



# Priory Post

## Trial Edition



Rotary Club of Chichester Priory July 2008

### Presidents Jottings

Firstly I would like to record our sadness at the news that Doreen has passed away. She was obviously a fighter and I know you all join me in sending Tony and his family our sincere condolences.

Well time has flown by this past year and here am I ensconced in the wonderful chair of Presidency of Chichester Priory Rotary Club. After a shaky start I think the handover evening at the Lavant Memorial Hall went well. We had planned to setup at 5.00pm- unfortunately the caretaker was no where to be seen and we didn't get the keys to get in with until 5.45- so a great team effort lead by John Watkins to setup chairs tables etc and importantly the bar for the Bucks Fizz on arrival which got everyone in the mood. I was especially pleased to have my two sisters present as well as Gill of course - my old dad was a staunch Rotarian in our Putney days but never lived to make President!

Our outgoing President Tony presided over matters in his inimitable way and we all tucked into a superb buffet provided by Nik Westacott . Tony then gave a résumé of the past years achievement followed by the handover ceremony and my receiving of the ceremonial gong. After a bit of fun with calling up my team to receive their hat of office, it was then my proud moment to induct Alan Wells as a new member as my first major role- not sure who was the more nervous!

Do make Alan and Gill his wife welcome- he's already getting into the thick of it being on Community Service and also as one of our two new webmasters.

I'd like to repeat part of my first address to the club- *'we have a good team and will build on the successes of the past- all of you are too, part of that team-nothing would be achieved with out your input of time and energy and dare I say wisdom-long may it continue. I look forward to plenty of fun and fellowship intermingled with the necessary hard work'*

In my first week there was Club Council on Monday, communications on Tuesday Rotary on Wednesday and Club Service Thursday- quite an induction to the quieter life promised as President!

9<sup>th</sup> July was a fellowship night held at the Chichester Park Hotel. Taking on board comments from members about what and how they like the their food, Dean the manager there laid on a very acceptable self service buffet of bangers and mash with onion gravy peas and carrots. We were assisted with coffee afterwards by a charming Polish waitress. There seemed to be an excellent atmosphere, in pleasant surroundings which led to most members staying on for good fellowship and banter - something that I would like to encourage. What a pity there was only 20 of us there- still we are in the silly season now. (Nevertheless our erstwhile treasurer David would be happy to receive your subs- £75 or £150 he doesn't mind which!)

Last week we had a speaker night with H4H chairman Jim Oliver who enlightened us with the past and current situation- urging us to walk, get up a team or get friends involved-much publicity material is available from the new chief marshal Mike Harvey so do try and get involved with this worthy cause supporting our local hospice. Again only 20 members present.

President Bernard

### Proposed Newsletter format.

The intention is to produce this Newsletter monthly in support of the Business meeting. It will include the thoughts of President Bernard; Committee Reports which will be those reports provided by Committee Chairmen to the Club Council on the first Monday of the month; a reminder of the next few weeks programme; reports on recent activities; news items provided by club members; items of interest from other clubs etc etc. Club Secretary, Bob Syme, will be the editor.

It is intended solely as a Newsletter and not a glossy publication and is likely to be 2 sides of A4. The format will develop over the months but needs to be kept simple and easy to produce. The current edition is my first attempt and I would appreciate any ideas you may have to make this into a useful communication vehicle.

Copies will be posted on the website and hard copy will be available to attendees of the Business Meeting. It is intended to Post copies to those members who have no Internet access and who don't attend the Business meeting.

Can you please provide copy for publication 1 week before the Business meeting to allow time for preparation. All input to Bob Syme, preferably by email.

30TH	FELLOWSHIP On duty Henry Adams Mike Dennett
SUN 27th	CHICHESTER CHALLENGE Oaklands Park Support welcome
SUN 3rd	CHICHESTER ROTARACT -Treasure Hunt- a walking treasure hunt around the city centre- cost £2.00 all welcome- bring your own picnic and join in the fun
MON 4TH	CLUB COUNCIL- Henry Adams Northgate
6th	THE HENRY ADAMS BBQ WITH PARTNERS Westerton 6.00 for 6.30 On duty Julian Moores & Rob Simpson
13th	SPEAKER NIGHT - CHICHESTER PARK HOTEL Westhampnett MEET THE RIBI PRESIDENT On duty Don Milton Bill Bullen
SUN 17th	HIKE 4 HOSPICES Rotaract in charge Support wanted Amberley- Marshalls etc Contact Mike Harvey
20th	Business meeting On duty Ray Richardson Doug Minto
27th	CHICHESTER GOLF CLUB – Hunston- annual club tournament £5.00 and supper £10 6.00 pm prompt On duty Alan Wells Maurice Hall

### CHSB Interviews.

Following Work Experience assignments of the Year 10 Boys at CHSB, a group of 15 from our club (including John Bumfrey's brother) Interviewed the students on their experience on July 14th. In all about 150 Interviews were performed. Once again we were impressed by the quality of most of the candidates. CHSB are very grateful for our efforts in this activity and see it as a key part of the academic year.

### Road Race.

Things are hotting up for the 10k Road Race on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Many of us are involved in 'leaflet drops' and John Pressdee is still looking for people to perform this important activity, mainly on Sunday mornings. Next scheduled events are: Sunday 10

August @ 11.00am Midhurst 10k Sunday 17

August @ 10.30 am Lymington 10k

Saturday 30 August @ 10.00am Queen Elizabeth Country Park Triathlon 40k

Sunday 31 August @ 9.30 am Arundel Park 10k

Please contact John if you can help.

### Festival of Speed.

We provided 7 collectors for the 'Make a Wish' fund raising collection at the Festival of Speed on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tony, Ivan, Neil and his friend Malcolm plus the 'Watkins Family' all participated on our behalf.

Unfortunately these requests for help seem to come to us rather late, however, it is clearly well worth our effort in supporting them.

### Chichester Challenge.

Tony and Doug are still looking for help with set up and running of the Challenge this coming Sunday. If you can spare a few hours on Friday, Saturday or Sunday they would be most grateful. Contact Tony Davenport.

### Henry's BBQ

One of the highlights of our Rotary year is Henry's BBQ. This will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> August this year and Henry promises good weather!

Please sign up for what is always a happy, sociable event.

### Interact Club.

The club has now closed for the Summer holiday and a number of our 2007 2008 members have left the club as they move on to 6<sup>th</sup> Form college etc. We will be restarting in September with a major recruiting drive in the High School. A small group of remaining members has been working on ideas for the September programme to help them recruit and get the club momentum going.

Ray and Mike Harvey will be the 'main men' leading the club for the next year.

## Presidential Citation

At District Council Tony accepted a PRESIDENTIAL CITATION on behalf of the club for his presidency year achievements. These included: 2 new members and in particular our first lady member; 39 of our members formally participated in club committees; work on Youth as demonstrated by the Young Chef competition and RYLA participation; International involvement recognising the Book Project and our Foundation Contributions; involvement with local charity work, in particular our assistance with the 1 in 9 'night walk'.