

Priory Post

October 2010



A message from our President, Doug Minto

October has to be one of the highlights of this Rotary year. We have learnt about the good and bad fungi courtesy of Nick Westacott, although I still don't trust myself to pick the right ones! Our Tri Club meeting on the 13th for the Ambassadorial Scholars was a fantastic example of Rotary at its best. The presentations from those lovely scholars were brilliant, along with their handling of the questions. David Warwick's comparing was masterfull and the DG left full of praise and smiling – a great evening.



Then we assembled for Focus on the Crocus. I did not really imagine what a magnificent event that would turn out to be. With the support of Chichester District Council, the schools, a great project team led by Doug Price, John Watkins and Bob Syme and all the other support from Rotarians and their wives, the three Rotary Clubs managed to break the existing record. Only time will tell whether we will be attributed with being the new record holders. Incidentally I thought that Doug Price's performance on the public address makes him an ideal candidate for Father Christmas !

Our last event was Young Chef on the 20th – there is a separate article on that following.

Our final event this month will be another Tri Club event on Tuesday 26th October welcoming the RIBI President Jim Moulson and other Rotarians and guests from the South Western part of District 1250. Current indications suggest that we will be around 100 Rotarians in total.

Finally a short commercial for our black tie Charter Night on 3rd November, with partners, This is a premier event to celebrate 23 years of The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory. Good food, fine wine and excellent company, and a great speaker – Alan Thurlow ex of Chichester Cathedral, a true recipe for a great evening. Book now through Mike Dennett. Don't delay book today !!! Enjoy your Rotary – Doug Minto.

Rotary Young Chef Competition

The club heat of the Young Chef competition took place last week at CHSG, the event culminating in the presentation of prizes at our club meeting on 20th October at the 6th Form Centre. This is the 14th year of running this event it all having been started by Bill Bullen.

There were 5 entrants this year : Olivia Lisle (1st); Keira Bullman (2nd); Aidan Emily Davis (3rd); Jasmine Miller and Jennifer Faulkner. Judging was by Michael Oliver, a lecturer in 'hospitality' at Chichester College. Michael also took the pictures attached to this article. Michel Navet of Comme Ca sponsored the event as usual by providing the Prize money for the first three and the Chichester Park Hotel were our caterers for the first time.

The first 2 (Olivia and Keira) will now go forward to the District area South final on 21st January, the 2 winners of which will go on to the District 1250 final at CHSG on 17 February. This event is made possible only with the help of Sue Smith and Tim Rose from CHSG and of course our own Ray Richardson and his team.

Note that Tim Rose has recently completed all of the process to join our club and his Induction as a member will take place hopefully on 10 November.



Chichester Clubs Focus on the Crocus

Chichester Clubs have broken the current Guinness Record for Crocus Bulb planting. The Three Rotary Clubs of Chichester arranged for 374 planters from eight local schools to simultaneously plant five bulbs which they completed in 332 planters planting 5 bulbs plant the balance of 30,000 cro-planted in two 30m long x 5m per square metre, the beds run-ter. Bulbs were planted ap-centres. This happened on Fri-should give an appearance ning between the trees next February and throughout Rotary week.



4min 20.2secs beating current record of within one hour. We all then continued to cus bulbs within the hour. The bulbs were (average) wide beds, at a rate of 100 bulbs ning parallel to New Park Road in Chiches-approximately 50mm deep and at 100mm day 15th October starting at 11.00am. This from the busy road of a purple river run-

It was a magnificent achievement and a great cheer went up when it was announced that we had broken the current Guinness Record. Schools taking part included St Anthony's school, Central CofE School, Prebendal School, Northgate House, Portfield School, Lavant House, Westbourne House and the Ap-pledram Centre. Most of the children walked in convoy from their schools to New Park Road to plant the bulbs and then walked back to school for their lunches with teachers and helpers who also helped with the planting. Some carried drawings of Crocuses on route for the public to see. The Chairman of Chichester District Council Cnlr John Ridd took part in the planting together with Rotarians, family



and friends from the three Chichester clubs and Chichester District Council staff and gardeners. All happenings were scrutinised and checked by independent persons and we provided one supervisor for about each 50 entrants. Photographic and video evidence of whole proceedings were recorded.



Caption Competition



"Well I was told to iron out any discrepan-cies....." (Winner)

Buddie- can you spare a Dime

Any old iron?

We're a bit short of furniture in here....

But iron cold iron is master of them all. kipling

Winning Entry submitted by Wendy Watkins.

Note that the editor's decision is final!

New Members

Mike Turner has joined us from 'Mumbles' Rotary Club. Welcome to the Chichester Area to Mike and Kate and a particular welcome to Mike on joining our club.



Paula Ball has also joined us. Paula is new to Rotary al-though she has been involved with us on the Chichester Challenge. A warm Priory wel-come to you, Paula.



Our club meeting on 13th October was shared by the other Chichester Clubs and several of our local area clubs as we welcomed the '**Ambassadorial Scholars**'. David Warwick of the Harbour club managed the evening and DG Simoon Crowther was in attendance. The 3 scholars were: Kai Ito from Japan, Fernando Puppato from Ven-ice and Nozomi Uematsu, also from Japan. All 3 are studying in Brighton.

It was good to have these young people describe the benefits and experience they get from their association with Rotary and we look forward to at least one of them visiting our club later in this Rotary year to give us a more indepth view.

Christmas – ‘Come Join Us’ says Rotary

It has been confirmed that there will be no Christmas Street Lights in Chichester this year and therefore no ‘switch-on’ of lights, however, Rotary activities will be ‘Business as Usual’.

The Rotary Tree will be put up on 21st November, by Goodwood Foresters, the tree area protected, tree lit and decorated by Rotary and we would then have our own ‘Switch-on’ on 27th November at say 4.30pm. We could still have the Dean to bless the tree, choirs to sing carols before and after the switch-on. CCC have agreed to provide some flood lighting of the tree area from adjacent buildings, using the street lights infrastructure.

We hope to arrange a ‘Candle Light’ Procession again from Priory Park (Ship Hotel) to the Christmas Tree down North Street prior to the ‘switch-on’ on 27th. CFT are looking out lanterns, costumes and bits for us to use in this if required. CFT will provide some street dancing entertainment during the day. East Pallant House will be opening for free viewing and kids treats and Spirit FM are willing to attend with trailer and PA to help with the ‘switch-on’ as required. ‘Switch-on’ may be carried out by The Mayor and / a star from CFT, with the three Rotary Presidents.

We (Priory) can still do our late night shopping Hot Mulled Wine and Roasted Chestnuts on the three Thursdays leading up to Christmas although we won’t have any of the supporting attractions – face painting etc – due to the lack of CDC funding.

Our collections at the ‘Tree’ will take place as usual - schedule currently being circulated by Clive Balaam, and we will be looking for helpers to decorate the tree on the 21st.

Doug Price

District 1250 Convention 2010

The Convention was held at Gaydon in the Heritage Motor Centre. The Club was represented by Doug Minto, John Watkins, Bob Syme and Doug Price on the Saturday and by Doug Price on the Sunday.

The House of Friendship had over 40 exhibitors!

We were cordially welcomed first by our District Governor, Simon Crowther and then by the Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon Council, Sir William Lawrence. Simon focused on the need to move Rotary forward. There's a need to question our practices, whether they are dated or outmoded? There are risks with changes but we should have faith and manage the risk. We were cautioned to beware complacency.

Annemarie Hart, CEO/Secretary of RIBI again addressed the theme of changing the image of Rotary for the better. Some changes have been made to the Secretariat at RIBI but it is necessary to reduce operating costs and to turn around the image of Rotary as of being a collection of old men having a weekly dinner together. We need to give more attention to the recruitment of the 35 to 55 age group and ladies and to ensure that our meetings are interesting and stimulating. Annemarie suggested venues be considered which were more public and that some of the meeting practices – such as Loyal Toast, the Bell, the wearing of Regalia – be reviewed, although this was seen as a bit controversial by many of the delegates. John Minhinik (RIBI Vice President Elect) continued the theme by speaking on recruitment and the need to publicise Rotary. He challenged us to get more volunteers and harness their abilities. We should consider our practices and look for new themes. He spoke about individually producing what he described as our "elevator speech" of no more than 25 words to describe Rotary. We should advertise Rotary doing positive things and avoid "grip & grin" type pictures. Clubs should strive to be "bigger, better, brighter and bolder".

There were further presentations including 3 clubs describing current projects, one from a Peace Scholar, one from Shelter Box and keynotetalks from round the world yachtswoman Sarah Ayling and the artist and conservationist Sir David Shephard.

Sunday's programme included a service conducted by Revd. Geoffrey Willis and his appeal for Alabare Christian Care and Support Charity. A very moving, illustrated and detailed presentation was made by Liz Murray on behalf of "Help for Heroes", a motivational and inspirational talk from Shaun Parry-Jones who in 1980 broke his neck at the age of 19 in a rugby accident and was paralysed from the neck down who gave with extraordinary charm from his wheel chair an inspiring description of his life experiences culminating in gaining a degree in law and in 2003 a partnership in a firm of Solicitors, a presentation by David Blight of Starfish and a final round up by John Minhinik focusing on Foundation and the need to maintain the 3Fs – Fun, Friendship and Fellowship – in Rotary..



November

Date	Meeting Content	Location	Stewards	
Mon 1	Council			
Wed 3	Charter Dinner/Presidents night. Speaker Alan Thurlow	The Park	Bernard Stoneham Geoff Hardstaff	Including partners (Black tie)
Wed 10	Business Meeting	The Park	Malcolm Wells John Pressdee	
Wed 17	No Club meeting but International Seminar	BEC Horsham		6.30pm
Thurs 18	Beaujolais Lunch	Pallant suite	TBA	TBA
Sun 21	Erection of Christmas tree	The Cross		8.00am
Wed 24	Ben Polhill "Sport in the Community"	The Park	Peter Haydn Jones Graham Jessop	
Sat 27	Chi Lights switch on	The Cross		5.00pm

December

Date	Meeting Content	Location	Stewards	
Wed 1	SGM & Peter Fuller Job talk	The Park	Henry Adams Ivan Ansell	
Thurs 2	Mulled Wine	The Cross		
Mon 6	Council			
Wed 8	Carol Service	Lavant		Harbour including Partners
Thurs 9	Mulled Wine	The Cross		
Wed 15	Xmas Party	The Park	Tony Hardwick Mike Harvey	Including Partners
Wed 22	No meeting			
Wed 29	No meeting			
Thurs 30	Tree Down			



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Dear Neil,

Air Ambulance Week Collections 2010

Firstly, I would like to say a massive thank you to all those Rotarians who played a part in Air Ambulance Week 2010 by collecting at Sainsbury's, Westhampnett Road, Chichester, on 11 September.

I am delighted to confirm that, with your help a total of £630.00 was raised at this store, and more than £5,082 was collected throughout West Sussex during the three weeks of collections. As a result of giving the gift of time, you have helped us to ensure that this life saving service remains operational. I am immensely grateful to you for supporting us in this way. We simply could not have covered the store this day without your help.

Thank you once again for your help and support.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Cheryl

Cheryl Johnson
West Sussex County Fundraiser



Stop Press

Wednesday 26th saw the visit of RIBI President Jim Moulson –who gave us an inspiring address on the theme of being proud of our Rotary achievements and let the world know about them. More next month...



HALLOWEEN

**JOIN US FOR A PUMPKIN LIT,
MOONLIGHT WALK**

OCTOBER 30th 6.00 PM ONWARDS

From West Stoke Car Park or Stoughton (opposite Hare & Hounds) to the top of Kingley Vale & back (approx 3 miles).
Register **NOW** to raise money for St Richards Breast Cancer Unit (Registered Charity no: 1049201)

For more information go to: www.tin9.co.uk or
Contact: Talle Wood 01243-573-103



A HOLIDAY IN FRANCE, A TWINNING RE-UNION AND A BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH THE FUEL CRISIS

Gill and I, with Ollie our cocker spaniel have just spent four delightful weeks caravanning in the Charente–Limousin region of western France. We met up with Gerry Ratcliffe a former member of our Club and his wife Beryl. They live just outside Cognac. Gerry had arranged a visit to the vineyard opposite their house where the 'vendage' was in full swing.



Not knowing of the impending fuel crisis we had promised to visit our Rotary friends involved with our twinning club in Bar le Duc some 425 miles across France from the Charente. Having purchased a 10 litre can and managed to fill it and the car we set off early Saturday morning 16th October and arrived at Claude and Gerd Nanty's house near Bar le Duc on empty but with the 10 litres untouched around 4.30pm! Claude (who had just turned 80)had managed to obtain another 32 litres of gasoil but of course I did not have enough to get us back to Cherbourg another 425 miles. A local garage run by a Rotarian had run out of fuel that afternoon he had ordered fuel for Monday and after waiting in a long queue we managed to fill up.

Meanwhile Gerd had organised a splendid evening meal with Paul Eric Morillot (President the same year as myself) together with Andre Moes International chairman and his wife, and Lionel and Suzette Delabord . The Bar le Duc Club has around 35 members and they are quite active in supporting local youth projects especially the unemployed and an ongoing project in Madagascar involving one of their members who is a surgeon who gives up round three months a year to work there as a volunteer. The Club supports him with funding for his necessary ancillary support team and equipment.

Sunday lunch at the Delaborde's was another wonderful occasion. They live in what was Suzette's late father's farmhouse. She



told us as a child she remembers helping her father milk the cows there. As well as Gerd, Claude & Paul Eric we had the company of Richard Roussel their current President. There was much discussion about the Twinning for 2011 in Germany and I also pointed out that 2012 when we would be hosting, it was the London Olympics July 27th to 12th August.



I promised to do some initial fact finding on this and discuss with my committee before reporting back to them. After marvellous food and good wine we had a conducted tour of the 'estate'-Lionel had recently converted part of one of the barns into a rather magnificent fitness centre complete with large Jacuzzi and sauna! No excuse for a spare tyre in that household! Finally after much discussion it was felt if there was no fuel for us locally on Monday we should drive to Belgium some 125 miles North to obtain supplies before setting off for Cherbourg.

In conclusion apart from the wonderful country side of the Charente I can report a wonderful weekend at Bar le Duc and to be sure the entente cordiale is very much alive. I do hope that old and especially newer members will join us on the next twinning weekend with the two Clubs of Bar le Duc and Aschaffenberg in May 2011! You will be made incredibly welcome!

Bernard Stoneham-International Chairman