

# Priory Post 2009—2010 Thank You Edition



## Peter's Thank You

Last year's President, Peter Bryan, was absolutely delighted to preside over a year when the club was able to make such a fantastic contribution to

local and world wide charities, and in particular to help with his own favourite Charity, St Wilfrid's Hospice. Peter summarised "So many events. So much successful fundraising. So many worthwhile causes supported both in the UK and overseas. Thank you all our supporters and Priory Members for your generous support which has made my year as President so memorable. "

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## A message from our President, Doug Minto

What a great year Chichester Priory had in 2009 2010. Our Fund Raising events which included the Chichester 10k, Beaujolais Lunch and the Goodwood Spring Challenge plus our collections at the Cross and Tescos at Christmas and the Waitrose collection for the Haiti disaster appeal – raised a total of £31,000. Of that total £26,000 has already been distributed to charities which have included St Wilfred's, Air Ambulance, Shelterbox, Aquabox, the Cockermouth disaster fund and many more (see full list on another page) and a few more donations are in the pipeline.



with 'Kids out', organising the Chichester Challenge and helping with major events such as and Hike4Hospices.

In addition, our members have been able to help organise events such as Young Chef, send youngsters on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award programme, pay for young disabled people to go on Jubilee Sailing Trust voyages as well as helping

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## Chichester Priory 10k



**The Chichester Priory 10km.**, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year is proving just as popular as when it was first introduced in 1991. Now back in its traditional February slot, the race has grown significantly from 600 finishers to a situation

where we now close entries when we reach the race limit of 2000 runners. It is estimated that more than £150,000 has been raised for the Club's charities over this time with 2010 being a record year in excess of £17,000. This money does not come from the pockets of Rotarians but from entry fees and the generosity of our sponsors who in Peter Cooper Volkswagen and Brooks Sports International have

been the same for the last few years. The event is held in high esteem by top internationals and recreational runners alike and this recognition has resulted in it staging both UK and English Championships. Its appeal stems not only from the fact it is a fast course but also by the good atmosphere generated at the start and finish, from the attractive countryside through which it passes and the high quality of its organisation. The organising Committee has never rested on its laurels and has continued to look for improvement, including the introduction of chip timing, electronic payment of entry fees and improvement in traffic management orders. After the success of 2010 the committee are now enthusiastically anticipating February 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.



# Goodwood Spring Challenge.

Now in its fourth year, the Goodwood Spring Challenge is a magnificent and exciting mountain bike event through the Goodwood Estate featuring woodland, pine forest and open heath land . It incorporates forest tracks, fire-



breaks, winding single track, climbs and descents crossings and technical sections unique to venue. The start and finish points are adjacent with parking alongside all on hard ground in car park.



The event is recognised by many of the participants for the challenge and variety of the course as well as for the

magnificent views that can be had from tracks not normally accessible to the public and it is a great privilege for us to be able to use the wonderful facilities of the Goodwood Estate.

The course was designed for us by members of the local mountain biking community and attracts entrants from across the South Coast.

This year, the Goodwood Spring Challenge supported Air Ambulance and Sophie's Fund.



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Gateway club for adults with learning difficulties were hosts at their regular venue, the Apuldram Centre, to 5 members of Chichester Priory Rotary club, who were there to present a table-tennis table. The table was given a good tryout and was judged to be a great addition for the Gateway club, which meets every Tuesday from 7-9pm.

## Local Scouts with a Shelter



## International

During the 2009-2010 year, we continued to make supporting Shelter Boxes a key part of our activity. Besides our normal contribution, Bernard and others organised special collections, notably following the disaster in Haiti, and we raised enough to bring the Club's total to 11 Shelter Boxes at about £500 each, enough to house and equip many families. We also supported Aquaboxes and Waterworks, each with approximately £1000, so we can reasonably feel we have brought much practical help to where it was urgently needed.



We continued our successful 'Books for South African Schools' programme, led by Rob Simpson and Mike Clark, and using facilities generously made available by Bill Bullen. Many club members have helped sort and pack the books on different occasions, refreshed by coffee and cakes provided by Sue Clark. Many thousands of books have now been sent, and Rob reports they have been enthusiastically received.

Other projects supported include District's Grafton project in Sierra Leone, Hope and Homes, and the Kohima Foundation for education in Nagaland, North East India.

# Young Chef Competition 2009 / 2010

Our Club heat of the Young Chef competition took place in November at Chichester High School. This year each school was asked to run its own competition and then put their best three forward to our Club competition where the students have to cook a two course meal for two people in 2 hours (including setting up time) for under £10-00.

The Winner was Deborah Buckley, Westbourne House, Runner up Charlie Pulvertaft, Westbourne House and Third George



Long, Chichester High School. The Winner

and Runner Up went on to the Regional Final, Southern Area Final, District and then National Final which is sponsored by Fillipo Berio - top prize 4 days in Italy to see the olive harvest plus working for a day in a top restaurant. Although we didn't provide the overall winner this year, one of our neighbouring clubs, Worthing provided the second placed winner at the National Finals.



This is our 15th year of running this competition and we couldn't run this competition without the help of Tim Rose, Nick Elliott and many others from CHSG and our other local schools – they always let us use the High School kitchens while CHSB always allow us to use the 6th Form Centre for free for our local

prize giving. Thanks also to Comme Ca for sponsoring our competition – Michel also helps with the judging along with David, who was the club caterer for many years.

This is a great event which encourages Young People in our area to practise and demonstrate their culinary skills as well as to learn to cope with the time and peer pressures of the competition.

## THE YOUNG SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARD.

The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory is very proud that, with the Chichester District Council, it jointly founded the **Young Sports Personality Awards (YSPA)** in 2000. These awards now held annually, in particular, complement the work of the Club's Youth Services Committee and we are pleased to be able to recognise not only the number of talented young sports people in our community but also the quality with the number of those representing their country increasing. This recognition is now enhanced through the extended partnership with the Chichester Observer. The committee, in addition to sponsoring the Dennis Polhill Award for the overall winner (in memory of a former member of the club), now provides a one off bursary as a contribution towards the winner's travelling, coaching and equipment costs. A number of winners have gone on to achieve even higher awards, but probably the biggest achievement goes to Charlotte Browning, one of the early winners of the award, who recently won the prestigious United States National Collegiate Championships over 1500 metres. We look forward with interest to see whether any of our local award winners will be in the UK Olympic Team for 2012.



St George's Night

Some of our ladies took on the role of 'caterers' for the night producing a wonderful feast of Bangers and Mash and Pudding. They took payment in the form of a club donation to St Wilfrid's as part of the President's Charity contribution

Ray enjoying 'kids out'



## The Chichester Challenge

The event provides an opportunity for individuals or teams to walk, run or mountain bike or take part in the new Duathlon event for their own enjoyment and satisfaction, and, if they wish, to raise money for a chosen charity or project, from sponsorship of friends and business associates. Anyone may enter.



The routes twist and turn over the beautiful Sussex Downs, on the Goodwood and West Dean Estates and through other estates and farms east and west of Chichester.



With over 90 miles of route to be signed and marked, this is an event which could not survive without the help of Mark Hillman and his team who know the route and have excellent contacts with the land owners. On the day the Registration area and the many checkpoints which have to be manned draw support from the 3 Chichester Rotary clubs, Rotary wives as well as many

non Rotary volunteers and friends. The support of the Goodwood Estate, West Dean Estate and the other land owners is fantastic and makes the whole event possible.

***“Been involved in lots of marathons and long walks but the Chichester Challenge has beautiful countryside and magnificent views and is a very friendly and well run event”***

*Many thanks for organising the Chichester Challenge. My friend and I did the middle distance and found it well marshalled, signposted and organised. Can you provide a bit of air conditioning en route next year, though please!!*

### Donations Given by Chichester Priory in 2009—2010 (£26,000)

Shelter Box, Sarah Joualt, Dietary Booklets, LEC, Cockermouth Flood Disaster, Jubilee Sailing Trust, RYLA, Aquaboxes, Waterworks, West Sussex Crossroads, Salvation Army, Snowdrop Trust, Starfish Project, St Wilfrid’s Hospice, Minestrone, Kohima Educational Trust, Grafton Project Sierra Leone, Hope and Homes, School Aid, Rotary Foundation, Sussex Air Ambulance, Sophie’s Fund, Heidi Pointel, R Horner, Chichester Festival, Kids Out, Atlantic Rowing, Lodge Hill, Kids Out Afloat, Sands

*..... is to thank you for giving my son an award last Sunday .....an award for "Best Achievement" and it has meant the world to him. ....is not the most confident of 12 year olds and he is now feeling very proud of himself, not only for completing the bike ride on quite a hot day, but also for getting the lovely trophy and having his photo taken with the Mayor !*

**"A Rotary year comes to an end  
And members thoughts (as always) tend  
To dwell on what has gone before  
As well as what we have in store.**

**And so we thank that Rotary hub  
The Uptown and the Harbour Club  
And helpers too from far and wide -  
Our gratitude we cannot hide.**

**Thank you all for your support  
I'm sure that all of you have caught  
The Rotary spirit oh nine ten  
So we can call on you again!"**

***Ode by Chris Doman***