

Transforming lives through sport

A WHEELIE GOOD IDEA

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GREAT NEWS: We are now two months into the project and a quarter of Rotary Clubs in our District have either planned or completed their event and the first cheque has arrived. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch and especially to those intrepid Rotarians who have completed their interclub expeditions.

What are the objectives?

- To celebrate the Olympic & Paralympic Games
- To promote fellowship between Clubs
- To promote Rotary through local publicity
- To fundraise for WheelPower leaving a lasting sporting legacy in the wake of the Games through the purchase of manual sports wheelchairs for worthy young disabled recipients in East Anglia
- To show that Rotary can be fun!

How does it work?

Each club makes a journey to a nearby Club to share a meal and fellowship. They can carry a small notebook in which each president can write a short message. Members from this Club travel to the next Club continuing the fellowship relay. Our objective is to involve as many Clubs as possible in the District, which has 77 Clubs in total. We have **the whole** Rotary year to complete this project it is not just for the Olympics.

How can we travel?

This is the fun part- by any means of transport except a car. Club Rotarians can use buses, trains, boats, tractors, roller skates. You may have other more imaginative ideas and we have certainly seen some already!

How do we know which Club to visit and when?

Starting from Lowestoft there are two routes- heading north and south in the District. The plan is that the routes travel west and then back into Norwich for a publicity event in late spring 2013 before the final journey back to Lowestoft. This is only a guide at this stage and is continually evolving as Clubs come forward to take part. The more you can let me know your intentions, the better I can forward plan the routings and project timings for your involvement in the project. Please see the table below for routes and dates already agreed.

How can my club take part?

Please get in touch with Sally Green to discuss at: verdiworld@tiscali.co.uk or call **01502 566533**.

When the route is within your area, contact your next club to arrange a time to visit- there are regular updates in the 1080 News, from your AG or me.

Decide on a form of transport and go for it! However, swimming up the river may not seem so attractive in the depths of winter and there are fewer holidaymakers around for fundraising.

There is an alternative approach- separate the 'fun' and the fellowship. Make plans now to do something whacky on the way to the next Club and fundraise along the way. Arrange with them to have a small reception committee waiting for you. You can make plans and have your event at any time, then, wait until the notebook has reached you and simply drive back to that club to join them for their meeting later in the year.

Some clubs are having a collective event- the possibilities are endless, as long as it is fun! Please take some photos and send a couple to me. I plan to record the individual inter-Club events by putting the messages and photos into a book to commemorate the whole project at the end of the Rotary Year.

How can we raise money?

Our club made over £50 in a bucket collection from holidaymakers along the prom when they saw our weird and wonderful means of transport. Look for street collections on your local Council's website to find instructions for obtaining a licence. It is very straightforward and arrives within a couple of weeks. I can forward a WheelPower logo for the buckets.

Other club members, friends and family could sponsor those taking part or you could plan a fundraising event in aid of WheelPower- there are lots of opportunities for publicity with the Paralympics starting shortly.

Please visit the website: www.wheelpower.org.uk for more information on the Charity and its history. We are raising money for needy recipients within District 1080 and will be asking Clubs to put forward recommendations for disabled youngsters who have the potential to become future Club or Paralympic standard sportsmen and women in the future. Please do not send any money to WheelPower directly. Playing sport can transform the lives of disabled children. What a great way for Rotary to contribute to our community.

What do you do next?

When you are ready there are sponsorship forms as well as payment instructions available on the District 1080 website, as well as a PowerPoint and DVD with further information on the project to download and show to your Club. I can also send you this information, if you prefer. I look forward to hearing from you.

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SOUTH ROUTE	DATE	NORTH ROUTE	DATE
Lowestoft East Point	5.7.2012	Lowestoft East Point	7.7.2012
Southwold	19.7.2012	Lowestoft South	18.7.2012
Beccles	24.7.2012	Lowestoft	2.8.2012
Bungay	7.8.2012	Gorleston	25.8.2012
Harleston	11.8.2012	Yarmouth Haven	6.8.2012
High Suffolk	14.8.2012	Yarmouth	13.8.2012
Framlingham	16.8.2012	Broadlands	
Saxmundham	18.8.2012	Wroxham Bure Valley	23.8.2012
Woodbridge		Aylsham	10.9.2012
Woodbridge Deben		North Walsham	
Felixstowe		Cromer & Sheringham	
Felixstowe Languard		North Norfolk	
PASSING MID SEPTEMBER TO SOUTH AREA PASSING TO WEST AREA			
Ipswich		Holt	
Ipswich Wolsey		Fakenham	
Ipswich East		Dereham	
Ipswich Orwell		Watton	
Hadleigh		Thetford	1.9.12
Stowmarket Gipping		Brandon	
Stowmarket		Swaffham	
Sudbury		Kings Lynn	
Sudbury Talbot		Kings Lynn Priory	
Bury St Edmunds		Kings Lynn Trinity	
Bury St Edmunds Abbey		Downham Market	
PASSING BEG	DECEMBER INTO SW	PASSING TO NW	
Haverhill		Wisbech	
Saffron Walden		Whittlesey	
Sawston		March	
Baldock		Chatteris	
Letchworth Howard		Littleport	
Letchworth Garden		Ely	
Royston		Ely Hereward	
Cambridge		Soham Staploe	
Newmarket			
Mildenhall		Wymondham	
Diss		Reepham	
Wymondham		Norwich	
Norwich		Lowestoft E.P.	
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