



Rotary
Currie Balerno



Currie Balerno Rotary serves the communities of Ratho, Kirknewton, Balerno,
Currie, Juniper Green, Baberton, Colinton and Wester Hailes

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APRIL NEWS



Here's a look at the Primary Schools Quiz held at Dean Park Primary School.
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Then there's our donation to Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Children and
Young People and a word about our Rotary Community Members.

But first, a look at our April meetings.

- 1 April** **Our isles and oceans -Round the world sailing race 2023/24**
- 8 April** **Who was Andrew Carnegie?**
- 15 April** **Fishing into the future**
- 22 April** **The Commonwealth War Graves Commission**
- 29 April** **Balerno High School**

CURRIE WINS PRIMARY SCHOOLS QUIZ

Every year Currie Balerno Rotary organizes the local Primary Schools Quiz as part of a Rotary District competition. This year it was hosted by Dean Park Primary School and Head Teacher Nicola Kurth welcomed everyone.

There were six schools competing – Balerno Dean Park, Clovenstone, Currie, Juniper Green, Nether Currie and Ratho - fielding 15 teams of four, a total of 60 young quizzers. There were six questions in each of eight rounds, which included language and literacy, maths and questions about Scotland.

In 2024 and 2025, Ratho were the winners and went on to compete at the South of Scotland District Final. This year they came third in a closely fought competition, just one point behind Nether Currie, who in turn were one point behind the winning team from Currie Primary School.



The winning team – Jamie, Arran, Mohammed and Cameron - are seen here, with Rotary President Ken McCunn, looking justly very proud of themselves.

And what next? Currie will go on, of course, to the Area Final but they will not be the only team going forward. Normally the top two teams go forward in the competition but this year, in view of the numbers involved locally – 60 young quizzers from six schools – it has been decided that our top three schools will go on to compete at Area level.

So Currie, Nether Currie and Ratho will be at the City and Central Scotland Area Final on 14 May. We look forward to them all bringing credit on themselves and their schools – and to Currie Balerno Rotary, of course.

A DONATION TO THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Readers of our monthly News will remember Rotary's fund-raising Casino night in aid of Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.

The event was held at the request of our Secretary, Theresa Douglas, to say thank you on behalf of her grand-daughter Eva, who spent a life-saving five months in the hospital receiving fantastic care.

The Casino Night was an enjoyable event but it was all about raising money for the hospital and to help buy items that could make life just that little bit better for the patients and their families; and on 16 March Currie Balerno Rotary was able to present £1500 to the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity.

Every day seriously ill children and their families face a potentially life-changing hospital visit, which can be frightening not just for the children themselves but also, inevitably, for the parents. We hope our modest donation can be used to ease the pressures on the staff and to bring some distraction to the children and their families through the clown doctors and birthday and Christmas presents perhaps for the patients and also their siblings.

We were able also to make smaller donations to two volunteer groups who make a difference – Octopus for a Premie, Scotland, who knit and crochet Octopals for premature baby units across Scotland and the Edinburgh Linus Group, who make and donate patchwork quilts and blankets.

Seen here are (standing from the left) Rotary President Ken McCunn with a cheque for £300 for Octopus for a Premie, who were unable to attend, Amy Russell of the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity with a cheque for £1500 and Alice Keane and Pip Peat from Edinburgh Linus (£300). In front is mum Stephanie with little Eva.



Currie Balerno Rotary want to thank everyone who supported the Casino Night and made these donations possible. A wonderful result.

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