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TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

At our Business Meeting on Thursday the 26th of January President David Jones was pleased to be able to present two new members to the club. They are seen here with the President, Peter Powell (left) and Nigel Offen (right).

CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO EAST ANGLIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICES



At our lunch on on 26th January President David Jones gave a cheque to Jo Colbert from EACH for £1,100. This was the money from the Station Christmas Collection plus some from the Thursford Trip raffle.

CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO MARY'S MEALS



Also at the meeting on 26th January President David gave a cheque for £550 to John Fulton from Mary's Meals which was the proceeds from the frugal lunch. The large amount was only possible because the lunch was provided free by the Rose and Crown.

A VISIT TO STONEHAVEN ROTARY CLUB Tues Dec 20th 2011



Bill Ward visited the Rotary Club of Stonehaven and had Christmas Lunch with President Jennifer MacDonald.

CLUB MEETINGS – February 2012

- 2nd MY JOB TALK – Richard Pierce
Vote of Thanks: The President
- 9th WWAITROSE – Ken MacDonald
Vote of Thanks; Alan Tindall
- 16th THE MAYOR OF COLCHESTER – Cllr Helen Chuah
Vote of Thanks: The President
Guests are invited to this meeting.
- 23rd BUSINESS MEETING

CLUB MEETINGS – March 2012

- 1st MY CAREER IN FOOTBALL – Matt Holland
Vote of Thanks: Dick Jackson
- 8th ROUND THE WORLD TRIP PART 2– Harry Royle
Vote of Thanks; Bob Light
- 15th CRGS SENIOR YOUTH SPEAKS TEAM
Vote of Thanks: The President
- 22nd BUSINESS MEETING
- 29th EVENING MEETING – with partners
ABBERTON RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT
Jim Jenkins *Vote of Thanks:* Ivan Stedman

EDITORIAL



Editors:

Bill Ward and Bill Frame

Several members of this club go to Kingsford Junior School to listen to the children reading on a one-to-one basis. We have been concentrating this year on those who need extra help to bring them up to the expected standard. Last week when I was reading with one young lad the teacher came up and told me that he had made really good progress since September and had gone from being below his reading age to being above it.

Most of the improvement he said was due to the lad himself because he had been inspired to read because of all the extra help he had had from staff and volunteers. This really made my day.

The Mayor has been impressed also with the high standard of public speaking at both Youth Speaks. Our youth programme is showing itself to be really worthwhile.

Bill Ward

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

I am writing these notes having just heard of the sad death of Carol Priest. Carol will be greatly missed and long remembered for her kindness, consideration and infectious smile. Our thoughts are with David and his family at this difficult time.

January has been a highly successful month for our Club. The two Youth Speaks events went very well and very high standards of public speaking were again in evidence. Thanks must go to the New Generations Team for these events and especially to Ray Gamble who has led on YS for the past three years. Community Service has also organised two more collections at Tesco which went well. The fellowship and banter which goes with these collections has made them enjoyable occasions involving most members of the Club.

As a result of our fugal lunch, we were able to present a cheque for £550 to "Mary's Meals" at the meeting last Thursday together with another cheque for £1,100 to The Children's Hospice. We have sent a cheque for £150 to a project in Africa which David Judge worked on when he was DG. Finally we have sent £100 to "Opportunities Through Technology" who impressed many members on a recent visit to the Club. That we have been able to hand over nearly £5,000 during the Christmas period is a great achievement for the Club when we consider that it has been done through the offer of time and talents rather than cash donations.

One of the highlights of any President's year must be to induct a new member. I have now had the privilege of inducting three new members in this Rotary Year. We offer a warm welcome to Peter Powell and Nigel Offen. I would like to thank our Junior Vice-President for the great idea of asking partners to attend when new members are inducted. It seemed to be much appreciated. Thanks must also go to Ivan for all his work on new membership.

Half-way through my Presidency I am feeling very pleased and optimistic about the Club and hope you all feel the same.

David Jones

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	16 th 18 th 23 rd 29 th 29 th	Lunch Meeting with the Mayor of Colchester – Guests Invited Rotary Young Musician – Chelmsford Cathedral, 7 for 7.30pm ROTARY DAY District Youth Speaks Competition – County Hall Council Chamber, Chelmsford Archery Event – Hadleigh
April	13-15 th 15 th 27 th 30 th	Visit to Signals Communication Centre – Colchester Station, date to be arranged RIBI Conference – Bournemouth Fun Cycle Ride round Fordham PRESIDENT'S NIGHT – Le Talbooth. Visit to Brits RC in South Africa.
May	6-9 th	Rotary International Convention – Bangkok
June	17 th 20 th 21 st 21-24 th	Car Treasure Hunt Collection, Tesco's Highwoods Collection, Tesco's Highwoods RUTLAND WATER ACTIVITY AND SOCIAL WEEKEND

Thursday 5th January 2012
OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
David Lyons



David explained that Opportunities through Technology was started in 1994 and its mission statement is “Empowering disabled people to achieve *their* aims through the power of technology”.

OTT started in the autumn of 1993 when a group of three people in Colchester were enthused with the idea and vision of setting up a centre which would provide a distinctively client centred programme to enable people with physical and sensory disabilities to realise their life and career ambitions utilising the growing opportunities being created by new technologies.

The breakthrough came with the establishment of the partnership with the Colchester Institute (OTT in CI) in 1999 and a grant from Social Services for the purchase of computers and software, this enabled a pilot programme to take place. Subsequent successful bids with Colchester Institute to the Essex TEC have enabled the further development and establishment of the programme.

The aims of OTT include promoting through the use of technology the training and enabling of disabled people, particularly but not exclusively above the age of 19 who are unable to obtain employment and / or education commensurate with their skills and abilities. Also providing opportunities for employment, further education, and the empowerment of independent living. As usual with charitable organisations funding is always an issue and David explained that it cost £140,000pa to keep it going. They have helped 1200 clients since 2000 with a 95% success rate.

WF

Thursday 12th January 2012
ESSEX COUNTY NEWSPAPERS
James Wills



James is the editor of the *Essex County Standard* and he owes his appointment to Irene Kettle who gave him his first editorial post at the *Maldon and Burnham Standard*.

James comes from Bassenthwaite in the Lake District and was educated at Giggleswick School and later studied politics at Birmingham University.

He joined the *Westmoreland Gazette* which had been edited in the past by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Instead of a “Spot the Ball” competition they had a “Spot the Sheepdog” picture every week with the dog blanked out of a sheepdog trial photo. He then went to the *Telegraph and Argus* in Bradford as deputy editor and then came to Essex. His first major bloomer was to publish, in all seriousness, a spoof 450 word obituary which proved to be that of a dog. He also managed to spell accuracy wrongly.

He then went to the *Braintree and Witham Times* and then to Clacton which has made him the only editor in the group to have run all the titles.

Errors can be expensive and sometimes you just have to pay damages. In one report of a drug dealer, who imprisoned his grandmother in the bathroom, they got the house number wrong but fortunately there was no number 151 in the street.

There is always a moral dilemma with every story with people pleading not to have their names in the paper when they have committed some offence saying that it would destroy their lives and make them social outcasts.

It is becoming harder to compete with the dailies and very few people buy both. It is a challenging time in the present economic climate and advertising revenue has halved. The Internet is a challenge to advertising also, jobs, car sales, old fridges are now all sold on-line. He had decided that he must put more news stories in the paper and this has worked in that circulation has gone up which is far better than many others in the industry.

W.W.

**Thursday 19th January 2012
SPEECH ART AT WORK
Robin Blackmore**



Robin told us of his activities since leaving the police force. When he first left the police he decided to take part in an Arts programme for two years which involved painting, pottery, singing and music. He then did "speech." He had to recite poetry and make it sound alive. He was introduced to a German lady, who has now become a friend, and she introduced him to the careful forming of key words in what you say. You must speak in an imaginative and lively way. You must be aware of the role and context that you are in, and be clear to picture what you are speaking about. You must breathe properly and say the words in blocks to fit your breathing. You must be aware of the meaning behind words.

This enables you to enjoy the rhythms of speech and appreciate the values of vowels and consonants. He gave examples of how poets express feeling in their work with some phrases heavy and some light and contrast in the pitch of the voice.

He now uses this in his role as a conflict mediator. When two people have become entrenched in their ideas about a relationship it can help if you can persuade them to change some of the words they use to begin to move towards a compromise.

Robin then asked us to suggest words and demonstrate how they can be used to help progress in team building and working together. Words can be both powerful and liberating if we learn to use them in a properly structured way.

W.W.

**Thursday 26th January 2012
BUSINESS MEETING**

This was a very busy meeting as first the President was able to induct two new members, Nigel Offen and Peter Powell and introduce them to the club. He then presented cheques to two guests, Jo Colbert from the East Anglia's Children's Hospices and John Fulton from Mary's Meals.

President:

He had had a message from David Judge at the RI induction for DGs that the new motto is "Peace through Service." Polio Plus has met its \$200M target to match Bill Gates offer. Bill Gates has now given another \$50M without expecting any matching funds. India has now been totally polio free for one year.

The 10% rule on fundraising events will be discussed further by a subcommittee and they will bring back their advice to Council.

Secretary:

The Council will support Peter King as incoming RIBI President. Standing orders will need some modification to reflect recent changes.

Treasurer:

No report as he is still in India. The president has the cheque book for those needing payments.

Club Service:

They would like to thank all those members who helped at the collections last week. One (empty) collection bucket is missing. The prospective link with the German Club is having problems with getting a match with suitable dates for a first meeting.

Two requests for funds were approved, £100 for Applications for Technology and £150 to the Port Elizabeth Children's Home.

Youth Opportunities:

They thanked members for the help at the Philip Morant Mock Interviews that morning. The Youth Speaks had been very successful and Ray Gamble was thanked for his many years of work at this. Tony Dutch has now taken on the organisation for next year.

A.O.B.

Tony Dutch is organising the Grand National Draw and will distribute the draw tickets. They will be £2-50 each.

Tom Ford is still collecting spectacles to be taken to poor people in India and all contributions will be gratefully received.

W.W.

Forum Freewheelers

CAROL ANN PRIEST



Carol

It was with much sadness and a sense of disbelief that we learned of the sudden death of Carol early on Monday morning.

Carol was a loyal and dedicated member of Inner Wheel, carrying out various offices in a quiet and efficient manner before becoming President in 1991. We were all aware that Carol was facing a long struggle to overcome her recent diagnosis but with the help of David she was very optimistic about the outcome. She had written recently to friends who had sent much appreciated letters and cards, thanking them for their good wishes. Only last Friday, in an e-mail, she even expressed the hope that, all being well, she might manage to go to Viv's Ploughman's lunch in February.

The thoughts of everyone are I am sure, firstly with David who has been so supportive since she first became ill. He felt he was only returning in kind the support Carol had given him through over 52 long happy years together. Her family was very dear to her and we can only imagine their grief at this time. Carol was always extremely well groomed – a very gentle but determined lady who was always willing to listen to other people's problems. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

LUNCH AT THE ALBERT – Thursday 19th January

We must thank Jenny for suggesting that we meet for lunch in January. After the stresses and strains of the festive period, it was good to relax, be waited upon, and catch up on gossip with everyone.



Initially we were only to be a small group but Jenny had a sudden surge of interest and eleven of us enjoyed a splendid lunch at the Albert where we were able to make our own choices from the extensive menu. Gwen, having restricted herself to a small starter,



had everyone's eyes on her as she tackled a large sundae!!! Ever efficient, Jenny had prepared in advance to "cash up" and once again our thanks to her for making all the arrangements.

Future Events

Thurs Feb 23rd Ploughman's at Viv's at 12.30pm
Please confirm numbers by Mon 20th

Thurs Mar 22nd Lunch at Philpots Boxted at 1pm
Please confirm to Geraldine by Mon 19th

Our best wishes for a Happy Birthday to.....

February 11th Mary Hughes
12th Doris Fleury
March 9th Gill Crayston
12th Marilyn Ward
18th Viv Juniper

Why it is no fun to be a fish in the Gulf of Mexico

You might be tempted to think I've finally flipped(!) writing an article under that heading, well bear with me please. I am sitting here under strong bright January sun looking across a smooth blue sea and observing the wild life. I was going to put bird life but then thought better of it. Despite its peaceful appearance the sea is a dangerous place, in there swims a multitude of fish and life is very difficult. Six miles out last September a shark attacked a diver he needed EIGHT HUNDRED stitches to put him back together. Understandably after the tourism problems with B.P. this story did not appear in many newspapers.

In the last three days a fisherman on the beach has pulled in three apparently gentle (!) shovel head sharks, these can grow up to four feet, but these were juniors only two feet long. Cruising relentlessly some fifty yards off the beach are pods of dolphin, acting as a team they surround shoals of fish and then it is lunch/dinner time. Big fish eat little fish unobserved and occasionally they gather in a shoal perhaps one hundred yards long and someone tips off the cormorants. From nowhere, and I do mean nowhere two hundred black cormorants fly in, dive in and start fishing. They follow the shoal along, those at the back flying forward to keep up, the whole feeding frenzy moves along the beach, sometimes for half an hour.

Terns dive vertically out of the sun into the water emerging usually with a fish; somehow they know the water is deep enough, as I've never seen one with a broken/bent beak. There is no safety in the real shallows as there, patiently waiting, up to their knees in the water are a variety of herons. Some of these are up to four feet tall. The obvious aerial predators are the pelicans, patiently patrolling up and down, singly or in groups. They peel off, Stuka fashion and with an enormous splash hit the water and emerge, float on the surface and throwing their heads back swallow their catch. Often an optimistic gull patiently waits alongside for any scraps then follows a respectful distance behind as the big bird slowly flaps into the air to repeat the process. Picture the scene, you are a little fish, you have dodged the dolphins, cormorants, terns and herons, when an enormous whoosh and you are going down inside the throat pouch of twelve pounds of pelican. A brief glimpse of daylight through the thin skin of the pouch, a shake and then down into the darkness to meet a cousin you have not seen for ages!!

All of this we had seen many times before but a new hunter has appeared in small numbers this year, the osprey – sea hawk – another big bird with a six foot wing span. What they catch goes back to their nest in their talons and that is a picture I am still trying to take. I have already mentioned the other hazard for the fish, the fishermen with cast nets or rod and reel. At this time of the year the locals are joined by the dreaded snowbirds, most of them are very old, grey hair above the steering wheel and the eyes level with that wheel. It can be very frightening as they arrive in vast vehicles that make our Range Rovers look like toys. They carry plates from distant parts like Manitoba, Ontario, Michigan, Illinois and all places north. They have a positive effect on the local economy and gather in large groups chattering very noisily.



For the local Rotary club,(you knew I would get around to it eventually) it is a case of being swamped. Their twenty-four members seek refuge in the bar to the very last minute – now that does sound familiar. The President makes no attempt to introduce them individually by name or club, to do so would leave no time for the speaker. She just welcomes all the visitors and wishes them “good fishing”, it is as well the inhabitants of the sea some twenty yards away cannot hear that greeting!

David London

David's photo of a pelican sunbathing in the Florida winter.

If you have a sense of déjà vu it is because we did publish this item last month in only the electronic version. Bob says that he has had no response whatsoever to his appeal for electrical goods – probably because your wives did not see the electronic version. He has asked us to repeat the appeal. If you have any unwanted electrical material or if you have been given the newest updated version for Christmas please think of the Hospice.

SAINT HELENA HOSPICE **Fundraising at the Electricians' Workshop**

The St Helena Hospice needs about £16,000 per day to run its many activities. There are seven charity shops in the Hospice's area and these raise about one seventh of the sum the Hospice needs

The St Helena Hospice is one of only two local charities who accept used electrical goods for sale in their shops. To enable this to happen, the workshop was established just over 22 years ago with the financial help of the Colchester Engineering Society and since then volunteers with appropriate experience and qualifications have been examining and repairing electrical items donated to the Hospice for sale in the shops. Safety of all the goods we sell is of primary importance and PAT (Portable Appliance) Tests are carried out in every case when they are needed.

During 2010 about £14,000 was raised by the sale of electrical goods and a further £4,500 by other related items such as clocks, watches and the electrical component in some pieces of furniture. We expect similar results in 2011. In general the retail price of most electrical appliances has fallen, but we have in general maintained our contribution by an increase in the number of items we pass out to the shops for sale.

We deal with a remarkable range of products. We have hair dryers, stylers, straighteners, curlers and for the Nursery, a Wallace and Grommit table lamp should serve well. No modern bathroom is complete without a toilet roll holder incorporating an FM radio or a lady's dressing table without a mini water fountain. For the lounge a standard lamp (Tower of Pisa style) sounds interesting although perhaps best kept in the corner! We have had all of these for sale as well as many other curiosities! But our main business is in radios, hi-fi sets, telephones, table lamps, irons, kettles etc etc

The workshop volunteers have always included members of the Colchester Engineering Society as well as present and former Colchester Rotarians. So please keep sending to us those electrical goods that you no longer need and we promise to put them to good use.



Bob Light
Colchester Engineering Society
Colchester Forum Rotary Club

CYCLE RIDE – Sunday 15th April,

Dear all Forum Rotarians, family and friends.

Maggie and I will be arranging a relaxed cycle morning, on country roads around our home in Fordham, on Sunday, 15th April, 2012. It's a long way off, but this will give you a chance to get in some practice beforehand during the early Spring!

This will be a fun event, not a fund-raising one, so there will be no charge! To cater for differing cycling standards and requirements, there will be three cycle rides:-

- (a) 25 miles, taking about 2 1/2 hours - lead by myself, please arrive at about 9.30 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start,
 - (b) 15 miles, taking about 1 1/2 hours - led by Maggie, please arrive at about 10.30 a.m. for a 11.00 a.m. start,
 - (c) 8 miles, taking about 3/4 hour - led by another family member, please arrive at 11.15 a.m. for 11.45 a.m. start.
- We will then go off, at about 12.45 p.m., together with all other families and friends who have decided not to cycle, to "The Cricketers" at Fordham Heath for lunch (your own choice of menu). I will book enough tables to seat us all.

Tea / coffee & biscuits will be available before each group starts, and a mechanic will be on hand with oil, spanners, etc.

A map and directions to our home will be e-mailed to all participants - there will be plenty of car parking available.

I do hope you can make it, Ian.

ONCE YOU REACH THAT AGE

Once you're 3 years old, success is not wetting your pants.
Once you're 17, success is having a licence to drive.
Once you're 20, success is having sex.
Once you're 30, success is having enough money.
Once you're 40, success is having an enviable house.
Once you're 50, success is having enough money.
Once you're 60, success is having sex.
Once you're 70, success is having a licence to drive.
Once you're 80, success is not wetting your pants.

Potential Archery evening

We have been offered an Archery evening in Suffolk for up to 20 people. When I raised the idea at a Business Meeting, there appeared to be some interest and I need to see whether we can make it a formal event.

WHEN - Wednesday 29th February from 7pm until 9pm

WHERE - Raydon, near Hadleigh in Suffolk

WHAT - Indoor practice with bows and arrows with 3 instructors to help us

WHAT ELSE - Only tea and biscuits unless we want to go to a local pub afterwards

COST - We need to pay £200 for the evening to cover the cost of the instructors so it could cost up to £15 per head. If I am to formally book it, I need to know who plans to attend'

Can you let me know if you plan to attend

Telephone 01206 869804

Email barrydonov@aol.com

Verbal Tell me at the Club meeting on Thursday

Thanks

Barry Donovan

FIRST AND LAST GRAND NATIONAL DRAW

Tony Dutch is the organiser this year for the Grand National Draw which will help to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research and ABF - The Soldiers' Charity.

THERE ARE TWO PRIZES OF £500 for the Official Winner and the last to finish

Please support this fundraising event by selling the books of tickets Tony will be giving you. All those who draw a horse at the draw on April 12th will be notified before the race. These are both excellent charities that we have supported in the past.

ABERDEEN REVISITED

This time last year I was regaling members with the story of our epic trek through the snowy wastes of Scotland following a visit to my daughter and her family in Aberdeen.

This year was very much easier in every respect.

The weather was much, much better and we were able to get out and about. Marilyn had found a lost cousin on Genes Reunited. They had not seen each other since Marilyn went to stay on their farm on Loch Lomond side for a holiday during the war. We found out that Catherine lived in Stonehaven, just a few miles south of Aberdeen and arranged to visit her and her husband there. When she found out I was a Rotarian she had said, "we can talk while Bill goes with my husband to his Rotary lunch." So off I went to Stonehaven Rotary Club. (Picture on front page) where I had their Christmas turkey lunch. This was followed by a Christmas Quiz. I was not allowed to take part but the couple I sat next to and helped won the bottles of wine. I was not allowed to share in that either!! They were a great club and very active but the hotel in whose restaurant they met was soon to be sold and they were worried about the future as there are few other venues in so small a place as Stonehaven. It is so nice that as a Rotarian you can visit any club in the world and immediately feel you are amongst old friends.

Another day we went to visit a Napoleonic era fort at the entrance to Aberdeen harbour and were amazed to see a whole pod of dolphins performing acrobatics in the harbour entrance and were able to watch them for an hour.

We travelled by train as this is so much simpler than driving and with the present price of petrol it is certainly no dearer and if you add the cost of a hotel for an overnight stop it is probably much cheaper. By booking ahead you can get remarkable reductions in the train fare so much so that we came back First Class.

In First Class you not only get a more comfortable seat and a table but you are offered a constant free stream of refreshments. We started with breakfast and lunch with wine and had tea and coffee throughout the journey. The extras probably paid the upgrade. In addition you get free WiFi access so Marilyn could use her new iPad to surf the net and read and even my antiquated (year old) Kindle could access the net and download new books.

Bill Ward

Foolishly telling Bill Ward of a suggestion for O.D. that members might have a particularly memorable event in their lives to write about, I had to volunteer for the first attempt. My vision was that the articles could be humorous, tragic, exciting, recent or ancient history, but should be unforgettable, and not about the last Cruise.!

As Delia says "lets have you"

THE LONDON BLITZ

I have to set the scene for this story with two boys, Ronnie (12) and little Terry (5) hand in hand, with a small battered case between them, being evacuated. We were part of a crocodile of young children making our way to Stratford Station, East London on 1st. September 1939. We, nor our parents, had any idea of our destination. Can you imagine this happening today.? Eventually, by way of train, double-decker bus, we arrived at Ardleigh School, 3 miles from Colchester, not that we had any idea where that was situated.

Standing alongside the Bus, were Men and Women, who were busy claiming the children as they alighted. Brother Terry and I were taken by a local poultry farmer, who said that he liked the look of me as I had a school hat on.! We were soon on our way to Fox Street in a Morris 10-4 PV 1610. (I can't remember any other Car Reg. Number). Terry and I enjoyed many months on the farm, and were given wonderful hospitality by the Host family.

SEPTEMBER 7th. 1940 saw both of us back in our family home at Stratford E.15. For the first year of WW2, the air war was relatively quiet, and many evacuees including ourselves, returned to London. Schools re-opened, and life almost returned to normal for the children.

That Saturday afternoon, the 7th. September about Tea time, changed or ended the lives of so many Londoners, and is unforgettable. The German Luftwaffe launched the most intensive attack on Britain ever. Over 300 bombers, Junkers, Heinkels, and Dorniers, accompanied and protected by 600 Messerschmitt fighters bombed docks, shipping and factories around East London. The sky was black with Ack Ack fire, planes, and smoke from burning buildings. The noise was deafening. Were we cowering under the stairs.....no, we were in the garden.....excited...shouting on the Spitfires and Hurricanes as they fought above. Most children, I think, saw the air war as exciting, fascinating, and perhaps an excuse to escape routine.!

The first raid of the blitz, saw London under fire for 12 hours.....and our family in the Anderson Shelter in the garden for the night...with Ronnie doing his Latin homework by the light of candles. Raids would continue in varying strength until May 1941, with over 25,000 killed in London by bombing at the War end. The scream, whistle, or whatever the sound be, will remain with me forever.

Next morning, Sunday, saw Mother, Terry and I walking through the devastation that was East London, the fire engines still dealing with the flames, the ambulances carrying the dead and wounded. Terry and I, (courtesy Grey Green Coach) were en route to Colchester, and a warm welcome from the Ardleigh Host Family.

Ron Jervis



Bill
Ward's
House in
East India
Dock
Road



Left: A Heinkel 111 over the Isle of Dogs 7.9.1940

Right: The aftermath of the raids 8.9.1940

INTERMEDIATE YOUTH SPEAKS – 17th January



The winning team from Stanway School with the Mayor, Paul Hodgson, Rubie Hubbard and Ella Gibson-Hart



The Best Speaker
Matthew Watson from CRGS



The Mayor of Colchester
Cllr. Helen Chuah

SENIOR YOUTH SPEAKS – 24th January



The winning team from the Colchester Royal Grammar School was Alex Day, speaker, Jack Wilby, chairman and Jack Steadman, proposer of the vote of thanks. Alex Day also won the Best Speaker Award. The winning team now goes forward to the District Finals at County Hall Chelmsford on 29th of February.

We will get our chance to hear their presentation at our lunch meeting on the 15th of February. Both events were sponsored by HSBC.

VISIT TO REDWOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC



After the lunch on Thursday 19th January a dozen members went to visit the firm of Redwood Photographic on the Severalls Industrial Estate. We were given a real insight into the problems of the industry in the digital age. We were most impressed by the beautiful wedding albums they produce.

MOCK INTERVIEWS AT PHILIP MORANT



Thursday 26th January was a busy day for the club as a team of Forum members went to Philip Morant to conduct Mock Interviews for the students. The editors wish to assure members we do have the permission of this student to use his photograph in our magazine.