

Priory Post

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A message from our President, Doug Minto

The overwhelming event of the last few weeks has been the cataclysmic earthquake/tsunami that has hit Japan. Along with our fellow Rotarians from the other Chichester clubs we have been able to respond through collections and demonstrations of sympathy and solidarity aided by the presence of the Japanese students from Chichester College. Over the next few weeks our International committee will be considering how best to use the funds collected for the benefit of those affected by this tragic event. Meanwhile, I wish to thank all those who participated in the collections, in particular, Doug Price who put it all together.



We should not forget Rotary week, another example of cooperation amongst the three Rotary clubs in the city and the excellent evening which was held on Rotary day when we were addressed by the author Simon Brett. This was a great example of togetherness as were the collections at The Cross and Sainsbury's, aided of course by the magnificent mobile display unit organised by Doug Price and set up by him and John Watkins.

Finally, the secret is out, we have had the results of the survey conducted to gather information on your wishes for the future development of our club and President Elect Bob Syme has gathered a working party together to progress this initiative over the next few months. I cannot remember such a far reaching survey being carried out before in the 19 years that I have been a member of Chichester Priory, it is a fantastic initiative, long overdue and perhaps something that we should consider every five years or so. The world is an ever changing place, needs change, social habits change and as we grow older perhaps we do not place enough emphasis on the need to change ourselves. Thank you to Bob, John Watkins and Chris Doman for all the work that they put in to this important survey.

I look forward to April, it has two important meetings scheduled. First we have our "Thank you evening" on 20th April, thanking all those groups and individuals who have helped us with our projects thus far this year. We have a major social evening on 27th April to celebrate our patron saint St George and the Queen's birthday and to offer our best wishes to Prince William and Kate Middleton on their forthcoming marriage.

Enjoy your Rotary.

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami collection

Our tri club collection achieved a total of close to £10,000 after only 4 days of collection. We were at the Cross on 2 days – Thursday 17th (£4268) and Sunday 20th March (£1124), Waitrose on the 19th March (£3037) and Sainsbury's on the 26th March (£1522).

Our collections were helped along by the Japanese students who turned out to help each day and whose production of Origami items plus their politeness and grateful smiles appealed to our local population. It is anticipated that the collection will be split between a Donation to Shelter Box and a financial donation to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund.

Diary April and May

Date	Meeting Content	Location	Stewards	
Mon 4	Council	D Hutchings		
Wed 6	D Hutchings Accounts 2009-10 Mike Turner Job talk	The Park	Mike Dennett Bernard Stoneham	
Wed 13	Business Meeting	The Park	John Watkins Peter Fuller	
Fri 15 /Sat 16	2011 RIBI Conference	Dublin		
Wed 20	General "Thank you" evening	The Park	Geoff Hardstaff John Pressdee	
Tue 26	Club Service Committee meeting	Geoff Hardstaff		5.30pm
Wed 27	St George's night Party/Royal Wedding	The Park	Malcolm Wells Peter Haydn-Jones	Partners & guests, £20 per person. 3-courses + wine.6.30 for 7.00pm

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Tue 3	Council			
Wed 4	RYLA COURSE 3 Youngsters	The Park	Graham Jessop Neil Brame	
Wed 11	AGM and Business Meeting	The Park	Henry Adams Tony Hardwick	
Wed 18	Technology Tournament (Tim Rose) confirmed	Chichester High School 6 th Form Centre	Mike Harvey Clive Balaam	
Tue 24	Club Service Committee meeting	Henry Adams's		5.30pm.
Wed 25	Club Assembly	The Park	David Bevan-Thomas Colin Kaye	



Mizumoni Library Project

I am sending this email to you for a number of reasons. Firstly, to thank you for your past and ongoing efforts to help the project move from pipe dream to reality. Your support has been truly invaluable and it is almost impossible to exaggerate the profound difference your help has made. The lives of the people of Mivumoni, and in particular the young students who are so numerous there will be changed for the better.

Secondly, I am writing to tell you of the progress your efforts have helped to achieve. The library now is in its final stages of completion and Luke, my mother and I are flying out to Kenya to open the library ourselves at Easter. We can't wait to get back to the village where we were made to feel so welcome and see the completed library being used by students and the local people of Mivumoni. These pictures of the library chart the progress of the library from the laying of the foundations to some shots taken a few weeks ago- one of the best things to see is that local labour is being employed and all the materials were sourced in Kenya whilst watching the library grow and grow!



We are still fundraising to make sure that maintenance of the library is not compromised; money for repairs will be necessary, as well as new books and a small ongoing fund for the provision of electricity in the library for lighting, enabling students to study after 6pm when the sun goes down in Kenya! To those of you currently considering further efforts to raise for Mivumoni, I thank you again. We are meeting with Father Joe who is our "man on the ground" to discuss further projects which I will hope to update you on in the near future.

For more information, please see the website - <http://mivumonilibraryproject.webs.com>. Thank you all again and if you have any questions about the project please do not hesitate to contact me. ***Charlie Hammans, Secretary Mivumoni Library Project.***



February 21st to 26th was ROTARY WEEK and lots of clubs all over the country planned events, took over vacant shops, etc., to promote 'Thanks for Life - End Polio Now' - to raise awareness both of this important campaign and to raise funds for the 'Gates Challenge' as well as informing people who we are and what we do and maybe getting some interested in joining us.

Many clubs such as our three Chichester Clubs got together to lighten the load and it all seemed to work out for everyone.

Remember the crocuses we planted with 400 school children last October, well they were a couple of weeks late in appearing for us and missed Rotary Week, but they did flower and looked great along Newpark Road in the sun when they showed.



The Mayor of Chichester Cllr. Michael Wooley was present on Saturday 19th to officially open our campaign when our three Presidents are also in attendance.



We handed out bookmarks, leaflets, membership flyers, rattled some buckets and engaged with the public from our mobile Display Unit at the Cross and it was good to see our three clubs working together and enjoying what we were doing. All funds raised will go to the Thanks for Life programme. DG Simon appeared one afternoon when he boldly went "purple" (hair and beard only!) to promote the week.

On Wednesday 23rd, Rotary Day, we held a special Tri-Club Dinner at Chichester Park Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Local personality Simon Brett was the guest speaker. Cllr. John Ridd and his wife joined us as guests. Chichester Club President Howard Bottomley introduced Simon Brett to the meeting and asked him to speak to us as an Author, Playwright, Actor, Scriptwriter and numerous other jobs that made him famous and able to come into contact to write for so many celebrities and people we all recognise. The meal was good, and Simon Brett's highly entertaining and amusing talk was just what was needed for a relaxing evening.

Goodwood Spring Challenge Cancelled.

We have unfortunately had to cancel the Goodwood Spring Challenge for this year due to some circumstances beyond our control. Apologies to all those who were already working on the preparation for the event.

Bryan Dawkins

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of Rotarian Bryan Dawkins. Our deepest sympathies go to Claire, his family and friends. There will be a full tribute to Brian in a future edition of Priory Post.

New Zealand Earthquake.



Only 2 days after the Christchurch Earthquake Lesley and I came across this typical Rotary collection at Paihia in the North island of NZ. President Sue Hamnett and one of her members were 'manning the buckets' outside of the local Supermarket. Sue told us that the guidance they were getting from local Christchurch Rotarians was that a lot of people would need both physical and financial help once the full extent of the damage caused by the quake and in particular the accompanying 'liquifaction' was understood. The collection was only one of the local initiatives we saw – another was a local 'fish smoker' who was being given this Blue Marlin – caught during a fishing competition – which he was going to cure, pack-

age and ship to Christchurch at his own expense to help with feeding those in need in the aftermath.



We were so impressed by the resilience of the new Zealanders following this disaster, the second in the same area in 6 months. After the initial shock their attitude was to get New Zealand 'open for normal business' as soon as possible as the best way to help themselves and to aid the Christchurch recovery. They are a small nation and those of you who have been there will understand the way they pull together and help each other. They deserve any help and support we can give them. Bob Syme

Chichester Challenge 2011

Chichester Challenge is on Sunday 10th July starting again from Lavant Village Green, and planning and promotion are all in hand and well under way. Leaflets and posters are available for club members to distribute where ever appropriate for promotion. We will also have a series of leaflet drops at other events to do over the coming weeks when we hope members will be able to assist and provide support with this and deliver to any other outlets they think appropriate to promote event. Please contact Doug P or any committee member for supply

This year the routes are being digitally scanned and plotted with waypoints to allow accurate setting up and marking of routes, using sat nav technology. Route markers will use same technology to speed up the process of accurately placing arrows and signs around the routes with confidence. Runners, walkers and MTB's will also be able to download digital maps to navigate around the course using sat navs and experience post-ride



Rotary Club of Chichester

INTER CLUB TEAM QUIZ

In aid of the
Chichester Boys'
Club

Music from the 40s,
50s and 60s
including Jazz,
Rock 'n' Roll,
Country & Western
and Classical for
half of the 72
questions

**Friday 6th
May 2011**

Ritchie Stevenson and his wife Linda are promoting the 'Bras for Brass' collection and will be happy to relieve you of appropriate items.



Breast Cancer Support Centres

BRAS FOR BRASS
**PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD
BRAS HERE**
**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING THE HAVEN,
HEREFORD**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HAVEN
AND HOW YOU CAN HELP US**

PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY ON 01432 361050

OR RITCHIE ON 01243 551882

Our Havens offer a free programme of in-depth support to improve the quality of life of anyone affected by breast cancer.

Services and support are also available online at: www.thehaven.org.uk
For more information email: info@thehaven.org.uk

London 020 7384 0000 Hereford 01432 361 061 Leeds 0113 284 7800

The Haven is the working name of Breast Cancer Haven. Registered Charity No. 1061726.



Club email addresses

We have set up a new group of email addresses to be used in the club.

From now on if you need to send an email to the whole club please use the address

allmembers@rotarypriory.com Your email will be sent to all club members. The list of members will be kept up to date by Alan Wells, eliminating the need for each of you to maintain your own up to date club distribution lists.

We will extend this from next Rotary Year to include new email addresses for the president and secretary as follows:

president@rotarypriory.com

secretary@rotarypriory.com .