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# Priority Post

Rotary Club of Chichester Priory

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### NEW 2007- 2008 RI THEME LOGO



### ROTARY SHARES.



**John hands over to Tony**



**Pitch and Putt golf joint winners with one over par, Charles Dixon and Ray Richardson**

## Presidents Ponderings



Well, my year has begun and the first two council meetings went smoothly. (I thought).

After starting at 6 pm and finishing well beyond 8.00 pm,

my attempt to keep to a one hour time line has gone up in smoke. So far no complaints, probably because the complimentary booze and nibbles went down well.

My presidential duties started with PETS in March when I was introduced to the "Effective Club Planning Guide". This is an attempt by RI to improve the "performance" of the clubs. With that American predilection for classification and performance, it contains a plethora of guidelines, planning procedures, goals, targets etc. Even with my exposure to the MBO (management by objectives) system when I worked in the States, there were some phrases which I could not make sense of. Are we not a volunteer part time organisation, I asked myself, if so why do we have to be exposed to an exercise designed for a senior executive of a major company. As this had to be submitted to District by 1<sup>st</sup> July, I asked our Assistant Governor for advice on how to fill it out. Give it to your Shadow Council he said. This I did and received various responses, some which cannot be published, but all essentially along the lines of - Bin It. Largely out of respect for AG John Parham who has the unenviable task of sorting this out for our area, I have submitted a very incomplete copy which, according to the AG, will be filed away for evaluation next year. Bernard, sorry - but you have been warned.

The Handover meeting was a great success with John doing a star turn. He obviously put a lot of thought and work into it and the photos were a lot of fun and will be treasured by the recipients. Thanks to Bernard for organising the event and to Doug for

projection equipment. In my fluster at receiving so much attention, I forgot to announce that Bob Syme was Chairman of the Youth Committee and Henry Adams as Sergeant at Arms. My apologies. No doubt Sergeant at Arms Henry will bear this in mind.

Thanks are due to Henry and his team for the excellent BBQ which went well as always. The fact that it was dry and sunny in a period of terrible weather meant someone was looking over us. It was an emotional moment when Jill was presented with Colin's HM Certificate and from the look on her face, I knew it was the right thing to do. We will all miss that lovable character.

The Chichester Challenge was not so lucky as the heavens opened for a time. I was standing with our newest member Lynne in the not-so-water- proof ice cream stall watching the damp slowly creeping up my trousers and thinking - I hope the colours in my gong don't run. However, in typically English fashion, everyone's spirit lifted when the rain stopped and the stalker appeared. Anyone get a photograph? Special thanks to Doug and the club volunteers and partners for all the hard work involved.

The Fellowship evening at Game Set and Match was great fun and brought out the competitive spirit. Well done Bernard for dreaming this one up. Well done also to the volunteers who participated in the Flood Appeal collection. A total of £2637 was collected by the three clubs which, as a result of recent donations received by Doug, has now increased to £2662. This included an astonishing £522 collected at the Theatre Car park exit by a non-Rotarian volunteer. Since this collection, an official Rotary Flood Disaster Appeal (details in the RIBI website) has been launched to which the proceeds will be donated. Finally, the District Governor visit (Aug.8<sup>th</sup>) with Ray Lewis ( Books for South African Primary Schools ) and Christiane Connors (Ambassadorial Scholar from Hawaii) was memorable. After listening to Ray and being captivated by Christiane (that young lady should go far), I agreed with the comments of (our) Ray that " it felt good to be a Rotarian". Coming up is the Pitch and Putt Competition (15<sup>th</sup> Aug.), the H4H (19<sup>th</sup> Aug.), the John Hodge Harvest Supper (22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.) and the Tri-Club Beach Party (Aug.29<sup>th</sup>).

## Priory Sports Evening



The three winners with prizes



Maurice can't quite reach his glass..



From the amazed looks, Colin may have hit the Dart board with that arrow?



Chris ponders the wonders of gravity

TEAM (Goes each)	DARTS (12)	CURLING (8)	QUOITS (12)	Total Points	Final Position
Adams					
Bevan-Thomas	417	36	155	14	5th
Brame					
Bryan					
Davenport	451	30	340	9	3rd
Dixon					
Doman					
Foyle	475	56	325	4	1st
Hall					
Harvey					
Keye	342	45	165	13	4th
Milton					
Price					
Richardson	212	31	235	15	6th
Rowbotham					
Stoneham					
Syme	451	55	300	7	2nd
Cudoff					

Seventeen members and one guest attended the indoor sports evening challenge with the above results. Winning was left to the more senior members, many of whom (rumour has it) had been practicing all afternoon. Having fought for the remaining sausage rolls and crisp, with copious supplies of red wine (much being left in puddles on the floor) the Priory sportmerrions toiled away

There is nothing like a well organized Rotary evening.... and this was nothing like a well organized evening. Well done Club Service Committee, a pleasant change for a number of us.

### Interact do Fashion show



Our club ran a fashion show at the end of term, 'borrowing' about £6,000 of clothing from local stores. A brilliant organisational effort - next time we will work more on the publicity.

## Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Foundation sponsors one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world.



The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory was very pleased to welcome Christiane Connors a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to attend our meeting back in April 2007. Christiane comes from Hawaii, where her sponsoring club is East Honolulu, in District 5000. Christiane is 27 years old and has studied and worked in the mainland United States. She is currently at Sussex University and is interested in anthropology, the politics of development and also in film-making.

Christiane came back to see us on 8th August to thank Priory for further sponsoring her on a Research project in Kenya, focusing on Community responses to HIV and AIDS carriers. She lived with a family near Malibu where the HIV rate is 40%, and they live well below the poverty line.

### Kids Out, Charles Down



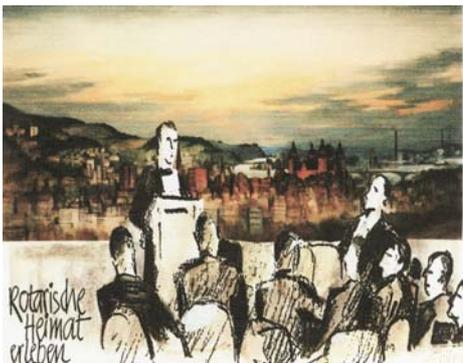
Charles undertaking his onerous tasks during Kids Out – he now seems to on the road to recovery

## Aschaffenburg

Our sister club in Aschaffenburg sent their condolences on the death of Colin. The document was signed by fifty one members and represents the High Esteem in which Colin was held.

The original document has been passed on to Jill.

Below are copies of part of the document received from Aschaffenburg Club.



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*Incoming President Dido Eber*

*In deepest sympathy*

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**District Golf** – Rob Simpson & Maurice Hall let Worthing Club go through to RIBI Finals. Well done guys.

## Bumfrey Travels

**A few lines to let you know that we are still in the world and now working our way back home Seems a long time since we said farewell in March and looked forward to seeing you in the Autumn. We were in the USA for three months catching up with Granddaughters graduations.**

**We were fortunate to hear Bill Clinton who was the main speaker at Sarah, the eldest granddaughters graduation at the University of Michigan. Must say a very impressive speaker addressing his full attention to the 3000 students we were graduating, he was asking them to address their considerable knowledge gained at the university to solve the global warming problems and also reaching out to other less fortunate countries to help solve their problems, as well as advancing medical knowledge.**

**Our next port of call was to visit Granddaughter number two, Jenny who is in the USA Coast Guard based on a ship in San Francisco. she proudly showed us around her ship and seemed extremely knowledgeable about the workings of her engines and seemed very happy with her very dirty nails and her 30 boys she works with in the engine room**

**From there we took a seven day cruise from San Francisco to Vancouver in Canada which was our holiday! taking a train back through the Cascade Mountains back to San Francisco, returning to Detroit for number three granddaughters graduation we are talking of Alison, whom you have already met. She gave a talk at the local Rotary club of her experiences at the RYLA course and her time spent at Chichester High School. She also elaborated on her time spent in France with our twinned club at Bar le Duc. I have attended Rotary in Fenton Michigan regularly and District Conference 6330 in Canada >>>**

## District Conference 2007

**26th/28th October at Folkestone.**

PLEASE consider supporting Tony at Folkestone. We are asked to invite our twinning clubs to join us this year. Can someone pick this up and ask the appropriate people? Make it a long weekend holiday and you will not find it expensive. The Speakers are good, fellowship abounds and the experience will exhilarate you (or her). We have booked 15 rooms now – anyone interested contact Doug or Rosemary asap. Thnaks

>>> Returned home in June for 6 days before we took off in our caravan to join the ICFR rallies in France. Calling at Bar le Duc on Lionel and Suzett Deladore, from there we spent eight days in Annecy on the Italian/French border, which was quite wet but very good fellowship with twelve caravans in all 24 ICFR members. From there we all travelled to Vaison in the Province for another eight days where the weather was beautiful, am now taking another holiday!! in northern Spain before we take off for home, will be home mid August.

Do hope you will all be dried out before we arrive home  
Yours in Rotary  
John and June Bumfrey

## Female Logic!

I took a look at my wife one day and said, "Honey, 36 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, no car, no TV, no money and slept on a sofa bed, but I got to sleep every night with a hot good looking 18 year old. Now, we have a beautiful house, two nice cars, king size bed, money and a 50" screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 54 year old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things." My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 18 year old beautiful girl, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, with no car, no money, and sleeping on a sofa bed. Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crisis.

## District Governors visit 8<sup>th</sup> August



District Governor, Alan Knight, a Past President of Redhill, made his official visit to us last week. According to the District Governor's Training Manual, the D. G. must personally visit each club in their District, 1) to bring attention to important Rotary issues, 2) provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs, 3) motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities and 4) recognize the contributions of Rotarians in the District. I find this a little sad, because to my mind, it does not go far enough. There is no mention of what the D.G. may gain visiting a club, for example getting to know more Rotarians in their own District, learning about their Club projects, joining with the members on a fund raising event, or even simply relaxing and having a chat.

At this year's PETS and District Assembly, I detailed a list of objectives for all clubs to consider and from the reports I receive from the A.G.s having attended the Club Assemblies, I get a very quick flavour of the various programmes and objectives the clubs have set themselves.

As you know, I have not chosen a personal D.G.'s charity this year as I have never found anything in the rules which allows this to happen, and, indeed, clubs should be free to decide their own level of fund raising and the recipients of these funds during the year.

As we all know, this year's theme is "Rotary Shares" and you have probably heard several times the thinking and rationale behind it. The dedicated Rotarians who develop the project ideas and then persuade the other members to assist form the backbone of every club, but as we know, regrettably there are too few of them. We all need to take that first important step towards personal involvement by just saying Yes — Yes, I will lead that Club project, Yes, I will bring in a new member, Yes, I will share my ideas to make the Club stronger.

The R.I. President's emphases for the year are Literacy, Water, Health and Hunger and

the Family of Rotary. I hope you will be able to undertake at least one project linked to these and perhaps consider a matching grant application, either on your own or jointly with other clubs. The Family of Rotary includes Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Exchange, GSE Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Scholars and Alumni.

Interact in the last 12 months has begun to take off in District, with several Clubs now formed and several more new Clubs will be chartered this year.

Rotaract, regrettably, has declined considerably over the last few years from around twelve Clubs to just one. However, PDG Jack Bennett has some encouraging news from a handful of Clubs that are working to start their Rotaract clubs again.

The Rotary Foundation is one of just two of R.I.B.I. President Allan Jagger's emphasis for this year. It is Rotary's one and only charity and relies on donations from clubs, individuals, non-Rotarians and other charity foundations for its income. I set a target of \$125,000 for this year, which, at the current exchange rate, equates to £65,000. In 1986 Rd. agreed to eradicate Polio, a promise Rotary intends to keep. Clubs have so far donated \$650 million, but polio remains in Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. All the children in these countries will be re immunised. In India it has been discovered, due to their poor diet, children will probably need to receive at least ten doses of the vaccine before it may be completely effective. All the incoming D.G.s for 2007/8 were asked to donate a minimum of 10% of their District Designated Fund to PolioPlus and I am delighted to say, having requested this sum through our District Foundation Chairman, Peter O'Keefe, they have agreed to a sum of \$10,000 which will be paid over early in this Rotary year.

Carole and I have recently become Sustaining Members of Foundation. A Sustaining Member contributes \$100 per year. With the current exchange rate and Gift Aid this works out at 80p a week, which can be credited to yourself or your Club. I know many Clubs are considering this commitment this year.

Club membership must remain the top priority for all Clubs. We must retain the members we have by ensuring the right balance between club programmes, social and fund raising events. If a Club has the right mix of fun and fellowship, I have always believed the commitment to the Club's programme will

naturally follow. Please do not be too complacent because you currently have a large membership. In just a few years it is possible for your membership to halve. The R.I. President's goal for membership this year is net plus one, so if you lose two you need three new members. We are all guilty of not asking people we know to join Rotary.

We will certainly have to change some of our outdated thinking and working to attract and retain younger members. Only 5% of Rotarians in R.I. 13.1. are female compared to 45% of the population.

I should like to encourage all Rotarians to become involved in Rotary outside their own Clubs. This can be participating in Club contact visits, even attending a District Council meeting, District, R.I.B.I. and R.I. Conference. So many Club Presidents attend a District Conference for the first time in their year of office and make the comment, "It was great, I really enjoyed it" and return to enthuse their own Club members.

Please also remember the Youth Opportunities programmes available. Our own children and even grandchildren can participate in most.

Our District Conference this year will be held 26 October in Folkestone, a new venue not only for 1250, but also R.I.B.I. If you have not already registered, please do consider joining us - there is a full programme of speakers and entertainment.

Like my own Club, you have given many years of service to the local community and to R.I. You have never let your standards slip and I must say it shows!

Thank you for your support of this year's Conference and also your donation to Rotary Foundation.

Please do consider holding regular discussions on Rotary at one of the weekly meetings, and, in particular, any problems or issues affecting your own Club. Please invite the Chairmen of the various District Committees to talk to the Club and invite a Group Study team member to talk about their experiences in District 4170, Mexico, or an Ambassadorial Scholar.

My one hope this year is that all our Rotarians in District may discover for themselves what Rotary can offer beyond the Club level. We need to ensure at all times we get the fun and fellowship from belonging to Rotary.

### Visit to our Twinning Clubs

A couple of pics to remember a most enjoyable time spent with our contact clubs of Ashafenburg and Bar le Duc



### Rotary Flood Relief Appeal



Chichester Rotarians organised a collection at The City Cross and at Sainsbury's last weekend to help relieve the hardship of the victims of the recent flooding. Some £2,400 was raised and these donations will be sent immediately to the National Rotary Appeal to be distributed to the local Rotary clubs for help to the most needy in the affected areas.

Rotary is very grateful for the continuing generous support of the Chichester public and of Sainsbury's PLC.

For further information about Rotary in Chichester, meetings, membership or assistance and support telephone 01243 527739.

### All Paid up – Cheques Galore



Priory were able to present cheques to a number of Charities due to a very successful year in fundraising. Cheques presented here received by Life Education Centres, West Sussex, Lodge Hill, Wessex Heart Beat, St Wilfrid's Hospice and PsCO.



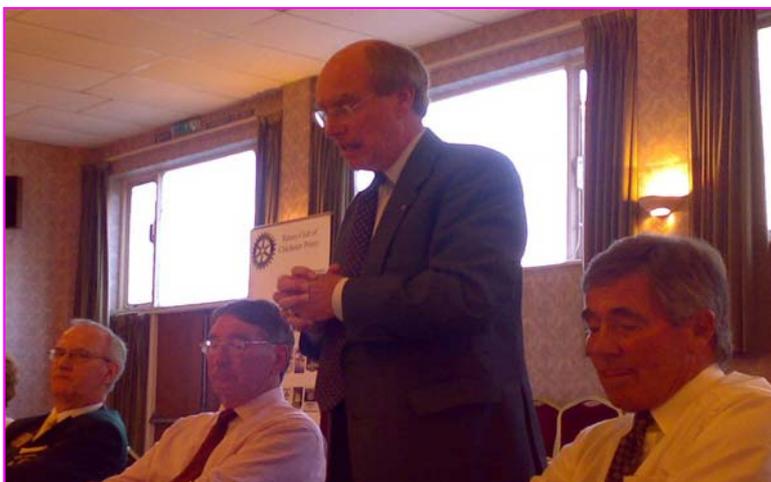
John Hodge and David Hutchings who were presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award by President John Watkins.

### Thank you Dinner

- Priory thanked our sponsors who supported us again in the Priory 10KM Road Race and in the new Goodwood Spring Challenge. A dinner held at the Cathedral Cloister Restaurant included a cheque presentation to the charity Wessex Heart Beat.



Joys Croft Bowling organized again by Tony Hardwick; was a great success and the old boys enjoyed themselves as much as the residents!



Ray Lewis who came to speak to us about the Books for Africa Primary Schools Project and showed us what can be done with the right application. He also showed a few tricks from his magic interests.

## Priory Programme

All meetings at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated			
DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	STEWARDS
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Fellowship – Game, Set & Match,	Indoor Sports, Quarry Lane	Ray Richardson
6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Council	Henry Adams Office, North Gate	David Hutchings
8 <sup>th</sup>	District Governor Visit. International Speaker – Ray Lewis, Books for South Africa, Christiane OConnors Ambassadorial Scholar,	South Pallant Suite	Colin Kaye, Ted Smith
15 <sup>th</sup>	Golf - pitch and putt District Membership Seminar	Hunston Golf Centre 6.00pm YMCA Horsham	Maurice Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hike for Hospices	Amberly Station	Tony Davenport
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Supper	Plovers, Fordwater Road	John Hodge
29 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ - Please bring your own meat & drink, salad & chairs	Spindrift, 10 Arun Way, Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis, PO21 4HF	Bernard Stoneham
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Club Council	Henry Adams Office, North Street	David Hutchings
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship	South Pallant Suite	Lynne Greenwell, Henry Adams
12 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker District International Seminar	South Pallant Suite Reigate Hill Hotel	Bill Bullen, John Hodge
17 <sup>th</sup>	District ComVoc Meeting	Ardingly	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	South Pallant Suite	Geoff Hardstaff, Tony Kerly
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship – committee meetings 10km Road Race briefing	South Pallant Suite	Doug Price Colin Bryant
<p><b>Note: 7<sup>th</sup> October 10km Road Race</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> November Beaujolais Nouveau Luncheon</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> November Business and SGM (Club Elections)</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party with Partners</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> December Tri-Club Carol Service – St Paul's Church</b></p>			

### Henry Adams BBQ



Good food, good company and beautiful early summer evening weather ensured a most enjoyable evening at Westerton. Thank you Henry and Pat, a great evening.

Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. Isn't that a bad time for a guy to get those odds?

Middle age is when your broad mind and narrow waist begin to change places.