

Rotary. Talk by Rtn. Lesley Hastings.

Talk by Rtn. Lesley Hastings – The Rotary “Young Citizens Award”



We had a very interesting and informative talk by Rotarian Lesley Hastings, Past President of the Rotary Club of Leeds, who is also a member of District 1040's "New Generations" committee. Her topic was the RIBI "National Young Citizens Award".

Lesley enthusiastically described how the Rotary "National Young Citizens Award" project publicises and acknowledges the activities and achievements of young persons, or groups, under the age of twenty-five, who have done something really special in their community. She quoted many examples covering a very wide range of activities, but highlighted the activities of one young lady, twelve years old, Bethany Hare, who was put forward by the Rotary Club of Leeds and was adjudged to be one of the five national RIBI winners.

Lesley told us that Bethany's achievements were inspirational. When only ten she learned of the good work done by the Martin House children's hospice

near Wetherby and decided that she wanted to help them. She dressed up as Charlie Chaplin and was recorded, by her father, on DVD, singing the song "Smile". This DVD was then sold with the proceeds donated to her local hospice. The recording was also placed on the Internet and she, now twelve years old, has raised over £23,000 to provide respite care for terminally ill young children. Bethany has also been involved in organising charity walks and other fund-raising activities.

Bethany Hare was awarded the PHF (Paul Harris Fellow) for her truly outstanding activities by the then District Governor, Willie Clark. (Some photographs are attached below).



ROTARY YOUNG CITIZEN 2012 AWARDS COMPILATION

WEEK OF FEATURES, BBC NEWS CHANNEL

SATURDAY 7th APRIL **ALICE PYNE**

SUNDAY 8th APRIL **HANNAH JONES**

MONDAY 9th APRIL **SEEN & HEARD CLUB**

TUESDAY 10th APRIL **RABIYA AHMED**

WEDS. 11th APRIL **BETHANY HARE**

THURS. 12th APRIL **BEN McBEAN**

FRIDAY 13th APRIL **CAMERON FOSTER**

MAIN MENU

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**Past District Governor Willie Clark with
Rotary Young Citizens Award winner
Bethany Hare from District 1040**

