



The Rotary Club of Banstead

October 2024

PRESIDENT'S PIECE



Banstead Rotary Donates £ 23,705 To Charity!

Banstead Rotary organises various fundraising events and activities in Banstead throughout the year for charitable purposes, such as The Christmas Collections, The Charity Walk and Village Fair. These events, fundraisers, including the Quiz and Rotary Guests' Nights, all mean we are able to make donations to charities and support projects through this process.

We could not do this without the hard work and support from our Rotary members and friends who all selflessly volunteer their time!

In the past year we have donated £ 23,705 through the generous donations and collections we have received! These are mostly to local charities, but we have also made donations to provide support internationally.

The 47 charities are: International, Shelterbox £2360 (we provided 4 boxes to support those homeless through catastrophe abroad) and an End Polio Now £700 donation to eradicate Polio globally.

The President's Charity 'The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity' received £3285. The key local charities to benefit are: 7 Christmas Trees donated to local schools, monies raised and donated to the community charities - Age Concern Banstead, Crossroads Care Surrey, Dyscover Aphasia, The Diamond Riding Centre, Epsom & Ewell Talking Newspaper, Good Company Foodbank, Homestart EEB, Maggie's At Royal Marsden, National Autistic Society Surrey, Princess Alice Hospice, Queen Elizabeth Foundation , Transform Housing, Banstead Macular Group.

To join ,volunteer or donate please see <https://www.bansteadrotary.com/>

Banstead
Rotary
Club



Come along and **HELP US PLANT**
20,000 CROCUS BULBS!

Friday 8th November
10 a.m - 1.00 p.m.



**at Banstead Wildlife Field, Basing Road,
off Bolter's Lane, Banstead SM7 2AH**

Banstead Rotary Club and Banstead Horticultural Society join
with local schools and other community groups to plant

20,000 crocuses in support of Rotary's
Purple for Polio project to eradicate this terrible disease.

See also Merrist Wood Tree surgeons at work.

Purple 4 Polio

**THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
ERADICATE
POLIO**

Rotary  

More information on www.bansteadrotary.com

and www.bansteadhorticulturalsociety.com

PURPLE FOR POLIO IN BANSTEAD WILDLIFE FIELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2024 BETWEEN 10 AND 1300.

This year Banstead Rotary is planning to plant 20,000 crocuses in aid of the charity Purple for Polio which aims to eradicate polio. Leading the community support this year are the Beacon School and our corporate partners, Banstead Manor Care Home. Other local schools and community groups have offered support to assist with the planting which will give the charity great publicity and add to Rotary's consistent annual promotion of this valuable cause in the Village over the last ten or so years. There are crocuses in All Saints Orchard, crocuses in the library grounds and alongside it, crocuses along Sutton Lane, in the green at Tattenham Corner. This year the planting will make a February purple splash in the Wildlife field which has now had its first cut in years and looks smooth, splendid, and fresh green. The crocuses will benefit wildlife by providing food for early bees.

Planting has traditionally enlisted the help of students from local schools and from experience we all enjoy the enthusiasm, fun and different styles of planting on these occasions. Everyone who participates is making happy memories and a mini-investment in the future, and can return in spring, to enjoy this gentle space with a new purple carpet which signifies the lifesaving polio vaccinations and the journey to extinction of this terrible disease. If you are free to join us and help steward on the day please let Diana know on 01737 377529 (ansaphone)



Photo: The library planting with the Beacon School some years ago

UPCOMING EVENT - BOOK NOW!



**Banstead
Rotary**



ROTARY DISTRICT 1145

RACE NIGHT

**All proceeds to
Rotary's 'END POLIO NOW'
campaign**

£21.50 pp



**PLACE YOUR
BETS!!**

RAFFLE

Cuddington Golf Club, Banstead Road,
Banstead, Surrey SM7 1RD

Tuesday 5th November 2024 from 6.30 p.m.

7.00 p.m: 2 course supper followed by
an Evening at the Races.

**TO BOOK: [bansteadrotary.com/contact](https://www.bansteadrotary.com/contact)
(mention any dietary requirements)**

Payments by BACS please

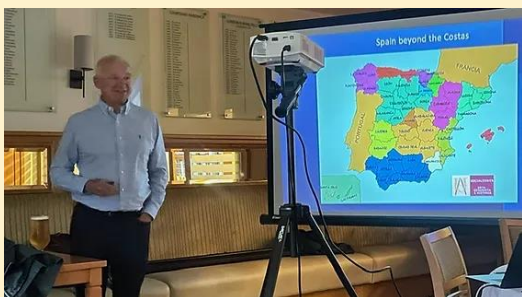
Rotary Club of Banstead 30-98-43 17997068

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We welcome new membership inquiries. Please contact us and we will be back to you as soon as possible.

To pay, contact us here: <https://www.bansteadrotary.com/contact>

"SPAIN BEYOND THE COSTAS" A TALK BY RICHARD CLARK



After dinner on Tuesday 21st at Cuddington GC, Banstead Rotary member Richard Clark gave a varied and fascinating talk entitled 'Spain Beyond the Costas'. Richard has recently returned from his second home on the Costa del Sol where he spends about 4 months a year. He is passionate about Spain, its history, culture and language. His talk took the audience on a virtual journey from the North to South of the

peninsula starting in Cantabria and Asturias, making its way through Old Castile to Andalucia in the South. Along the way, Richard dipped into a range of topics covering the varying geography, key historical events that have shaped the Spain of today, the languages of Spain, its rich cuisine and its arts. There were plenty of questions and, judging by the feedback, it was a well-received talk and everyone took away something new.



If you would like to book Richard for a talk at your organisation please get in touch.

REACHOUT - SANDERSTED AND SELSDON ROTARY ASSISTED BY BANSTEAD ROTARY



On Saturday 2nd June, six volunteers from Banstead Rotary went along to assist Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary Club with their annual Reachout. This event brings lonely and needy members



of the local area together to enjoy a salad lunch and afternoon entertainment. This year, 71 elderly folk were transported to the venue by minibus and hosted and served food and drink at tables by Rotary volunteers aided by police cadets. The afternoon entertainment was provided by a local choir and musicians. The surprise act was a drag performance miming to well know female singers - all much appreciated by those in attendance. In all, a very heartwarming experience to see the enjoyment on the faces of the guests - a great example of Rotary in action!



BANSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - A PRESENTATION BY DIANA BECK



Presentation 4th June 2024 at Cuddington Golf Club with members of Rotary and invited guests from Banstead Horticultural Society

The presentation outlined the origins of the Society in 1931 and its development over the last 92 years to a modern society whose sole aim is to promote horticulture in all its aspects through shows, events and interacting with the community. Insight was given into the practice of exhibiting at the 5 annual Flower Shows and to the wonderful traditional experience of entering a hall full of spring and summer sights and scents, followed by a cuppa and legendary cake. The Events cover a wide range of activities catering to the varied interests of our members: from coach trips and informal daytime meetings to formal speakers including celebrities, Charlie Dimmock this year. In the Community, friendships with local charities are represented and celebrated at the BHS Open Day and Mini show in May. The long-standing alliance with Banstead Rotary began with annual Purple for Polio plantings in Banstead (great fun), continued with Banstead Village in Bloom (gold medal team in 2019), and includes many years of participating in the Village Day (and former supply of trestle tables). The Society currently runs a local front garden competition, maintains the Community Hall Border, and there are hopes to reinstate a former schools' group. Mutual benefits are shared with Epsom College, which provides inter alia, a weekly garden service for members during the autumn and winter terms. At present the Society supports the conservation of Banstead Wildlife Field, (which is reported separately). All in all, a huge amount of work for a small, dedicated committee in terms of productivity, organisation and publicity, which is augmented by practical help from a significant number of members who enjoy the contribution and friendships that result. Diana Beck, Vice President, Banstead Horticultural Society June 2024.

The 2024 programme of activities is included on our [General and Local Events Page](#)

TWIN ROTARY CLUBS OF BANSTEAD AND LOUVIERS LE NEUBOURG - 7TH - 9TH JUNE 2024

A weekend in France: A Culinary and Cultural Extravaganza!



Over the first weekend in June, a group of Banstead Rotary members embarked on a memorable journey to France, Louviers, where they indulged in a delightful blend of art, cuisine, and culture. They were



welcomed by the Rotary Club of Louviers Le Neubourg on a gorgeous sunny Friday evening with a lovely warm and lively reception at, Benoît and Annick Gourlin's home for an exquisite buffet dinner that was a feast for the senses, featuring a sumptuous spread of delectable food and drink that left everyone enchanted. Both presidents, gave passionate, warm speeches welcoming the moment for Rotarians' togetherness as well as recognising the symbolic significance of D-day.



Saturday brought another round of culinary delights as the group gathered for a lavish brunch at another friend's home. Catherine and her family hosted a delightful morning with a spread that was nothing short of spectacular, set against the backdrop of sunshine and blue skies in the enchanting garden. Energized by the delicious meal, the group set out to

explore a historical site brimming with culture, offering stunning views of the sea, the city and intricate churches that spoke volumes of the region's rich heritage.

The highlight of their trip was a visit to the iconic Honfleur to visit the museum of the reconstruction project of William the



Conqueror's ship, "La Mora." As the evening descended, the sky lit up with an electric sun, casting a magical glow over the gathering in the town of Harcourt at the restaurant Le Comptoir de l'Arboretum, where the group was greeted warmly by the friendly staff and helpful sommeliers who spoke both French and English, extremely knowledgeable of their menu. The restaurant, which has

more than 20 years of delectable catering, is located in Harcourt, magnificently positioned next to a grand church.

The group found themselves in pure French hospitality, treated to beautiful displays of gourmet meals, tantalizing cocktails, and the renowned Calvados! The evening was a celebration of taste and elegance, leaving everyone in awe of French culinary artistry and warmth.



On Sunday, the group reconvened at a picturesque golf course, Golf du Vaudreuil for a final brunch, basking in the wonderful atmosphere and vibrant spirits that had come to define their time together. As the English members of the team prepared to depart, they expressed their heartfelt gratitude to their hosts for curating an unforgettable experience filled with incredible friendships, delightful food and drink, and an amazing

atmosphere that will be cherished for years to come.

This weekend in France was not just a journey of exploration and indulgence but a celebration of the finer things in life that bring people together – art, food, culture, and the joy of shared moments in beautiful surroundings. It was a testament to the power of Rotary and hospitality to create lasting memories that transcend time and place.



BANSTEAD ROTARY UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF MYSTERY AND FUN

On Tuesday night, members of the Banstead Rotary Club made their way to the Club's Murder Mystery Dinner: A Bad Vintage, and what a night it turned out to be! With over 50 friends and neighbours as participants, it was an event that not only raised funds for a great cause but also created unforgettable memories.



The turnout was nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the sense of community and camaraderie that exists in Banstead. While the weather may have been haphazard recently, the warmth and excitement inside the venue were palpable. The event was a true testament to the power of collaboration and the dedication of Rotary members to make a positive impact. The Murder Mystery

Dinner was not only a wonderful fundraiser for the Banstead Rotary, but it also served as a fantastic opportunity for members and friends to come together and enjoy a night of good food, great company, and infectious laughter. The participants were treated to a tantalizing dinner at Cuddington Golf Club following the French theme of Coq au Vin and Tarte Tatin, which was a culinary delight in itself, setting the stage for an evening of mystery and intrigue.



President Jane Illingworth welcomed everyone to the event with a brief overview of Rotary. She also thanked John Draper for his 47 years of Rotary service and presented him with a Paul Harris Red Ruby Fellowship!



During the dinner a raffle and auction took place to which the attendees donated generously! As a result of this evening, and other fundraisers over the last 18 months Banstead Rotary has been able to donate £3,250 to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

Clive Richardson of Epsom Rotary conducted the event as both detective and Murder Mystery host. As the mystery unfolded and the clues were revealed, the room was filled with laughter, suspense and a shared sense of enjoyment. It was evident that the Rotary Club members, along with their guests, had a great time piecing together the puzzle, all in the name of fun and charity. Events like the Murder Mystery



Dinner remind us that Rotary isn't just about service and philanthropy; it's also about building connections, fostering friendships, and celebrating the spirit of togetherness. As the night came to a close, everyone left with memories to cherish and the satisfaction of knowing they had contributed to a worthy cause. We salute the The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity for their incredible work which was our reason for hosting this fantastic event, and we're grateful for the opportunity to join in the fun. It was a night filled with warmth, laughter, and a sense of community that will continue to resonate with us. Here's to more such endeavours and memorable moments in the future!

WELCOME TO THE NEW ROTARY YEAR!



On 2 July we celebrated the new Rotary year at Cuddington Golf Club. We welcomed 2 new Rotarians Diana Beck and Eddie McGrath, and we look forward to sharing our friendship and charity volunteering!

Ruth Mash gave us an excellent and friendly talk about life as a member of Banstead Rotaract! We really loved hearing about the achievements of the car wash fundraisers,

international leadership, visits to Louviers and Mainz, charity runs and the lasting friendships formed!

We are always pleased to meet new Rotary volunteers and hope you will get in touch, and, we look forward to welcoming you to our future meetings.

To find out more please visit the [membership page](#) or [contact us](#).



INTRODUCING ADORE SHUKO - OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2024-25



Adore Shuko, a rotary member dedicated to supporting women's charities such as Sutton Women's centre and Blue skies foundation supporting children's education. With a passion for changing lives, inspiring hope, and aspiring greater heights, Adore brings a wealth of experience in the non-profit sector and a deep commitment to making a positive impact.

Adore is a strategic thinker with strong project management skills, excellent communication abilities, and a compassionate heart that drives her to work tirelessly for the betterment of others. Her mission is to create a ripple effect of positive change by 'coming to the table' supporting causes that empower individuals and transform communities for the better.

JOHN DRAPER RECEIVES REIGATE & BANSTEAD LONG SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

On 11 July the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Eddy Humphreys, joined the celebration to honour a number of people who have dedicated a significant amount of their time to helping others and selflessly serving our communities. Banstead Rotary's Honorary member John Draper received a Long Service Award!



Good luck to everyone who has been nominated for the Long Service Award at this year's Reigate & Banstead Volunteer Awards.

BANSTEAD ROTARY DONATES £2360 TO SHELTERBOX!



Presented to the Rotary Club of

Banstead

Who have raised a fantastic

£2,360

In recognition of your outstanding support during 2023-24 to help ensure that no-one is left without shelter after disaster

Thank you on behalf of ShelterBox and the people who will be able to recover and rebuild as a result of your ongoing partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Sanj Srikanthan,
CEO ShelterBox



ShelterBox and Rotary are proud partners in disaster relief. ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Charity No: 1066479 Company No: 6970555.

Following Banstead Rotary's recent donation of £425 via The Rotary Engagement Team, we are honoured and excited to have been awarded the **ShelterBox Bronze Partner Club Award**.

ShelterBox commented, "Congratulations on becoming a Bronze Partner Club!"

To say thank you and to acknowledge the efforts of clubs, we award Partner Clubs certificates each year. There are four Partner Club levels, linked to how much you donate: Bronze - £2,000; Silver - £4,000; Gold - £6,000, and Platinum - £10,000."

You can learn more about the fantastic disaster relief work that ShelterBox does on their website where you can also donate should you wish.

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THE GRANGE AT BOOKHAM



On Tuesday 16th we were delighted to welcome Alison Keeley, CEO of The Grange Centre, Bookham. The centre helps people with learning and/or physical disabilities maximise independent living.

You can learn more on their website: www.grangecentre.org.uk or by downloading the presentation at the foot of this post.

A promotional graphic for The Grange Centre. On the left is the logo 'the Grange' with 'the' in grey and 'Grange' in multi-colored letters. Below it is the text: 'The Grange Centre for People with Disabilities is a charity which helps people with learning and/or physical disabilities to live as independently as they can.' At the bottom left is a globe icon with 'www' and the website 'www.grangecentre.org.uk'. At the bottom center are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. At the bottom right is the text 'Registered charity No: 207740' and the FRI logo. On the right side of the graphic is a large, irregular blue-bordered shape containing a photograph of a group of about ten people of various ages and abilities, some with disabilities, standing on a grassy field and raising their arms in celebration. The background of the graphic features a grid of blue dots and several colorful geometric shapes (triangles and circles) scattered around.

BANSTEAD VILLAGE FAIR



The Banstead Village Fair on 6 July was yet another success this year with over 30 stall holders representing a wide variety of local charities and organisations. The Orchard was colourfully set out with tombolas, raffles, bric-a-brac, cakes and many tables giving information to the members of the public. Despite the awful un–Summer like weather there was a good attendance and

the stalls were a big attraction for the younger visitors as usual!

The event was opened by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Sue Sindon . President Jane Illingworth welcomed her and guided her around the stalls. In her opening speech she recognised the importance of the event in raising the profile of local groups and congratulated Rotary on the organisation of the event! Banstead Rotary worked collaboratively with a wide range of charities. We hope as well the event helped to support our local community businesses.



A large crowd gathered to hear the Show Choir perform in their inimitable fashion with popular songs from the shows. There was also non-stop entertainment from Gavin’s Band .

The public turned up and were not put off by a challenging weather front delivering periodic heavy showers.

The Rotary Stalls were well supported, and we were very grateful to ASDA Burgh Heath for donating plants, and, to friends who provided books, pictures and bric a brac. Our Stalls were busy all day. We look forward to seeing you in 2025! Our supporting stalls were:

SCOUTS BBQ
The Brigitte Trust
Banstead History Research Society
The Tuesday Club
All Saints Mothers' Union
Sight for Surrey

Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper
Epsom Canine Rescue
Christ Church Banstead (Baptist) - ACTIVITIES
RSPCA Guildford & Epsom Branch
Banstead Village Residents Association
BAND - Gavin Dulley
ROTARY BASE & Bric a Brac
Dylan Strong Foundation
Girl Guide Fundraising
Amnesty International (Sutton Group)
Eileen Maule Support for Kenya
Stepping Stones Cat Rescue & Haven
Banstead Age Concern
Dementia First
Diamond Centre
The Brooke Hospital for Animals
Banstead Library Activities
Reigate and Banstead Conservative Assn
Banstead Manor Care Home
Banstead Horticultural Society
Children's Trust
Energy Action Redhill
Carshalton Inner Wheel

Royal British Legion

MS Society

7th Banstead Scouts



ROTARY THE GUILDFORD WEY!



On Tuesday 30 August Banstead Rotary and the Rotary Club of Sutton Nonsuch joined together for a delicious dinner of chicken & asparagus followed by lemon cheesecake held at Cuddington Golf Club. Our guest speaker was Philip Rambech.

On the 1st of November 2022 The Rotary Club of Guildford and the Rotary Club of Guildford District joined forces to form The Rotary Club of Guildford Wey which operates as Rotary in Guildford. At a ceremony in the Guildhall, Guildford, the new Club President, Philip Rambech was presented with its Charter by District Governor Roger Stent.

Philip shared the Guild Wey Rotary approach. The key to their success has been a project focus. The network has local volunteers and businesses to lend support. This in turn has also enabled them to attract new members!

President Jane Illingworth lead the meeting and discussion and thanked Philip for his help and support.



BANSTEAD ROTARY DONATES £3250 TO ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY



Members of Banstead Rotary and visitors gathered on 6 August at Cuddington Golf Club to celebrate the successful President's Charity donation of £3250 to the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

Georgia Appleby from the charity attended to join the celebration. After dinner, Stuart Walker gave a well researched talk about the history of the charity, its research , and the range of cancers treated.

President Jane closed with remarks about her support for the charity.

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity raises money solely to support The Royal Marsden, a world leading cancer centre. The charity supports in four key areas: life-saving research, offer patients

world leading treatment and care, fund modern patient environments and invest in state of the art equipment. To support them you can take part in an event, fundraise at a special occasion, make a donation, volunteer or even get inspired to do something completely different. To learn more visit <https://www.royalmarsden.org/about-us>

BANSTEAD ROTARY AFTERNOON TEA!



The Rotary Club of Banstead was invited to the Hallmark Banstead Manor Luxury Care Home, 8 Brighton Road Banstead SM7 1BS for an event on Tuesday 30 July.

Four staff are Banstead Rotary Corporate Members: Sam, Fiona, Toni and Veronica. They are actively involved with all our Rotary fundraising projects including the Christmas Collections, Charity Walk and

Village Fair: indeed their stall raised a magnificent £196 at the Village Fair which was donated to Banstead Rotary by Sam on their behalf!

Guest of Honour was the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Eddy Humphreys and his wife the Mayoress Sarah Humphreys who delivered a short speech and spoke to all the Rotarians about their chosen charities : Renewed Hope based in Redhill supports homeless and vulnerable people in East Surrey, offering evening meals, a winter night shelter and support to build a new life. TRACKS Through Pastures is dedicated to improving the lives of young people and adults with social, emotional, and mental health needs through human and animal interaction.

Guests enjoyed a lavish afternoon tea of a wide selection of sandwiches, cakes, macarons, and a delicious chocolate millionaire's shortbread cake prepared by the Banstead Manor chef. Banstead Rotary President Jane Illingworth welcomed the guests and thanked Banstead Manor for the generous hospitality. During the event everyone chatted informally and networked.



Paul, the Mayor's Assistant also attended . He remains a constant staff member in his role as the Mayors change office.

The speaker of the afternoon meeting was Mike Sawyer accompanied by Tim Snuggs who gave a well-researched presentation on the Banstead & District Branch of The Royal British Legion. He had a detailed knowledge of the subject and he proceeded to enlighten the group on the history of the Branch from its early days to the present.

The Royal British Legion provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

The support starts after one day of service and continues through life. Long after service is over from providing expert advice and guidance, to recovery and rehabilitation through to changing back to civilian life, they can be by the side every step of the way. And it's not just members of the Armed Forces but their families too. If there is ever a reason they can't help, having a vast network around means we know someone who can.

A special thank you to everyone involved to make the event such a success!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS NIGHT!



On Tuesday 17 September Banstead Rotary and Sutton Nonsuch Rotary held a joint dinner and fundraiser at Cuddington Golf Club. They were joined by friends and partners. The objective was for our two groups to informally meet up and have fun!

President Jane Illingworth welcomed everyone to the event, talked about Rotary and its history and the reason for the evening: to raise money for Crossroads Care Surrey and Maggie's At The Royal Marsden.

52 Guests dined on delicious chicken in mushroom sauce with accompanying vegetables followed by chocolate mousse.

President John Chamberlain ran a short video after dinner to explain the perennial Radio 4 favourite show, 'Just a Minute', to the attendees. Your very own 5 panels of Rotarians and guests was hosted by John in his own inimitable style, so what could possibly go wrong? There was no hesitation, no deviation, and no repetition, I repeat, no repetition... and Jane's table was victorious!

After the fun we completed the raffle with prizes generously donated by attendees raising £250 for charity.

Through joining Rotary we were able to combine our individual expertise and enthusiasm to serve the local community. By working together, we raise funds for local and international charities and causes and help in a practical way when we can. And we made some long standing friends along the way.

Rotary is built on friendship, fellowship, and camaraderie, helping to make a difference to our local community by making use of inspiring opportunities to be of service. Our members find joining Rotary is a great opportunity to put something back for the benefit of others and help shape better opportunities for the future. We welcome and encourage members of the public who are interested in making new friends and who are ready to put their spare time to good use in the name of Rotary.

Why not join us?



BANSTEAD WILDLIFE FIELD



Early in September, a small group of enthusiastic Sutton Nonsuch and Banstead Rotarians met for a tour around the Banstead Wildlife Field. We walked and talked. We saw first hand the need for some love and care. The poor field did look quite bedraggled as it waits for its first cut in five years

(planned for the following week), but that enabled a discussion about the urban setting and how the spread of dominant plants (grass thatch, tree seedlings and bullrushes in the pond)) need regular human intervention to

maintain a biodiverse balance. The field carries the distinction of having non-native plants from its inception and this gives a point of contrast for students to study, and of wider interest for visitors-provided they are non-invasive species. It was a lovely opportunity and a joy to make new friends and share this space with such interested, supportive and interactive visitors.

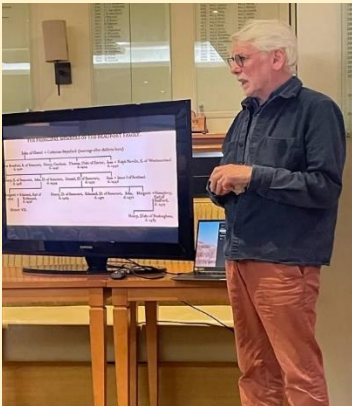
Currently working under the umbrella of Banstead Horticultural Society, the aim is to set up an independent group which can dedicated itself to conserving this lovely piece of land. The Friends of

Banstead Wildlife Field are looking for volunteers to help with organisational support, (particularly a Treasurer and admin help) as well as hands on healthy activity in the field with maintenance and occasional projects. If you are interested, or know someone who maybe, please contact Diana diana.beck@tiscali.co.uk or on 07979688150 (by text or be prepared to leave a message).



Diana Beck, Banstead Rotary

EVENING TALK: LADY MARGARET BEAUFORT BY EDDIE MCGRATH



Twenty seven Banstead & Sutton Nonsuch Rotarians and guests met for a friendly and informal meal at Cuddington Golf Club on 3 September. We are building our Clubs' relationships in order to work and volunteer together.

After a traditional steak pie with vegetables followed by chocolate gateau and ice cream everyone listened to Eddie's fascinating presentation.

Lady Margaret Beaufort was the Tudor matriarch. A leading figure in the Wars of the Roses in the fifteenth century, mother of the first Tudor King Henry VII, and a skilful negotiator, and "politician". Descended from Edward III she was a rich heiress and passed her claim on to her son. Through her diligence and networking he became king founding the Tudor dynasty after the Battle of Bosworth in 1485!

She was interested in and supported education and founded notably Christ's College Cambridge and St John's College Cambridge. Her descendants are some of our most celebrated monarchs Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and James VI of Scotland & 1 of England, Victoria, Elizabeth II! Indeed all monarchs from Henry VII up to Charles III!

GET INVOLVED WITH ROTARY!



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Your skills and experience are invaluable in our drive to help communities at home and around the world through our volunteer work. Whether you become a member of Rotary or volunteer your time and abilities to our local club, you will be helping to make people's lives better. Just take a look at our list of members and committees [HERE!](#)

Banstead Rotarian Stuart Walker

There are many ways to get involved with Rotary:

- You could join your local Rotary and open up a world of opportunities
- You could donate to a club or Rotary initiative
- You could volunteer to speak at a club about a cause or interest
- If you are a school pupil, you could take part in a Rotary competition
- You could volunteer to help the club in one of its initiatives, without becoming a Rotary member

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, **we'd like to hear from you!**

Please contact us [HERE](#) to discuss your interest with a view to meeting up with local Rotarians at the Banstead Club - attending one of our speaker evenings or social events is a great way for you to get the measure of Rotary and for the club to get to know you.

You can learn more about us and membership [HERE](#) and:

[Twitter@BansteadRotary](#)

www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

BANSTEAD ROTARY LEAFLET

End Polio Now

This is an international project for which Rotary is well known and at Banstead we play our part. With the help of The Beacon School and Banstead Village in Bloom we plant purple crocuses across the Banstead area to provide a wonderful purple display and to serve as a reminder of the fight to end Polio.



Supporting Young People

Our support of young people is provided through Rotary competitions such as Youth Debates, Young Chef and an Interact Club (12-18 age).

In addition to these higher profile activities, we are constantly supporting other charitable initiatives under the radar.

BUT we always want to do more, and this is where you could play a part

Get involved with Rotary!



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Rotary Membership means access to a circle of new friends and a range of social activities.

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, we'd like to hear from you!



Meeting over Dinner at Cuddington Golf Club



Banstead Rotary Club has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity over the years. We give back to the community, both local and international - and we'd love to have you come along.



Contact us via our social channels.

Website: www.bansteadrotary.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

X: [@BansteadRotary](https://twitter.com/BansteadRotary)

What Banstead Rotary Does!

Christmas Collections

Christmas is a busy time of the year for Banstead Rotarians. We are proud we still maintain a Santa's sleigh. We brave the winter weather to tour the streets of Banstead with Santa to the delight of the young and young at heart. We are helped by local charity partners.

We also supply Christmas trees to local schools. But our biggest Christmas tree, which we select and cut personally, is reserved for pride of place in the centre of the roundabout at the start of Banstead High Street.

Through our Christmas collection programme, we aim to raise £10,000 to £12,000 each year.



Charity Walk



In the month of May we put on a charity walk from Tattenham Corner and across Epsom Downs.

Over 80 walkers usually take part in this annual event.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends act as reception and stewards along the route. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood are at the forefront of the walk. Alongside them are individuals supporting other local charities.

This event raises over £6,000 for local charities.

Village Fair



In July each year we facilitate the Banstead Rotary Village Fair with over 30 stall holders representing a wide variety of local charities and organisations. There is music throughout the day and "The Orchard" is a colourful delight. This is a hugely enjoyable event which, as well as raising funds for local charities, raises the profiles of these organisations.

The importance of the event is in raising the profile of local groups and charities. The Rotary Club focuses on the organisation of the event as a key priority each year.



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