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President's bumbblings

Well Christmas and the New Year came and went and here we are well into the second half of my Presidential year. I think we were all devastated to hear of Tony Johnson's untimely death and although Tony Davenport reported that Cilla was bearing up stoically, we can all imagine how she must feel. Gill and I, Doug & Rosemary spent a jolly New Years Eve at Tony Davenport's home in Old Portsmouth with Tony and Cilla - we heralded the New Year's arrival 'in style' on the ramparts looking over the harbour and the pyrotechnics, with a glass of traditional bubbly-who could have foretold it would transpire to have such a tragic beginning.

John Bumfrey treated us to a rare chance to see inside a Masonic temple on the first meeting night of the year- he spoke at great length unravelling some of the mystic that surrounds masonry and I think we were all very much enlightened by the end of the talk- so thank you John. Whilst mentioning 'Bumphers' I should add that he is one of the keenest exponents of 'enjoy yourself now' and I think probably recent events would make us

all examine our timetable for living and perhaps take up his cry a little sooner than later!



Going off at a tangent but I have just received Tony Kerly's granddaughter's amazing snaps of the aftermath of the near disastrous aircraft crash in New York- I can imagine those lucky people are also examining their lifestyle too. Thanks for sharing those with us Tony.

At last weeks meeting with our partners we were treated to a marvellous talk by Milton Frary about the Wheelchair

Foundation of which he is Chairman and Trustee for the UK. His statistic that the organisation worldwide deliver 10,000 wheelchairs per month

on average is truly staggering. He mentioned they were approaching one million wheelchairs since the charity began. I have chosen this as one of my Charities for the year and so I was proud to present him with a cheque for £2500 from my budget allocation. I thank you the members for making this possible. Milton had come down from Castleford near Harrogate to be with us and had intended staying with relatives in Surrey- they at short notice decided to take a holiday in South Africa so I offered him a



bed at our house. He transpired to be a very interesting man- an ex bank manager who had been a trouble shooter for Nat West but took early retirement. He travels extensively to countries receiving wheelchairs and liaises with Rotary Clubs and other worthy NGO's to ensure the wheelchairs reach the needy they were meant for- he does a lot of this at his own expense. Chris Doman chose a good night to bring along a prospective new member John Donabie and his wife, who both said how they enjoyed the experience. Don't forget 'guys and girls' speaker nights make an excellent opportunity to bring along prospective members- we all need to get involved!

As already mentioned the Rotary year is flying by and I would like to remind you all that our need for fundraising is especially important as our premier event the 10k annual road race is reverting to its old date of February- the knock on effect is of course we will not have the injection of major funds to finance our many charitable causes until late Feb early March 2010.

Our next important fundraising diary date is the tri Club Gilbert & Sullivan fun evening (see flyer) on the 21st February. Funds generated here will support our commitment to provide \$1500 to Foundation over the next three years to finally rid the world of polio. Hopefully you will all find friends and neighbours to join you and support the event.

Club Diary

Event

Stewards

January 21	Business Meeting at the Pallant Suite.	<i>Colin Bryant, Maurice hall</i>
January 21	CommVoc Seminar Horsham	
January 23	Harbour Club Fish Supper and Quiz at Lavant School in aid of Shelter Box Tickets £10 from Jean Hardstaff	
January 28	Road Race Thank You Evening at Chichester Park	<i>John Hodge, Tony Kerly</i>
February 2	Council at Henry Adams Office, Northgate, 5.30pm	
February 4	Fellowship Night at the Pallant Suite.	<i>Henry Adams, Clive Balaam</i>
February 11	Presentation by Mike Clark at the Pallant Suite	<i>David Bevan Thomas, Neil Brame</i>
February 18	Business meeting at the Pallant Suite	<i>Peter Bryan, Ivan Ansell</i>
February 21	Gilbert and Sullivan Concert – see flyer attached.	
February 25	Speaker from West Sussex Air Ambulance at the Pallant Suite	<i>Colin Bryant, Bill Bullen</i>

PC Corner

Mike Clark

Having nearly been the victim of (to me) a new “virus” scam, I thought it might be appropriate to remind members how to deal with the many “VIRUS ALERT!” messages which continue to circulate.

If you receive a “VIRUS ALERT!” message from one or more of your contacts, DON'T take it as gospel and send it to everyone in your address book. Just note down the name of the virus and then type it into Google. If it is a scam (and 99% are) then you will find pages of reference to it and you should ignore it. The whole purpose of these scams is to clog up the internet with unnecessary mail (a bit like a pyramid letter).

A new type of scam, as happened to me this week, is when you are using the internet. Having visited a perfectly legitimate site and left it on the screen whilst I did something else, on my return I found a different page advising me that Windows was infected with a number of viruses, worms and other creatures, and a button invited me to “fix the problem”. My antivirus program is updated daily so I knew it was unlikely. Had I clicked on the button, it might well have downloaded some genuine mischief to my computer, or at least persuaded me to part with some cash to sort out the “problem”. So be warned, if you see such a page appear in Internet Explorer, just close it down, and run a virus scan



Christmas Party

Thanks again to everyone for organising and attending a super Xmas Party. In particular, thanks Henry and Pat – we hope your home recovers soon! And to Bernard and his helpers – well done for supplying us with such super food.



And to the Valiant Few who helped take down the Christmas Decorations at the Cross – great effort guys. The Club and the City of Chichester really appreciate your efforts.

TWINNING WEEKEND 15th -17th MAY 2009

Mike Clark for the Twinning Committee



All the important arrangements have now been made for this year's meeting with our contact clubs of Aschaffenburg and Bar-le-Duc.

The French have still to let us know how many will be coming, but Aschaffenburg have promised 27 so we should have a good number. We have taken note of comments from previous years to avoid long coach journeys and at the same time have taken the opportunity of using two venues belonging to charities which we have actively supported in recent years, Lodge Hill and Canine Partners.

The Friday afternoon meet will be at Chichester Yacht Club where a traditional English tea will be available. In the evening, hosts will get together to hold supper parties as in previous years.

On Saturday morning there will be two outings. One to Uppark where following a private tour of the house, lunch will be in their restaurant. Numbers are limited to 50 so we shall be asking for preferences, although it may be a case of "family hold back"! The other trip will be by train to Portsmouth Harbour with a visit to the top of the Spinnaker Tower which had not even been built when our European friends came in 2003. Lunch will be in one of the eating places around Gun Wharf. The rest of the afternoon is free with hosts and if anyone is stuck for ideas, we will help you out.

In the evening we shall all meet at Canine Partners at Heyshott. After welcoming drinks and canapés, there will be a short talk and display of the work done with training dogs to assist the disabled, followed by the dinner and short (we hope) speeches.

On Sunday morning, there are services at the Cathedral and St. Richard's RC Church for those who wish, and the farewell lunch will be held at Lodge Hill Outdoor Activities Centre at Watersfield on the A29 to Pulborough. There will be a hog roast before our guests leave around 2.30pm. Those arriving early will be able to try their hand at various outdoor activities, weather permitting!

Thank you all for helping our planning by completing the questionnaires sent out. We have just about enough hosts, but if anyone was wavering and now feels they would be prepared to have a couple stay with them for two nights, please let Colin Kaye know. Ever mindful of the cost of Rotary, we have managed to keep down the weekend, all meals and outings included, to around £50 per person, which is £6 less than in 2003. So we look forward to your full support and hope that the weather is kind to us.

Youth - CHSB Interviews.

Its that time of year again. We hope to provide a large number of Interviewers to assist the Boys' High School with their Interview programme on the morning of Tuesday 27th. This is a very rewarding event. Please volunteer by signing the sheet or contact Don Mil-

February Priory Post

Due to Editors Holidays, the Priory Post will be produced early next month.
All input to Bob please by 8 February

February is Rotary World Understanding Month
March is Rotary Literacy Month



*The Rotary Clubs of Chichester, Chichester Priory and Chichester Harbour
present*

**on SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY at Millennium Hall
Westbourne House School, Shopwyke, Chichester, PO20 2BH**

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E-mail admin@lecws.org.uk or call 07860 562092 for further information.

Doors open 7.00pm

Performance starts 7.30pm

The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory