

Priory Post December



Peter's Prattlings

Six months as your President have flown by and I must thank you all for your enthusiastic support. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. Before I slip into 'Bah Humbug' mode for a huge family Christmas it only remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. *Peter*

Young Chef Competition, 25th November.

Thanks to the Youth Committee and in particular Ray Richardson for organising another superb Young Chef competition. Once again the club was able to see the wonderful dishes prepared by our Young Chefs and to meet them and their families to offer them encouragement and support.

The competition this year was of a very high standard – so much so that judges Michel Navet and Pat Watmore spent considerably more



time than planned placing the candidates. Well done to all who participated and a special thanks to the High School for Girls for allowing us the use of their facilities once more.

The Winner was Deborah Buckley, Westbourne House, Runner up Charlie Pulvertaft, Westbourne House and Third George Long, Chichester High School. Winner and Runner up go on to the Southern Area Final at Felmer High School on Fri 29 Jan 2010.

Twinning Arrangements Changed.

Just a few words to tell you about a major change in the schedule of our 201 Twinning. Our new 1790 Governor has decided to organize one single meeting between all the clubs of the District and their partner clubs, which completely alters our previous organization.

The twinning is to take place at the same moment as our District Meeting, from April 9th to 11th.

This is meant to be an exceptional opportunity of offering each of you something new and motivating : the opportunity for all the twinned clubs as well as all the 1790 clubs to meet. The week-end is to take place at the Club Med Vittel resort (Vosges), a famous spa. The Club Med (Club Méditerranée) will organize the whole stay for the Rotary with the quality and efficiency that is characteristic of this prestigious all-inclusive holiday maker. We will thus have the opportunity of meeting you in different and original surroundings.

It is necessary to register with the enclosed document to be sent to Mr Simet. And it is necessary to do so as quickly as possible, before the 31st of December, if you want to obtain the best prices (€ 400 for 2 people, all-inclusive price)

The above letter was received from Bar Le Duc. Any members wishing to attend please complete the form sent out last week—or contact Colin Kaye or Bob Syme if you haven't got it.

Club Diary—January and February

January	Meeting	Venue	Stewards
6 th	Fellowship Meeting	Pallant Suite	Mike Foyle, James Gardner
13 th	10K Briefing	Pallant Suite	Lynne Greenwell, Lawrence Guest
20 th	Starfish Project Speaker	Pallant Suite	John Watkins, Allen Welles
27 th	Business Meeting	Pallant Suite	Geoff Hardstaff, Malcolm Wells
February			
1 st	Club Council	Bob Syme's	
3 rd	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	Henry Adams, Tony Hardwick
7 th	10K Road Race		
10 th	Speaker night	Pallant Suite	Neil Brame, Mike Harvey
17 th	Business Meeting	Pallant Suite	Clive Balaam, Peter Haydn Jones
23 rd	ROTARY DAY– Thanks for Life		
24 th	Presidents Dinner with Partners	TBA	David Bevan Thomas, John Hodge

Cockermouth Flood Disaster

Our Community Services Committee sent a donation of £1000 to the flood relief effort at Cockermouth. The monies went to the Rotary Clubs of Cockermouth and Keswick who are working to distribute funds to needy people in the area and it was particularly pleasing to get the following reply from them:

On behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Cockermouth and Keswick, thank you for your kind and generous donation of £1000 towards our flood appeal.

The support of your Club is greatly appreciated and a great encouragement to us.

I am sure you will appreciate that at present we are very busy collecting and distributing the many donations we have received, and whilst we intend to acknowledge your donation in a more formal manner later, I am sure you will understand that other matters are more pressing at this early stage of recovering from the floods.

Once again, thank you for your help

This is a great example of Rotary working in the community which we as a club are happy to be able to support.

Christmas Collections.

These are slightly down on last year which is not surprising in the present climate. We do however have an extra Saturday at The Cross which should help us catch up.

The Cross	
Tues 1st	296.74,
Thurs 10th	177.55
Sat 12th	333.55
Tesco	
Sun 6th	239
Tues 8th	334



Thanks For Life Day 23rd February



The latest news is that selected Tesco stores have come on board nationally but NO approaches can be made to Tesco's by any individuals. Our local Chichester Store is on the list of those available for a collection on 27th February. This will have to be shared with the other 2 Chi clubs and will be organised by the tri club committee.

It was hoped that Sainsbury's would also allow a collection, however, they have now said they cannot support.

Shop -It is planned to obtain a shop in Chichester to raise awareness of Rotary in the week of Rotary Day and Shopfront Displays have been prepared nationally and have been sent to the AGs.

The Guardian- A reporter from the guardian was sent to India to see the work of Polio Plus. An article appeared in the Guardian on 28th Nov but unfortunately there was little emphasis on T4L or Rotary's role in the programme. Bill Gates was not mentioned in the article.

BBC Breakfast programme 29th Nov- the same journalist was interviewed about her trip to India. She was seen

twice and in the first interview the Rotary role wasn't clear and no mention of T4L or Bill Gates association. However in the 2nd interview the Rotary connection was clearer but still no mention of Bill Gates.

Tri Club Meeting

At the last Tri Club meeting the following things were discussed: _

1 The late promotion of the T4L project by District meant that it is unrealistic to have large scale fundraising and competitions in the schools.

2 The focus would be on raising the Rotary profile and Polio awareness this year and fundraising and competition in the 2nd and subsequent years.

3 Advice would be sought from Rotarians with school contacts about appropriate presentations for schools

4 Rotarian Richard Plowman had offered

to prepare a Powerpoint presentation on Polio

5 Rtn Howard Bottomley was to have discussions with Central school

It was emphasised that it was absolutely essential that any group or individual activities or approaches should be notified to the committee to give a coordinated profile to the project.



Our Thanks for Life Representatives are Ray Richardson and Tricia Saunders.

More From the Cross

Last Thursday (10th Dec) - we sold out (20 litres) of Mulled Wine with 40 minutes still to go, a really great evening, with all the winter market stalls, donkeys and manger from Bethlehem, parcel wrappers, hot mulled wine, hot chestnuts, and even the mother Christmas and Elf on stilts turned up again, loads of shoppers and some of our shopping members and wives called in for a chat and a festive drink.





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Merry Christmas to all our readers



**Don't send Christmas Cards – Donate to St Wilfrid's.
A Merry Christmas to all our Rotarian friends from:**



Chelo Stan

Maurice Hall

Paulus de Pinto

P Clementson

Hodge

Bob & Mrs Handley

Nike Harvey
J Bamfey

Peter Bay

Doug Puck

Bob & Mrs Syme

John and Jenie Pressdee

Alan Well

David Fuller

Colin Dwyer

Don Meran

Merry Christmas to all

Mike & Sue Crase

Mike Ken
Colin King

Neil & Jill Brane

Tony Danks

David Hitchings

Bob Smith

Clive Salaman

