

Priory Post

January 2011



A message from our President, Doug Minto

We are now entering another busy period for Priory Rotarians.

On January 26th we pay homage to the poet Robert Burns (1759 – 1796) we will be joined by members of the Chichester Ex-Tablers Association and their partners for what promises to be a fun evening.

6th February is our twentieth 10K run and judging by the reports from Tony Kerly we can expect a very good turnout for our premier fund raising event of the year.

21st through 26th February is Rotary Week, with Rotary Day on Wednesday 23rd February. We will be concentrating our efforts this year, along with our fellow Rotarians from the Chichester and Harbour Clubs, on multiple collections at Sainsbury's, the Cross and hopefully Waitrose. We will also be publicising Rotary and the End PolioNow campaign using a mobile display trailer and linking it into an event involving children and parents at our bed of crocuses display in Jubilee Park. Our meeting on 23rd February will be a Tri-club meeting with partners, we are currently trying to get a speaker who will talk about Polio and living with the after effects or someone who has direct experience of the disease in a "Third World " country.

During this busy period, I hope we can provide motivation through all the work we have to do, reward through knowing that the results of our work are helping to alleviate suffering and deprivation for others and fun in working as a team together for the greater good of our community and the world at large.

Thanks to Graham Jessop, this edition of Priory Post contains an excellent article in remembrance of Brian Taylor.

Finally congratulations to Tony Kerly and Marion on their forthcoming wedding.

Happy Rotary to you all.

To all of you at the Rotary Club who have helped with my new pc and scanner printer.

For a long time now I have not been able to write with pen and paper and create a letter that made sense. I am now getting use to this Dolphin software that is great although I lost my first letter attempt to you. I must have hit the wrong key and off it went. It feel strange that cool Daniel speaks every letter as I tap the keys and I can go back and correct errors so easily. I am so slow at the moment and it takes me ages but I am so thrilled to be making progress and I know this will get easier with practice. E-mails will be my next target for 2011. My children are dotted up and down the country and I am looking forward to keeping in touch with them using my new computer.

This is why I want to express my gratitude to you all for helping me get this pc and Doug for helping to set up this up and the guide software. Thank you all so much.

Happy New Year
Veronica and my guide dog, Zodiac

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The Twinning – Thoughts for the Future.

Over the weekend of 14th & 15th January we were visited by a small delegation of Rotarian friends from the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg consisting of current President Werner Kunkle, next President Gunter Guderley and future President Klaus Hofman.

The purpose of their visit was to share with us their views and those of Bar Le Duc Rotarians. One aspect which was emphasised was that twinning is an excellent tradition, which it is worth maintaining and enhancing.

The 2011 twinning will definitely take place in Aschaffenburg over the weekend of 3rd-5th June. The expectation is that there will be a rendezvous on Friday afternoon followed by house parties for dinner on the Friday evening. Saturday morning is likely to provide different options, including cultural or leisure activities, and the formal twinning will start on Saturday afternoon. This is to accommodate some of the French Rotarians who, because of business and other commitments would not wish to travel to Aschaffenburg until the Saturday. The evening will be less formal than usual, dress smart casual, shorter speeches, light entertainment and time to relax with fellow Rotarians. On the Sunday morning there will be less emphasis on attendance at the church service, with time to relax before lunch, music and the traditional farewells. The Aschaffenburg Rotarians were keen to stress that there is a sufficient availability of reasonably priced hotels and that there would be no obligation for our party to be hosted by German families, although that option will remain. It was agreed that for future twinning there would be no Club gifts, although it is still the normal practice to give small gifts to hosts and there would be no financial contribution from Charity funds to the host Club. There is also the possibility for the English party to extend their weekend in Germany by moving on to another location and they are prepared to help us with this.

Moving forward to 2012 and beyond, some basic principles for future twinning meetings have been formulated. These will be developed at a meeting in Aschaffenburg during the twinning weekend when representatives of each of the 3 clubs will meet again. One of the things we will be looking at is the identification of the purpose of future weekends so it has a focus and this might include a shared project or activity, in addition to the usual Rotary fellowship and different experiences. Ideas for the programme included walks, golf, visits to factories and vineyards, and places of interest. This may include meetings at venues other than the home towns of the 3 clubs. It was considered important that we incorporate some ice breakers or other ways of generating interaction, particularly for members new to the twinning. It was thought that perhaps a small display of each club's work might help this. Improvement in communication and computer links between the 3 clubs would be developed. Costs for the weekend are to be carefully monitored so that the weekend remains affordable to all. We were assured that both Aschaffenburg and Bar-Le Duc are committed to the twinning, irrespective of whether we can offer youth exchange experiences

The 2012 event will be in Chichester. There was general agreement that the twinning should not incorporate any attendance at the Olympic Games in London. However Aschaffenburg were advised that the Autumn of 2012 is the 25th Anniversary of the Chichester Priory Charter and they recognised that we might wish to incorporate

Chichester District
**Youth Sport
Achievement Awards 2011**

Nominations are requested for the:-

- Team of the Year Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Coach of the Year Award
- Young Persons Commitment to Sport Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award
- Outstanding Sports Performance of the Year Award
- Youth Sport Achievement Award

The deadline for entries is **Friday 1st April 2011**

Visit website [www. Chichester.gov.uk](http://www.Chichester.gov.uk)

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Project X-Promoting Rotary!

On the 12th January Doug Price, Alan Wells and I attended a very well attended District Seminar in Worthing---Project X!



Nearly the whole of the District Management Team and representatives from most clubs heard the Membership and Communications Committee present how our District will be running a pilot Rotary promotion with particular emphasis on **Recruitment** in March--this following on from Rotary Week in February with the Thanks for Life Campaign .

A pilot was run earlier in the year in Cardiff, producing significant numbers of enquires from potential new members.

The District promotion starting in March will be centred around 4 weeks of quality advertising with different adverts each week in the largest circulation newspaper in Sussex --The Argus. In parallel, there will be 2 weeks of high repeat Radio Commercials on Juice FM --the largest commercial radio audience in Sussex.

At the meeting we heard the draft radio commercials, saw the proposed adverts --they were good --but as good Rotarians a number offered words of wisdom to further improve the promotion!

We also saw an excellent promotion video from RIBI--it's not yet ready for general release but I will arrange a "viewing"!

This particular promotion will be paid for by RIBI and while Chichester is only on the fringe of the radio station range and outside the circulation of the Argus the three Chichester clubs will be working with representatives from District to see what we can do to coordinate some other promotion in our area during March. Also all enquiries from the main promotional campaign will be captured on the RIBI web site and fed back immediately, as appropriate, to each Club via the assistant District Governors.

I will circulate the detailed final programme for March when its available.

This is sound, coordinated work by District who are also planning to step up general support to clubs on promoting Rotary locally.

John Watkins

10K Road Race

Don't forget the 10k Road Race on 6 February. We already have over 1200 runners signed up and the target is to beat last years' total of 1800 by 'a country mile'.

Anyone not yet signed up who is available -- or has family or friends who can help -- there are always stewarding slots to be filled. Come along and make this one of the best 10k runs ever. Contact any of the Road Race committee if you can help.

Post Its

New Directories are available--they are stored in the club 'box' at The Park.

Some of you may have a wrong email for John Bumfrey. The correct one is:

Jhon.bumfrey@sky.com (yes this is correct!!!!)

Next Priory Post will be in March when the editor gets back from the Antipodes.

**Rotarian Brian Taylor, Past President, Paul Harris Fellow
1934 – 2010**



The sudden and unexpected death of our dear friend, Rotarian Brian Taylor has left us all reeling at such a premature loss. Brian will not only be remembered as a Rotarian since he made such a significant contribution in other fields - family life, the Civil engineering profession and sailing to name but a few.

This tribute however will focus on Brian as a Rotarian, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory.

Brian Taylor was a Rotarian for more than twenty years, starting as a Founder Member of the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory, being Chairman of the International Committee, Club President in 1993/94, and more recently Chairman of the Road Race Committee. Brian probably was the perfect Rotarian - a true gentleman, debonair, thoughtful, kind, efficient, well organised and a leading professional. His service to the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory ranks amongst the highest. Brian had many interests outside of Rotary such as the local tourist industry, sailing, his professional Institute and the local community. These wider interests, I am sure, enabled Brian to adopt a balanced astute approach to his Rotary duties.

Brian was an International Rotarian in the true sense of the word. For a number of years was an energetic leader of the International Committee and became a leading light in promulgating the Twinning arrangements with Bar le Duc and Aschaffenburg - he was one of the early visitors to our partner clubs and was instrumental with the late Alan Davies in getting the Twinning Charter signed in Chichester in May 1993. Brian was considered by our Twinning Club friends to be the typical English gentlemen and gained their respect, for amongst other things, speaking French and German throughout a Twinning weekend. Over the years Brian became a key figure in cementing the flourishing relationship between the three clubs. As usual Brian would go beyond the call of duty and open up his lovely guest house to fortunate Rotarians from our Twinning Clubs. It was partly in recognition of his outstanding international work that Brian was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship, presented to him by Bar le Duc at Nancy during one of the early twinning weekends. We were in a magnificent building overlooking the Grand Square and its elaborate architecture - what an appropriate venue.

Brian became the Club President in July 1993 and his inimitable style was stamped all over his Rotary Year. It will be remembered as a very successful and enjoyable

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year but also as a consolidating year which put Priory Rotary in District in very high esteem – we had what was becoming our customary programme but all the high spots in the Rotary calendar were a great success – the Charter Dinner, the Beaujolais Lunch, The Twinning Weekend, the Safari Supper and the Road Race. At all these events and many more Brian was suitably supported and accompanied by Majella, his wife. As an international leader, Brian's year saw us bring home for the first time the District Fellowship cup awarded to the Club whose members had made the highest number of club visits – overseas visits scoring more highly than domestic ones. In later years Brian was to return to the International Committee and again using his professional skills took great pleasure in working with the Boys High School in sponsoring water projects in developing countries.

It was during Brian's year that we had the District Governor, Tony Kerly, in the Club – another first for the Priory Club. This was a significant commitment for a Rotary club because it was expected that the members would give a huge level of support to the 'Governor' including help at the District Conference. With his usual aplomb, organisational skill and leadership Brian ensured a massive amount of help both during the year and at the Conference.

For a significant period of his Rotary service he was a member of the Road Race Committee and it was in this capacity that he most used his professional engineering skills. The start and finish areas were firmly established as the domain of the 'Engineer' – we had accurate measurements for the positioning of the gantries, photographs of the main finish layouts and calculations for the stresses on the key structures. There was no skimping on the meticulous detail necessary to secure a safe working environment. Later Brian was to become Chairman of the Committee and although no longer seen clambering over the gantry he would ensure that the key helpers would have some delicious sustenance provided by Majella before returning home. It was during his Chairmanship that the first race risk assessment was carried out – as to be expected of a very high standard because again Brian brought his professional expertise to the benefit of the Club. In this and many instances his family were always in his thoughts and he would proudly say my daughter Caroline has a fine collection of all the Race mugs – a memento given annually after each race.

I, like many others in the International Rotary Movement, prematurely lost a wonderful colleague and friend. Brian and Majella were splendid hosts and equally very good company – the introduction of a decanter of port to the dining table always meant an invitation to talk more about many subjects but especially national service or building the first motorway. Rotary is much poorer for the passing of Brian Taylor but what a legacy he has left us to celebrate.

Graham Jessop,
Past President.
Autumn 2010.

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ShelterBox Founder Tom Henderson describes enormity of Haiti response



ShelterBox's response to the earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010 was the biggest, longest and most complex in the organisation's history. It began 12 minutes after the earthquake struck and continues a year later. 28,417 ShelterBoxes have been sent to Haiti; more than have ever been sent out before in one year let alone to one country.

'The earthquake seems less than a year ago. I remember receiving the fateful information that there was a huge event in Haiti. The initial reports were dire. We always plan for the worst and it quickly became apparent that we were dealing with something on a scale we hadn't seen before. Within five or six hours we

understood that it was probably the biggest event we'd faced in our history, including the tsunami (Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004) which was the benchmark for disaster agencies around the world.

'Within 12 minutes of the earthquake we were mobilising our first Response Team and typically what happens at ShelterBox HQ is our friends and volunteers turn up in droves when they know a big response is underway.

'As ever in these situations our staff cope amazingly well; we forget about time frames, tiredness and emotional stress because we're focused on the people. We have a great team now and our logistics and operations people kick in straight away.

'Hour by hour, then day by day, we were receiving critical information that shaped our response. The tragic number of lives lost became clear, we knew the airport and port were devastated and we knew Haiti, the poorest economy in the Western Hemisphere, was in a terrible state before the disaster.

'Fortunately for us, in a way, we had prior knowledge as we'd been into Haiti before. We had some in-house expertise and knowledge, which was a huge help to us. And of course while the situation was developing, a thread throughout was our urgency and immediacy.

'We never dreamed that ShelterBox would be there for a year plus, again that's a measure of the enormity of the challenge. In Haiti you're looking at an urban conurbation, buildings, homes that had three or four families in them, multi-storey buildings that had fallen down, all within a city of two million people. It's a situation unique to us, unique to the UN, unique to every other agency in the world and sadly now, Haiti is the benchmark for the disaster relief business that we're in. We never envisaged being there for a year but that in itself reflects the sheer magnitude of the devastation and the need, which, a year later is still ongoing.



'We've demonstrated, certainly over the last five years, that delivering a quality aid package of shelter, warmth, comfort and this intangible dignity, is delivering a solution. Part of that solution is the people, the process and the timing; it's all encompassing.

'My view is that where ShelterBox is unique is that we can do all of that in a short time frame and one of our great strengths, which stands us apart from everyone else I believe, is our fleetness of foot. We have a willingness to accept the fact that everything's been overwhelmed and if you accept that, as we do here, you've really got to think on your feet with the willingness to change almost minute by minute, hour by hour and overcome the challenges in front of you. It's quality equipment that takes care of a family, quality people and that timely arrival that allows to operate in the dust and the debris of a disaster.

'None of this would be possible without the support we receive. I'm always amazed with people, their generosity and the support they give us. The reflection is that people trust us to do the best job we can. People are discerning about who they give to and rightly so. For me, the support we receive is an endorsement of our work. People tell us: "We like what you do, we've seen what you've done consistently and we're here to help and continue to support."

'Thank you never seems to be enough; it's a simple thing to say thank but it's a personal heartfelt thank you. I personally get very little opportunity to look people in the eye and say thank you. When I do, they know I mean it, it's not just a corporate thank you it's a personal thank you. What I miss most of all is being able to say thank you individually to everybody.'

*These ShelterBox tents have been sheltering Haitian families since February last year. **For your information Chichester Priory has supported the Shelter Box organisation for many years and have donated total funds for 60 boxes value £30,000 approx, most recently to Haiti and Pakistan.** It is quite staggering to realise that enough tents were shipped to Haiti for around 284,000 people!*

Bernard Stoneham- International Chairman

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Over 100 million children, teens and adults worldwide are in need of a wheelchair but cannot afford one.



UPDATE ON OUR MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

Our application for a matching grant from our District 1250 & the R.I. Foundation is progressing well. The rather extensive paperwork has now been completed by all sides and is being processed by RI Foundation at Evanston. Our donation of £2800 will become \$14,850 enough to purchase some 110 wheelchairs of the solid tyre type for use

in rough terrain (including spares!) All the wheelchairs will be manufactured and shipped from China in a 20' sea container. The Wheelchair Foundation will pay the difference between the US\$14,850 from Rotary and the cost to deliver the wheelchairs and any other costs to one sea port location in South Africa. Our partner in this project is the Rotary Club of Arcadia, www.rotaryarcadia.org.za East London District 9320. They will oversee the delivery of the wheelchairs to worthy recipients in surrounding areas to their Club.

Foundation has indicated that if at all possible a small team from the donor Club should attend the distribution of the wheelchairs. The partner club Arcadia have intimated that they would be willing to host such a team. Gill and I are actively considering this. It is likely that this would take place in the Autumn- more details would follow once the delivery date of the wheelchairs has been confirmed. My committee are aware of this offer but if any Priory members also have any mild interest do please let me know.

RC Arcadia would seem an ideal partner in this project, I copy some information about a project they started in 1999 known as **ROMEX Rotary in action... Reaching out... Caring... Up-lifting**

What is ROMEX?

Romex-Rotary Medical Equipment Exchange is a Rotary project of District 9320, South Africa, organized and managed by the Rotary Club of Arcadia. District 9320 comprises 52 clubs that are all involved in one way or another.

Over the past eight years, Romex has developed an international; network of Rotarians in the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany who are able to assist with the collection and shipping of quality surplus medical equipment from First World countries to South Africa.

The equipment is donated by medical institutions that modernise their equipment on a regular basis. This has resulted in the delivery of close to R100 million worth of quality medical equipment to beneficiaries in South Africa. Bernard Stoneham- International Chairman

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 2010

I would like to thank all those who gave of their time so willingly, especially the few who did more than the requested two slots as there were some blank slots this year. Thanks also to those who found they could not fulfil their slot but found a substitute.

Our total collections for the period were: **The Cross £1282.94, Tesco's £863.15**. This about 20% down on last year although the total take for all 3 clubs was up.

Mulled wine and donations brought in another £263.23 making a total of £2409 with some expenses still to be paid.

Based on our experience this year we will have a look at the format for next year.

Thank you all once again for all your hard work.

Clive Balaam.

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Club Diary

January

Date	Meeting Content	Location	Stewards	
Wed 19	Ben Wilkes & Celena Young "Children on the Edge"	The Park	Richard Doman David Hutchings	
Wed 26	Burns night - including piper	The Park	Tony Davenport James Gardener	Including Partners/Guests 6.30 for 7.00pm £20 p.p. inc. 3 course meal plus wine Black Tie with Scottish flavour

February

Wed 2	Road Race briefing	The Park	Colin Kaye Bill Bullen	
Sun 6	10k Road Race			
Mon 7	Council	D Hutchings		
Wed 9	Water survival boxes – Hugo Pike of 'World Waterworks'	The Park	Mike Dennett Tony Kerly	Joint with Harbour
Wed 16	Business Meeting	The Park	Chris Doman Don Milton	
Wed 23	Rotary Day 2011	The Park	Peter Bryan Paula Ball	Tri-Club (Chichester lead) Including partners £10.00 per person 7.00 for 7.30pm
19 to 26th	Rotary week	Chichester		

March

Wed 2	Fellowship	The Park	Jules Moores Colin Bryant	Welsh theme dinner
Mon 7	Council			
Wed 9	Mike Cook (Past High Commissioner Uganda)	The Park	Doug Price Ray Richardson	
Wed 16	Business Meeting	The Park	Charles Dixon Chris Doman	
Wed 23	General Meeting to discuss future of Club	The Park	Nick Rowbotham John Donabie	
Wed 30	Victim Support Speaker: Frances Amos	The Park	Richard Doman Rob Simpson	Including Partners

Don't forget Burns Night on the 26th.

We have a piper, excellent 'toasters' and some very nice Malt Whisky.



The Christmas Card donation scheme earned £410 for John Bumfrey's Haiti project. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to John for supporting such a fine cause.



Congratulations to Tony Kerly and Marion on their forthcoming 'nuptials'. Tony and Marion will have a quiet ceremony on the 29th at a New Forest Hotel with their immediate families present. Have great day, Tony and Marion and our very best wishes for the future.