



Friends of
York Rotary

Supporting
Rotary in our
Community

September's Speakers on Rotary Zoom!



David Harbourne

Charles Storer

Robin Garland

We have some more fabulous outside speakers coming in to our York Rotary Zoom meetings in September. You are all invited to join us!

Fri Sept 4 David Harbourne "Being a Charity Trustee"

David is chair of York CVS and is probably well known to many of you. As well as guiding York CVS, he a Governor of Selby College; the author of "Penguins under the porch: a Yorkshireman's ode to Oamaru"; and a specialist in technical education policy

Fri Sept 11 Charles Storer MBE "Hope and Aid Direct"

*Charles is the Co-founder and Head of Operations for [Hope and Aid Direct](#), a charity based in Essex. After a career in banking, he co-founded Hope and Aid Direct in 1999 after driving trucks full of humanitarian aid to Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia between 1996 and 1999. Their simple motto is '**taking aid, not sides**'. Their 100% voluntary work was mostly in Kosovo then until the European Refugee crisis really hit the news in late 2015, and since then, it has remained their immediate focus, particularly helping refugees in the Greek islands. York Rotary has a special link with his charity through hands-on support with their convoys, and in helping collect items for these convoys (see current story later in this Update)*

Fri Sept 18 Robin Garland "Project Mala"

Robin is the Founder and chair of [Project Mala Charitable Trust](#). He set up Project Mala in 1989. He believes a happy childhood is the foundation of life and school days are an important part of a child's formative years. Unfortunately large numbers of children in India's carpet weaving belt start work at an age when western children are starting school. To deal with this problem Project Mala was founded to provide a three year non-formal education course to children. Our aim is to help eradicate the use of child labour on the carpet weaving looms and enable working children to regain their lost childhood. Robin is a frequent visitor to York Rotary and we support his work through donations from our charity fund.

ALL Friends are VERY welcome to join us for our Rotary Zoom meetings (Fridays at 12.30pm - we usually finish by 1.30/1.45pm)

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Like to come along? We suggest you "drop in" from around 12.15pm so we can "greet" you.

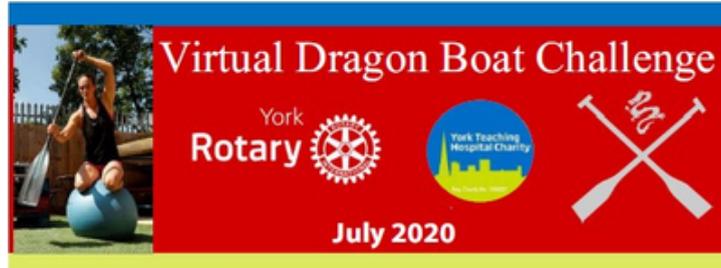
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If you could let me know at friends@yorkrotary.co.uk that you are intending to join us for any of these meetings, that would also be very helpful.

Brian Joscelyne

Dragon Boat Challenge - Mission Accomplished!



We're delighted to announce that we've achieved our goal of getting our "Virtual Dragon Boat" down the entire length of the River Ouse (84 virtual kilometres!) by raising over **£17,500** through the efforts of Rotarians and friends and the massive support of generous donors.

100% of the money raised is going to the **York Teaching Hospital Charity**, towards an outdoor well-being area for the amazing staff at York Hospital. Details of this are being finalised with Maya and Joe from the hospital charity (*Friends of York Rotary* who have helped us throughout with the management of this project) and we'll have more news soon.

[Read more](#)

Can you help Refugees by donating blankets and towels?



[Hope and Aid Direct](#) are a small charity that takes humanitarian aid across to the Greek islands by truck, and Diane Rowarth, one of our members, has been part of the last 2 convoys. When you see how people are living, in makeshift tents perched on a hillside, reliant on NGO's like Hope and Aid, you want to do anything you can to help.

York Rotary's International Team are doing just that. And *Friends of York Rotary* are invited to help us, too....

Quite simply, we are not asking for money, just donations of blankets, towels and sleeping bags. Can YOU help?

[Read more](#)

Hearing from *Friends*

During August we have had two *Friends of York Rotary* give talks at our weekly York Rotary Zoom meetings

[Door 84](#) is a wonderful Youth Centre and Community Hub based on Lowther St York. Heidi Haywood gave us an update on their activities and the impact of COVID.

Yvonne Copley who founded and runs [KYRA Women's Project](#) also spoke to us about their work.

You can read about their talks on our News page

[Read more](#)



Hearing from *Friends*... continued



Whilst it's hard to keep close contact at the current time, we would love to hear from members of Friends about your activities and news about your organisation.

We'll be glad to include your items in our monthly News Updates.....

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Best wishes to all

Brian

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