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Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Sudbury** (District 1080) who won this year's competition. They will get a bursary of £250 kindly donated by the Rodney Huggins Family Trust, the trophy, which they will hold for a year, and a replica trophy to keep. These will be presented at the forthcoming RIBI Conference in Manchester in April by RIBI President Eve Conway.

Over a period of three years the Club has undertaken a series of Youth and Environmental activities, including arranging many educational visits for schools that have been organised in partnership with local nature and wildlife community groups.

Highly commended were The Rotary Clubs of **Aylsham** (District 1080), **Aireborough** (District 1040) and **Louth** (District 1040).

If you entered but were not successful, please accept our thanks for your interest, and perhaps have another go next year as, by their very nature,

environment projects are often long term.

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.

PLANT A TREE!

Incoming R.I. President, Ian Riseley has issued a challenge to his District Governors meeting together for the R.I. Assembly in January, that he wants every Rotarian to plant a tree during his year of office 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

At the time of writing, there are no further details, but, no doubt, you will be hearing a lot

more about this when the District Assemblies start soon. Some of you will, no doubt, achieve this easily, but others may have problems finding land on which to plant a tree. Assuming it is to be as a carbon offset scheme, the trees in our case would need to be a British Native Hardwood.



Some may just plant a tree in their garden! Others may well not have that facility, so land will be needed on which to plant them. An obvious source will be your Local Authority.

When I have more information, I will put this in the Newsletter. There are alternatives such as getting free trees from the Woodland Trust or some other business organisations such as OVO; sponsoring the planting of trees in Tanzania (as per last month's Newsletter); or planting through other Rotary Clubs who have existing schemes, such as my own Club's scheme of planting trees for offsetting carbon emissions in the Nidderdale AONB.

COMMUNITY - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

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NEW SECRETARY REQUIRED!

Our Group are looking for a new Secretary. Having done the job for the last few years, I am almost 80 years old. My marriage began 46 years ago when I was President of the Rotary Club of Ripon, and my wife also feels that it is time I gave a little more attention to her rather than Rotary!

Basically it involves:-

1/ Taking Minutes of meetings
2/ Writing a monthly Newsletter like this one. This was introduced by me so is not compulsory(!) but hopefully has been useful as a means of conveying environmental projects etc to District and Clubs.

3/ Preparing and publicising individual projects as they arise in the form of informative leaflets which appear on the RIBI web site, are distributed at RIBI Conferences and are available for Clubs or individual Rotarians to use as a basis for environmental projects within their own Clubs. Some of these need to be updated from time to time. The Group meets once a year on a face-to-face basis so that it can judge the entries for the Rodney Huggins Award, but otherwise on an audio basis. I wish to finish at the end of this Rotary Year (30 June). Please let me know if you are

interested and feel free to contact me for any further details.

ESRAG MEETING

Using a new Zoom system, members of the Group long meeting with Melissa Mills in America. She is the Secretary of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG), now an official part of Rotary International. They are seeking to set up 'Chapters' throughout the world of Rotary and we have agreed with them to be their first group.

We will be looking at opportunities to work together in the future, and we are already providing them with our newsletters and some of our project leaflets.

Membership of ESRAG costs \$30 and is open to all Rotarians. We are also asking their Board to look at Clubs becoming members.

RECYCLED PLASTIC BOTTLE ECO - GREENHOUSES

This project is great idea to become involved with schools. A partnership with Rotary is necessary as each greenhouse kit costs £185 plus VAT, and schools have very little resources for such things themselves. The project is ideal for year 6

students and fits well into the National Curriculum for basic subjects and the environment.

This would be a great idea for those schools involved with the Eco-Schools Project, and gives a practical scheme for their Eco-Club, and our chance to work with them.

The Business Partnership is also a membership development initiative and details about how to go about the project, building ties with local businesses and the benefits to all concerned can be obtained from the contact details below.

Also look at the B P Initiative Facebook page. This is ideal for businesses eager to fulfil corporate social responsibility objectives with schools and Rotary.



David Pedlar Chairman of District 1220 Business Partnership Team has kindly agreed to lead on this and his e-mail address is d.pedlar@ntlworld.com. His telephone number is 01158751484 and mobile 07866164308.

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