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**Rotary**   
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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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The Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Kendal  
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## District 1190 Conference

There's a change this year to the arrangements for the District Conference:



1. It's more local - at the North Lakes Hotel in Penrith
2. It is a one-day event on **Saturday 17 March**. (there are social happenings on Friday and Saturday evenings, but they are optional)
3. It is not expensive - £25 for the day which includes a bacon buttie when you arrive, coffees and teas and a buffet lunch.

Partners will be very welcome. There's a good range of speakers.



You will need to book very soon. Go to the District 1190 website at [www.rotary1190.org](http://www.rotary1190.org). You will see full details and a booking form.

## Sunday Lunch

Many thanks to **Peter Sutcliffe** for arranging a splendid Sunday Lunch at the Black Labrador. (The roast beef was the most tender we have had



for a long time).



## Kendal Rotary in the Community

### Technology Tournament

We now have entries from all the local secondary schools (probably 28 teams) for the event on **Friday 16 March**. Please sign up to assist on the day.

### Kendal Community Walk

After the success of last year's event, we are planning another and very similar Walk on **Sunday 13 May**. It will give local organisations and community groups a chance to raise funds for themselves, and indeed for casual



walkers to enjoy a ramble. It will start and finish at Kirkbie Kendal School and go via Sedgwick Village Hall where Inner Wheel will be dealing with refreshments. Thanks to Roger Siddle we will update the website and Margaret Belk advertise on Facebook.

### 18/18 Auction Visit

This really is looking ahead! On **Monday 18 June** our meeting will be at 18/18 Auctions at Junction 36 on the M6. We shall have lunch, a tour and also be at the auction that will be that day. This meeting is being arranged by our International Committee.



Any items that we offer to be sold, as long as the proceeds are for charity, will be valued and sold commission-free. That is an excellent opportunity. So please climb into your attic and search for that nugget.

**Never underestimate the power of human stupidity.**

**Objects in a mirror are dumber than they appear.**

**Editor:  
Tim Keegan**

February Diary	Attendance Officers (February)	Peter Marshall	Fred Martin
	Attendance Officers (March)	Jim Morrison	David Oates
	Hosts	Speaker/Topic	
Mon 29 Jan	Fred Martin	Kendal Secondary Head Teachers	
Mon 5 Feb ★	Martin Jayne	Dr Jenny Bevan - Cumbria Community Fund	
Mon 12 Feb	John Lomax	Jayne Wilkinson - Kent Catchment	(S.Cumbria Rivers Trust)
Mon 19 Feb	Jim Morrison	Roger Siddle - My £2.5 million Ph.D	
Wed 21 Feb ✍		Charity Dinner - Kendal College	
Mon 26 Feb	David Oates	Alice Taylor - My Volunteering in Malawi	
Mon 5 March ★	Allen Crossley	Paul Florentine (SLDC) - Recycling locally	
Wed 7 March ✍		RC of Ulverston Charter	
Mon 12 March	Ruth Otway	Diana Matthews - Steamboat Museum	

✍ Please "sign" the Action File  
★ Club Council at 11.00am

## Let Us Introduce Ourselves....

Four new members are joining us. It is great that they have made that decision. Last month **Trevor Monkman** was featured in January. Now...



### Mike Flynn

I have spent a lifetime in aviation. I joined the RAF as a pilot and served in Singapore, Aden, Cyprus, Germany, Holland and of course UK!

On retiring from the service I worked for BAe, and airlines including BA and Flybe. Married to Suzanne and have two daughters. Pastimes include house renovation and improvement (my own!), walking, sailing, and photography. Moved to Staveley after 30 years in Scotland where I was a member of the Rotary Club of Loudoun in Ayrshire. It's East of Kilmarnock. We lived in Darvel - its claim to fame is that it was the birthplace of Alexander Fleming.



### Martin French



I was brought up in a small village on the edge of the Cotswolds where beech woodland, the stream and village common were my playground. Secondary schooling was in Stroud '60 to '66, a Technical School where we were prepared for the local factory economy. Unsure that a factory was for me I headed to the nearby Technical College in Cheltenham to study catering, leaving in 1969 with my Diploma.

The industry was very welcoming and I enjoyed several years finding my way as a waiter, chef, restaurant manager, in Switzerland, London and Gloucestershire, until I came to Kendal in 1973 as a Trainee Hotel Manager, with Thistle Hotels, at the County.

I had my first General Manager's job in 1981 at the Ullswater Hotel and had several more until my last one in 2006 at La Trelade Hotel, St Martins, Guernsey (pictured). I guess the highlight for me was as General Manager of the White House Hotel on Herm Island from 1986 until 1991, a very special job for anyone. Melanie, my partner, and I had a small hotel from 2007 until 2016, after which we retired to Kendal which is where Melanie is from.. My family lives in Devon, a daughter and son with their respective families.



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## Thinking ahead into April.....

On **Monday 23 April** (St. George's Day) we will have speakers from AgeUK to discuss how we might get our affairs in order. This will include Lasting Powers of Attorney (and "lodging" them), sorting out our utility accounts (data protection rules apply) etc. We are grateful to PP Peter Smith for arranging this. It is our plan that this meeting will be open to partners.

... And don't forget that it will be Charter Dinner on **Wednesday 25 April** - at Carus Green Golf Club.



## "Trip Adviser"

At our meeting on 22 October, we asked members to make comments about local establishments regarding food, service, atmosphere etc., plus an overall score out of ten.

Here in alphabetic order are the scores. The figure in brackets shows how many people scored that place, an average if it was more than one:

	Scores
Belsfield Laura Ashley [Bowness] (2)	8
Black Labrador [Underbarrow] (lots!)	10
Déjà Vu [Stricklandgate] (1)	10
Derby Arms [Witherslack] (1)	3
Eastern Balti [Wildman Street] (1)	10
Hare & Hounds [Levens] (3)	7
Heversham Hotel [ex-Blue Bell] (1)	1
Linthwaite House [Crook Road, Bowness] (1)♦	10
Longlands Hotel [Tewitfield] (1)	8
Masons Yard 24 [Stramongate] (2)	10
Matthew's Bistro [Ambleside] (1)	8
New Moon [Highgate] (1)	10
Pheasant [Casterton] (1)	10
Plough [Lupton] (3)	6.2
Romneys [Milnthorpe Road] (2)	9.5
Storrs Hall [Bowness] (1)♦	10
Terrazzo [K Village] (1)	8

♦ = Only recommended when you have 2 main courses for the price of one!



Déjà Vu



New Moon

Masons Yard 24



Perhaps we will do it again? Surprisingly some local places not mentioned at all.

### Meg Hastewell

**Meg Hastewell**, a long serving Inner Wheel member, and widow of PP Robert (President in 1970-71) has died recently. Our thoughts are with their family.

## End Polio Now

Worldwide in 2017 there were just 21 cases of the Wild Polio Virus - 13 in Afghanistan and 8 in Pakistan. In 2016 there were 37 and 74 in 2015) Sadly there are reports of intimidation of those health workers in the field.

**Val Robinson** (from Furness Peninsula and our future DG) and her husband John are joining a team to give the polio vaccination.



*I've searched all the parks and centres in towns and cities, and have found no statues of committees.*

*A bad cold wouldn't be so annoying if it weren't for the advice of our friends.*

*Any fool can criticise, condemn and complain - and most fools do.*

*A hair on the head is worth two in the brush.*