



**RODNEY HUGGINS M.B.E.
EARTH HOUR 2017
GREAT BRITISH SPRINGCLEAN 3-5
MARCH: WORLD ROTARY DAY:
TANZANIAN TREE PLANTING**

**RODNEY HUGGINS
MBE**

Congratulations to Rodney on being awarded the MBE in the recent New Year's Honours List.

Following holding the office of RIBI President, Rodney founded the RIBI Environmental Group 16 years ago, and chaired it for over 10 years.

The Rodney Huggins Award, through the generosity of his Family Trust, has provided the Bursaries, totalling over £500 each year, only reducing the total to £250 this year as the demands on the Trust are now more urgently needed for his younger family members. The Trust also provided the original trophy and also new replica trophies for winning Clubs to keep.

This recognition of his considerable work both within Rotary and his community at Reading is most appropriate and well deserved.

**EARTH HOUR
25 March 2017 – 8.30
to 9.30 p.m.**

Please make sure that you have this date in your Club Diary! You may, as an individual, wish to join the world wide campaign to reduce consumption of electricity by turning off all electrical equipment for an hour on the evening of the 25 March, or you can still acknowledge this by doing this at your weekly Rotary Club meeting on the week before or after. Lunch or Dinner by candlelight can bring the attention of members to what it is all about, and, as it just lasts an hour, light can be put on again, if needed, for the speaker.

**GREAT BRITISH
SPRING CLEAN
3-5 MARCH**



Plan now for what your Club can do! Are there areas that need a clean-up? Woodlands are often used as dumping grounds for rubbish. Rivers and stream are another area, and for those on the coast,

there is plenty needing doing on the sea shores.

If you are doing a scheme, you can register it with www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk

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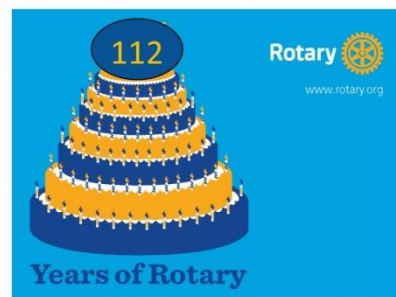
Eco-schools are running an art competition for schools based on one man and his dog – Wayne and Koda. They are walking the whole coastline of Britain picking up litter on the way.



The competition is to create 'super hero' cartoon characters of Wayne and Coda battling the evil genius, Lord Litter.

There is also a school photographic competition to highlight the impact of litter for Years 7 to 12.

**WORLD ROTARY
DAY- 23 FEBRUARY**



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TANZANIAN TREES

for Mount Kilimanjaro



Early 1970s
40 years later



The undeniable shrinkage of ice on Kilimanjaro summit has been the focus of some controversy over the last 15 years. Some of this is evidence of global warming, while others dismiss this view. Many see this as evidence of climate change with increased aridity being the consequence of decades of deforestation in the region. Whatever the cause, is there a response that Rotarians can make?

Paul Keeley and his charity, Sustainable Global Gardens,

have been encouraging the practice of agroforestry among local small-scale farmers for soil conservation and income generation, as well as protection against climate change. During this time there have been several UK Rotary Clubs who have contributed to this cause, while in Tanzania the Club has worked with a number of African Rotary Clubs who make tree-planting a regular Club activity.



One Club, Rombo Mkuu, launched a tree-planting competition in 2013 and by this time last year, 25 schools had planted nearly 8,500 trees in their school grounds with a further 4,200 seedlings being given to children to plant in their own home farms.



With an average enrolment of 300 children per school, it is estimated that at least 7500 young people will have been involved in and benefitted from this particular project.

These small local projects may not save the Kilimanjaro ice cap, which is expected to disappear in about 10 year's time, but it has greatly improved the environment in which they live.



With seedlings costing only 20p each, even a small donation to this worthwhile project, can provide a lot of much needed trees.

Those undertaking these tree-planting activities are both pleased and proud of their achievements, and they now wish to increase their activities with your support.

To help please contact Rotarian Paul Keeley at paul_keeley@hotmail.com

who kindly provided the photographs and information for the text on this article. He and his wife spend 2/3 months each year in Africa so it is a real hands-on operation.

If you need any help or advice, please contact Terry Knowles, Secretary of the GB&I Environmental Sustainability Group by e-mail on TERUNA2@aol.com or telephone 01423 525014