

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

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Dear Foundation / Polio Lead

Welcome to the first edition of the Spring, and hoping this newsletter finds you and your fellow club members well.

1. Latest Statistics

In line with the last statistics I shared with you, it seems that there are still no recorded Wild Virus cases for this calendar year, as the latest stats show. There are some interesting headline developments, however.

- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative celebrated International Women's Day last week, highlighting the important and integral roles women play at all levels of the global polio eradication effort. In my last newsletter I talked about the plight of women volunteers in Afghanistan, prevented from taking part in polio projects freely at the behest of the Taliban.
- At a recent high-level event at the House of Commons in London, Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State (Development & Africa) announced he will be taking on the role of gender champion for the GPEI and pledging the Government's continued support for the campaign. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones warned against polio 'fatigue', insisting that the world has never been closer to winning the fight against the disease, calling on all stakeholders to deliver on its promise to deliver a polio-free world.
- Eastern Mediterranean health leaders call for redoubled efforts for a defining year for polio. Ministers and high-level delegates from across the Region participated in the seventh meeting of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks.
- The Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) met recently in Amman, Jordan, to review progress towards interrupting wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) transmission in polio-endemic Pakistan and Afghanistan, implementation of the Global Surveillance Action Plan, and to hear from the six regional certification commissions on current regional priorities and issues.
- The GPEI has received confirmation of the detection of cVDPV2 in Burundi and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), originating from novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) (see country sections below).

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								Date of most recent case
	Full year total						01 Jan-14 Mar ¹		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	
Pakistan	8	12	147	84	1	20	0	0	15-Sep-22
Afghanistan	14	21	29	56	4	2	1	0	29-Aug-22
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Total (Type1)	22	33	176	140	6	30	1	0	
Tot. in endemic countries	22	33	176	140	5	22	1	0	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	0	
No. of countries (endemic)	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	
Total Female	7	18	72	59	2	10	1	0	
Total Male	15	15	104	81	4	20	0	0	

I'm not sure what to make of this last bullet point – I had understood the high hopes for the novel oral vaccine (nOPV2) was to eliminate the risks of vaccine-derived incidences. I feel I need to understand this better!

2. Immunisation Programme in India

I have today received information that this is unlikely to go ahead this year. This is largely because no date has been announced and at least 30 days' notice must be given. For Delhi and Amritsar this takes any potential exercise into the hottest part of the year and it is considered unwise to proceed. There may be an opportunity later in the year (though apparently Amritsar is not normally included in later annual programmes) and Mike Yates will keep us informed.

3. Publicity

On a particularly prominent roundabout, I noticed some of my own club's crocus planting in splendid colour the other day (though missing our Rotary signs, which needs rectifying or else we don't get the publicity we aim for). If you have any photographs, please send them in. I ask this particularly because I've heard reports that not all of the emerging crocuses from the 2022 planting are purple! If this is your experience, please let me know, as this is feedback for the current supplier and might assure more consistency in the 2023 batch of bulbs.



It's a little belated, but Bill Wood of **RC Louth** sent me the attached when he and his colleagues held a stall marking the polio initiative selling off crocus corms last year and lighting up buildings. They made more than £600 at their market stall (worth £1800 with the Gates Foundation multiplier) and lit up St James Church.

This latter initiative extended beyond 24th October World Polio Day

2022 throughout the month of November to help Pancreatic Cancer charities in their key month of fundraising – a lovely example of mutuality and joint endeavour.

On the subject of the corms generally, observations seem to suggest that recent varieties have been small and dark and don't give the best showing. The larger paler purple corms look dazzling when planted in number.

Plenty of time to think about this year, however, and perhaps Bill's club's photographs will inspire you.

Might your club buy more corms, sell the crocus lapels (plenty available, just send me a request and I'll get some out to you) or arrange some publicity for this year's World Polio Day?

Think about it and let me know what you're planning.



4. Shamelessly Plugging my own Club's Charter Dinner!

I am attaching an invitation to you and your fellow Club members to our Charter Dinner on **Monday 1st May 2023** (yes ... it's a Bank Holiday). I'd love to see you there and welcome you to Northallerton. Please let me know if you are able to come.

Finally, my newsletter comes out to you with all best wishes for the Spring, and for the Easter holidays, however/wherever and with whomever you are spending it.

with kind regards,

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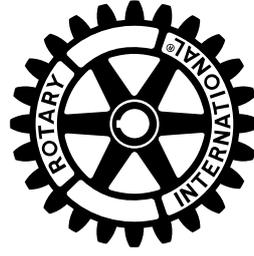
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Club of Northallerton Mowbray

Charter Dinner 2022/23

President Robert Williamson invites you, your partners and friends to join him to celebrate 28 years since the granting of our charter

Guest speaker: The Rt Rev Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby



Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Venue: The Village Inn, Brompton, Northallerton

Time: 7 for 7.30pm

Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suits if preferred

Tickets: £27.50 from Janet Crampton
email: rotarianjanetcrampton@gmail.com



Charter Dinner 2022/23

Menu choices

Starters

- (1) *Pressed Ham Hock & Parsley Terrine, house Piccalilli & Crusty Bread*
- (2) *Prawn Cocktail, served with shredded lettuce, Marie Rose Sauce & Brown Bread*
- (3) *Vegetable Soup, served with Mini Loaf (V)*

Mains

- (4) *Poached Salmon, Bubble & Squeak, Wholegrain Mustard Sauce*
- (5) *Roast Topside of Beef, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & House Gravy*
- (6) *Risotto, with Spinach, Mushroom & Truffle Oil (V)*

Desserts

- (7) *Triple Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream*
- (8) *Vanilla Crème Brulee, with Hazelnut Biscotti*
- (9) *Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Vanilla Ice Cream*

Please reserve places @ £27.50 in the names of the following with their menu choices ticked accordingly (or with special dietary needs indicated)

Name of Guest, and Club/Club Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Menu choices and payments are required by 17th April 2023

Please kindly return your slip and remittance cheques (made payable to Rotary Club of Northallerton Mowbray) to Janet Crampton, Mallards, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0RG or email dietary details to rotarianjanetcrampton@gmail.com with payment via BACS to:

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