will help bring desperately needed food, medicine, clothing, and shelter.

Learn more about the fund and how your club can help:

<https://rotaryd2452.org/call-for-support/>

Israel

The Israel Aid Fund hosted by Rotary District 2490 in Israel will prioritize contributions to re-establish agricultural lands in the country and provide mental health support and humanitarian assistance to communities and families in Israel.

Learn more about the fund and how your club can help:

<https://rotaryraanana.org.il/disasterresponseisrael/>

Rotary and Rotaract clubs are active throughout the Middle East. As with all aid please connect directly with the districts and clubs in the region to determine their needs and the most relevant avenues of support.

The Shelterbox iconic green box has been around for over 20 years, and remains part of Shelterbox's identity. However, today they do so much beyond the box, and most aid packages are not transported in the box itself. 'Stock the Box' puts the focus on the different aid bundles and ultimately the people Shelterbox aims to support. This means that, as with the original green box itself, they are ready when the next disaster strikes. They can provide the right aid package that's needed on the ground, with, or without a box. Here are examples of Stock the Box items.



*To donate or learn more click on the Shelterbox logo above or contact our district Shelterbox coordinator, Rotarian Tim Thomas:
timmthomas74@gmail.com*

School uniforms

In the last issue of 1080 International News mention was made of a prep school closing down and that the parents of the students wished to donate uniforms and sports kit to a worthy cause.

We are delighted to say that Rtn Irene Childerley of RC Cambridge Sawston has arranged for this redundant clothing to be utilised as part of Sawston's and RC Cambridge's Bantaba project in The Gambia.

If you would like more information please contact Irene: thebantaba@outlook.com

On the following page is a synopsis of the Bantaba project.



The Bantaba - "The Meeting Place"

Helping Gambians to help themselves.

The Bantaba Centre has been built to provide a nursing clinic and training facilities, helping a local community in Saloum Daba in The Gambia West Africa.

The land has been secured, the accommodation has been built, a borehole provides clean water and there is solar electricity for the basic accommodation for volunteer teachers and helpers.

It will become a centre point of community life, a meeting place for collecting fresh water, and community support services in areas such as family health education. It will also be the focal point for entertainment and performing arts.

Public toilets and showers have been installed and this will enable the nursing room and kitchen facilities to be completed.

There are now only two stages left to complete before we can hand over the Bantaba Centre to the community:

First stage is tiling and adding ceilings to the public areas and installing

metal doors and windows.

The second stage is installing solar panels and wiring for the nursing clinic and kitchen and obtaining equipment for the kitchen and IT Centre.

The building of the community gazebo will be completed when funds are available.

- £8,000 would complete the buildings ready to support the community.*

The Bantaba Project will focus on empowering the community through education and training workshops, to benefit disadvantaged people in the community by tackling issues of illiteracy, health and poverty.

Contact:

Rose Dawson and Irene Childerley at TheBantaba@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/helpingGambians/ and

Donations via Charities Fundraising CAF: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/19537>

Supported by The Rotary Clubs of Cambridge Sawston and Cambridge

“Teach the Teacher” refers to a concept where individuals who possess knowledge or expertise in a particular field take on the role of educators. These teachers may not necessarily be formal schoolteachers, but rather community members, mentors, or experts who share their insights and skills with others.

Addressing the 260 Million ...**one** at a time



Call to Action

The Gambia and South Africa

- We are currently providing Platform 'Kit's' for Online 'Teach the Teacher and Community Education' facilities. The equipment will then provide Community Health and Skills courses. **Total Cost £2000**
- We are looking for current and new Enterprise/Corporate Rotary members who have skills in various subjects to teach not only the teachers, students but also community members via ZOOM.

For more information on the Teach the Teacher project please contact Rtn. John Beer of RC Ely Hereward.

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or visit the website via the QR code



THE DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL TEAM

If we can help your club with advice or with projects you would like to spread the word about, please email or call Howard or one of the team members.

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