



Presidents Bumbblings

Well this is probably my last bumbblings- the year has continued to fly by and very soon I will be handing over to that ebullient figure Peter Bryan who so ably laid down his marker at our Club Assembly last week. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Peter and his team every success for the forthcoming year. The handover supper does need your support-see note elsewhere!

The twinning was a resounding success and all the careful preparation by the committee really paid off- we were extremely lucky with the weather- especially at Lodge Hill. Hopefully we can put a presentation of all the many pics to the Club one evening. The speeches were short and to the point- interestingly all three had a theme around the idea of the twinning and what was its future especially perhaps in the eyes of younger members. The speeches of the three Presidents are printed in a Priory Post supplement published in parallel with this edition along with some pictures of the event. There was some talk of neutral ground for the next meeting but I fear the costs will be too high.

Lynne Greenwell gave a very interesting my job talk about her role as a JP- I'm sure many of us didn't know the background to this valuable work and questions followed fast and furious. Well done Lynne.

The following week was the visit of the five GSE team members- Patagonian Argentineans. Gill and I hosted two charming girls for the four days- they were a pleasure to have.

Wednesday night Gill and I BBQ'd for them all as well as Chichester Club president Bill Witts and his wife, Sue Danks of Harbour Club with Malcolm, and Valerie Bevis & husband all of whom also hosted.

They spoke good English and the whole group enjoyed their vocational visit on Thursday to Tangmere Nurseries, the largest capsicum growing facility in Europe, some 29 hectares where District Governor Pat and husband David joined us. We learnt about bio-diversity and the carefully



controlled environment to ensure maximum production- just like humans the plants rest at night. Insects are introduced to control predators and no

chemicals are used in the glasshouses. A brief lunch was had at the Tangmere Museum. Pat had asked to see the Life Education Centres mobile classroom in action, and as it was at East Wittering Primary school for 2 days it was an ideal moment to sit in a lesson. She was needless to say very impressed with the delivery of the program in this case 26 year 2 children.



That night 48

of us boarded a coach to the Dogs at Hove, well organised by John Watkins and Bill Bullen. It really was a fun evening and some good fellowship was had by all. My Gemini luck (I am a twin and it was my birthday) was not working until I backed No 2 in the Chichester Priory Stakes- and it came home 1st and I cleared £3.25!! The group photo should have just been the dog, the owner, the GSE team ,DG Pat and David Evans and Gill and I .However the dog was owned by a syndicate of three and their family hence half of Brighton in the pic!



The annual Young Sport Personality awards at Westgate Centre on Saturday the 6th June event went off very well. I gave a good plug for our Club and Rotary in my short address mentioning a third of our fundraising went to supporting youth- we had good signage and I think the 150 or so people present were left in no doubt of our involvement despite the usual meagre mention in the Observer. Ben Polehill did an excellent job as compere - I'm sure his dad would have been proud of him.

Diary

June			
21-24	RI CONVENTION	Birmingham	
24	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	
24	Speaker	Pallant Suite	
July			
1	Handover Meeting and BBQ	TBA	With Partners
6	Council Meeting	H. Adams, NorthGate	
8	Fellowship	Chichester Park Hotel	
15	Business	Pallant Suite	
19	Chichester Challenge		Set Up 17 and 18.
22	Dean John Treadgold -Former Dean of Chichester	Pallant Suite	
25	District PR and Communications meeting	Horsham	covering the new Rotary Day (23rd Feb 2010) event
29	Henry's BBQ 2009	Longstone, Westerton	with Partners
Aug			
5	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	
8	Council Meeting	H. Adams, NorthGate	
12	Beerfest	Pump Bottom Farm	details TBA
19	Club Golf Event	Chichester Golf Club	Golf Match at Hunston
22/ 23	Hike for Hospices-Walk the South Downs		details TBA
26	Business Meeting	tba	Pallant Suite not available-
Sept			
2	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	
5	Safari Supper	On Safari	Details tba - Geoff Hardstaff

Young Sports Personality of the Year. The presentation ceremony took place on Saturday June 6th this year. Our President did his share of certificate presentation along with the Chairman of the CDC and the sports editor of the Chichester Observer. This whole process is designed to encouraged our young sports people to achieve recognition at district, regional and national level and it includes the organisational and coaching staff that make this possible. Importantly it provides a service to the lesser known sports that do not enjoy national sponsorship. So it was fitting that this year the YSPOTY, who is selected by public vote, was a water polo star. The whole event including the award of the Polhill Trophy was written up in the Chichester Observer.

Dictionaries for Life. The late arrival of 1000 Usborne Dictionaries means the YC is under pressure to distribute these before the school year ends. It also signals the return of committee funds.

Whilst in the unfunded position the last three awards, total cost £700, were made to young applicants who were seeking support for worthy causes outside their normal environment,

CHSB Work Experience Interviews. The final set of interviews for this Rotary year is planned for Tuesday June 30th and volunteers are being actively sought to support this.

Although our **Young Chef** fell at the final hurdle he is determined to try again. His efforts have resulted in a lot of positive publicity for this event and Rotary and an increased interest in this event will result for the future.

Thanks to Mike Harvey for his latest contribution on voting at the RIBI conference in Edinburgh – printed below.

The role of Priory Post is a 'Newsletter'. Discussions such as this should be followed up using the appropriate channels. Priory Post will not be publishing any further correspondence on this subject – editor.

The letter on the Voting at the RIBI Conference in last months edition of Priory Post is a bit like a memo from Sir Fred Goodwin - alright in principle but wrong on numbers. There are 55,000 Rotarians in RIBI including non –voting Honorary Members. There were some 590 voters in the room at Edinburgh –all registered as Voting Delegates.

Current District Governors, DGEs, District Secretaries, RIBI Officers, Past Presidents of RIBI and RI Directors all have their own votes. These total about 100 depending on who attends.

In addition some larger clubs have more than one vote so the actual number of voting Clubs is probably closer to 400.

This is a small proportion of Rotary Clubs and grass roots Rotarians represented and thus the voting process can hardly be called "democratic".

There is a good case for postal voting on important issues which affect all the pockets of existing and potential Rotarians. The proposal should be taken to General Council

Mike Harvey



Reminder

Rotary District 1250

Communications Seminar

Saturday 25th July
9.15 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.

Speakers + Workshops + Displays

- ⊙ "Raising the Rotary Profile in your Community"
Guest Speaker: - Rtn Stewart Gilbert,
former Senior Editor with Newsquest
- ⊙ Fundraising Ideas for Rotary Day 2010 and the
"Thanks for Life" Project
- ⊙ Take part in a Workshop. Choice of 2: -
 - "Find your way round the District website"
 - "How Effective are your Club's marketing Tools?"
- ⊙ See a selection of display equipment - to borrow or buy
+ a huge range of posters

▶ Communication is 2-way ◀

Bring along examples of your Club's newsletters and leaflets, for our display table

Venue: Business & Enterprise Centre
Forest School, Horsham, RH13 5NW
(On-site free parking)

Register TODAY!

Cancer Dietary Booklet

We now have confirmation of the District Simplified Grant (£500) for the Dietary Booklet. The final version has been held up because of the extra workload of the designer who works for the NHS, however, we hope to do a small run when we have the necessary discs from him.

The additional funds for the project have come from ourselves (£100) plus £100 each from our neighbour Rotary clubs (£400).



RYLA students Robert Horner and Cai Macauley-Weller joined us on the 18th to tell us how much they enjoyed and benefited from their RYLA experience. Yet again it was rewarding to see how much these young people get from participating in this course. This is yet another area where Rotary and our club 'make a difference'.

Kids Out

Charles Dixon

A small but elite band of Rotarians and Mrs June Bumfrey took 16 pupils from St Anthony's School to Paultons Park for the annual Kids Out day. The children were in the ten and a half to eleven and a half age group and were accompanied by several teachers.



The weather forecast was dire but after an initial heavy shower, it cleared up and a very enjoyable day was had by all. It was noticeable that with the inevitable exception of Ray Richardson, the enthusiasm of the children for the more 'scary' rides was far greater than that of the Rotarians!!

It is a very rewarding experience to witness the obvious enjoyment, as evidenced by the picture, that this outing brings to children who do not always have the same opportunities as many of their counterparts.



Peter in raptures over the arrival of his 'Broadband'. His email address is plbryan@btinternet.com.

Books for South African Schools

We have just dispatched our eighth pallet of boxed books (144 boxes), and our local schools are continuing to collect for us so we hope to have another couple of sorting and packing days during July.

The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory.

Presidents Themes for 2009 2010

As presented to Club Assembly 10 June 2009 by President Elect Peter Bryan

Peter's Themes are:

Membership

Growth is key – to include middle and older age groups as well as the 'young'

Our target for the year is to increase our membership by 5 (we achieved 4 in 2008/09).

Each member to be charged with bringing along one visitor to the club during the year to hopefully stimulate interest in membership.

Club Officers / succession. The membership committee has been asked to put a process in place to identify future Presidents, other officers and committee chairmen for the next several years. Hopefully this will remove the problem we have had in the last few years of identifying successors. It is hoped that this can be established before the SGM in November at which we establish the 2010 / 11 officers.

Youth

We should continue the high profile we give to youth activities and find ways of extending these. These activities are so important for the community and the future of Rotary

Let us, however, not forget the older members of the community - the emphasis being placed on this sector by the Community Services committee is encouraged.

Thanks for Life – Rotary Day.

It is our intention to fully support this RIBI initiative. It will provide a major National PR push which will be of local benefit.

It is our intention to work with the other 2 Chichester Clubs in a joint effort 'Rotary Day' in which we hope to 'borrow' a shop in the centre of Chichester as a centre for publicity, information and activities during the run up to Rotary Day (23 Feb) and the day itself. In addition we hope to draw on our relationship with schools and encourage students to raise one pound towards the Polio campaign.

What is Rotary DVD.

The DVD reminds us just why it is we are Rotarians. We should feel proud of our achievements and continue with our works and being rewarded by the Fellowship opportunities that 'service' provides us with. We can arrange a reshooting of this DVD if required.

Local and International Support

The experience we get from talking to other people whether local or international, provides us with inspiration and ideas for our own club. We should actively find ways of encouraging this through activities such as Twinning.

The President's chosen charity for the Year is St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Involvement

Each member to take a full and effective part in the club activities including participation in committee work, events and club meetings. Each member will be encouraged to take part in at least 1 committee

Loyal Toast

The practice of toasting 'The Queen' following Dinner and before the start of the meeting will be introduced forthwith.

Fellowship

This is what benefits us most in Rotary. Let us keep the emphasis there. We get it from working together, providing service, meeting new people and being involved in the activities of the club.

Coupled with Humour, Fellowship is our lifeblood.

Additional emphasis from Committee Chairmen:

Community is emphasising the desire to be involved in community service projects – clubs such as the Gateway club give us involvement opportunities as well as possibly supporting entry into disabled sports.

Youth are extending their already extensive support for Youth Projects – Young Photographer and The Technology competition are added to other key activities such as Young Chef, School Interviews and Interact. The 'dictionary' project for locals schools will now gain momentum now that the dictionaries are actually available

The membership committee is providing material for use in recruiting and PR and a significant new effort will be the succession planning project (see Presidents themes)

International will continue the emphasis on our 'Books for South Africa' project plus the vital provision of Shelter and Aqua boxes. Support for the Polio Plus project will also continue.

A big and grateful thanks to all Club members who supported me on my cycle ride to Chartres. I needed the challenge to pick up my training again and the 90 miles on the second day saw me dig very deep into my energy reserves. When the going gets tough the pound notes on your back are a serious reminder that you have to keep going at all costs. The cycling bug is definitely back but more important you kindly gave £210 for a worthy cause - Portfield Community School mini bus.

MANY THANKS, **Graham Jessop.**

The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory.