



### The “My Job Talk” by Rotarian Pradeep Thomas , the “Bum Doctor” on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Apparently, because he treats anal and rectal problems, his daughter introduces him as “Bum Doctor” to her friends. Training at Chennai in India he moved in 1998 to the UK, commencing at the Doncaster Royal Infirmary, attained his MRCS from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2000 and his FRCS in 2009. He is now a colorectal surgeon treating patients with bowel and Crohn’s diseases and colitis

at the Queen’s Hospital, Burton upon Trent.

His day commences with ward rounds, followed by either outpatient clinics, operating theatre or endoscopy lists. In theatres he performs bowel operations usually by ‘keyhole techniques’ which avoid large cuts to patients’ abdomens. Although a small district hospital it has the highest percentage of ‘keyhole surgeries’ in the Midlands. Pradeep also performs hernia repair, gall bladder removal, haemorrhoid surgery, colonoscopies (camera examinations). He is responsible for emergency surgical care once in eight weeks. Pradeep gets about 30 emails a day about patient care and various administrative issues which he does not enjoy receiving. For his sins he is the lead surgeon for his department. He attends meetings regularly related to patient care directly and others regarding hospital performances or incidents. He teaches a number of junior doctors and sometimes tutorials for medical students.

The difficult part of the work is breaking bad news to patients and family. It is very hard when patients are young.

In general it is a great job which he enjoys. When patients say thanks after a successful treatment it makes it all worthwhile.

*(This report has been compiled from Pradeep’s notes as your Editor was unable to be present)*

As there was no International/Foundation speaker on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Chairman Mick Guest gave a “My Job” talk. Although retired Mick is still involved as a Consultant Engineer. At the moment there is a new teaching block being constructed at a Spondon School.

He then went on to talk about being a professional ski instructor, teaching swimming in Ireland and playing Water Polo.

Mick moved on to his favourite topic, “Global Warming”. Referring to skiing he pointed out the shrinking of glaciers and the lack of snow at ski resorts. To keep up availability for skiing, resorts have to provide artificial snow. Mick concluded his talk mentioning the use of nuclear fuels for producing energy.



## News and views for the Rotarians of Derby South



Rotarian Peter Angus, President 2016-2017

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S VISIT ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. JOINT MEETING WITH “DAUGHTER CLUB” AT THE HILTON HOUSE HOTEL.



DG Colin Gell brought greetings from RI President, John Germ, whose theme is “Rotary Serving Humanity”. Colin’s own theme is “Building Forward”

He brought with him his “Teddy Bear”, presented by RIBI President Eve Conway, to collect donations for Polio. The sack on the bear’s back is small enough to receive paper currency. Named “INCH” (so near to ending Polio) there is also a competition to guess how far the bear will travel, visiting Clubs during Colin’s year in office.

Our DG said it was an exciting time with the larger district of 71 clubs. He also mentioned the

decisions made by the Council on Legislation (reported in our August Newsletter).

A new RIBI Constitution was awaited.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary Foundation was reported. (See presentation by John Cavey in District Council report)

Colin was keen to promote the image of Rotary, sustain current membership, consider “satellite” clubs, joint initiatives for the four Derby Clubs and keeping web sites up to date.

He concluded his address saying “We are Rotary. Look to the Future, Work hard and have Fun”

**District Conference will be at Scarborough, 30th September to 2nd October.**

## District Council

Items from the District Council meeting on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Members stood in silence to remember Past District Governor Dr Rami Seth MBE and other Rotarians who had died. Rami (Wollaton Park Rotary Club) was a well liked Rotarian and popular Lecturer.



### FOUNDATION

It was reported that unspent funds amounting to £2437.60 were returned to Evanston at the end of the Rotary Year. This is a disappointing outcome resulting from three Clubs deciding not to proceed with their planned projects. These returned funds though are given back to the District this year (2016/2017) as part of the District Designated Fund.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has launched the **Purple4Polio** campaign, which encourages everyone to join together in the final push to eradicate polio worldwide. Backed by legendary singer-songwriter, Donovan, and former Blue Peter presenter, Konnie Huq, the campaign was launched at a prestigious event on the River Thames during the RIBI presidential handover from Peter Davey to Eve Conway.



**PP John Cavey (Chair of Foundation Grants Sub Committee)** illustrated Foundation's 100 years with a video of its history. At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. A special event and birthday party will occur at the June 2017 Atlanta Rotary Convention. Locally John asked that each Club have a special fund raising event during the "ROTATHON" weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Foundation Chairman, Past District Governor Peter Moralee presented a video entitled "Polio for Primary Schools" prepared by the Rotary Club of Doncaster St. Leger.**

**This is an excellent idea with a pack of information for an individual class and the cartoon video to be shown at a School assembly. The cost is £10 per class and is linked to the year 6 curriculum - "Micro-organisms and vaccines".**



### Rotary Ride Goes Purple

Now in its third year, Rotary Ride is back but this time things are turning purple. As part of the Rotary Foundation centennial celebrations and Rotary's Purple4Polio campaign, this year's ride will be raising money for End Polio Now to help in the final push to finally eradicate polio from the world.

Rotary Ride has already proved to be a great success and now is your chance to come together and get on your bikes to help Rotary accomplish its biggest achievement.

Keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks when we will be announcing the date and sending out everything you need to help plan your 2017 Rotary Ride including details of how to register your event. In the mean time, start thinking about how you could get involved and don't hesitate to get in touch with [pr@rotarygbi.org](mailto:pr@rotarygbi.org) with any questions.

### District 1220 Membership Seminar

**Has your Club "enough" members? - Could you do with more?**  
**If so, how will you find them?**

The Membership Seminar will be held at The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Coffee/tea from 8 am, commence at 9 am finish by 1 pm.

The post code for the Post Mill centre is DE55 2EJ—closest Motorway exit Junction 28. DG Colin will be present and there will be guest speakers on a number of key issues.

The future of Rotary in District 1220 starts here.

Numbers to District Membership Chairman Colin Fox by 17<sup>th</sup> September

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