



2017

February 2017

Welcome to Peter Elliott our President for the 6 months to July.

Thank you to Steve Playford our President for the last 6 months.

Recent Events



Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham present a cheque for £2,300 to Moorfields Eye Hospital, raised by Ian Turner during his epic journey



Christmas Float 'Helpers' thank you evening



Race Night raises £3,119 for International Fund

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The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham

President: Peter Elliott

Club meets every Tuesday

at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Bognor Regis Golf Club

Downview Road

Felpham. PO22 8JD



Once again the Christmas Float saw an overall increase in the collection total over previous years. A magnificent job done by the route teams of leader, driver, Father Christmas, and of course the 'elves'.

The weather was generally good, the music played on, the elves were out in force, and fun was had by all.

For those that take note of these things

- The overall 2016 Collection total was £10,909.91 (although minimal expenses will be deducted).
- The Float was actually on duty for close on 80 hours in December (and a further 20 hours with the Mother Club).
- We needed 243 'bodies' to get the show on the road. Many people of course help more than once – but for our rota we consider them as one 'body' each 'help' time.
- We gave out 4800 sweet lollipops to delighted children, and probably a few parents.
- *We demonstrated, and received, an enormous amount of goodwill locally.*



On Tuesday 17th January the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham hosted a 'thank you evening' for those who helped with the Christmas Float in December. Some 80 people attended including representatives from the Rotary Club of Bognor Regis, and the Bognor Regis Lions Club.

We were fortunate to have a magician who circulated among the guests amazing us with his ability to make money and jewellery disappear and then reappear in what previously seemed to be secure places.

Mo Morrison, aided and abetted by Eric Matkins and Karen Holman raised £335 in the raffle.



Friday 27th January was International Race Night hosted by the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham and organised by Steve Playford at the Roland Rank Centre.

A great time was had by all and a fantastic £3,119 raised for International.



LOCAL GOOD CAUSES BOGNOR HOTHAM ROTARY HAS SUPPORTED DURING 2016:

Just some of the donations and grants that have been made by the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham this last year.

- An illustrated Dictionary to every school leaver from **Nyewood Junior School**.
- Help to pay for private treatment to enable a 6 – year old girl with Cerebral Palsy to walk unaided when the NHS pulled the plug on the operation at the last minute.
- Help fund a very specialised theatrical course for a lad with a range of disabilities when essential funding was cut with no alternative source of finance.
- Donation to '**Outset Youth Action**' which supports and helps youngsters age 18-25 to commit to volunteering projects in West Sussex. Our Rotary Club helped with transport costs for young people not in education, employment or training to attend a programme of personal development workshops.
- Funds to enable **Bognor Citizens Advice Bureau** to provide legal advice to those unable financially, or mentally, to obtain it.
- Support to '**Youth of Bognor**' to help them run 'summer camps' for deserving children.
- Donation to support the work of **Cancerwise**, the local Cancer support group.
- Help to pay for a new **electric power wheelchair** for a 34 year with Cerebral Palsy who was unable to obtain funding to replace his *20 year old* model
- Funding to help a multiple amputee **Aldwick** lady to get around more following Sepsis
- Help to a previously very athletic Paraplegic lady following a bad cycle accident to return to competitive cycling with a **Recumbent Hand Racing Bike**.
- Donation to **Chestnut Tree House**, the local Children's Hospice to support help support a local Marathon runner.
- Funding to enable local **Cub Scouts** to attend a County Cub Camp.
- Donation to kick-start a campaign by '**Family Support Work**' to help run a project for struggling families.
- Support to **Pagham Luncheon Club for the Housebound, Elderly, and Lonely**.

As always we ask those in genuine need, or those with deserving causes requiring financial help to contact us.

John Holman

Chairman, Community & Youth Services Committee, 24 January 2017

- and now a request

Once again the Christmas Float saw an overall increase in the collection total over previous years. Strange how some route totals were down and others magnificently up but this was absolutely no reflection on the enormous amount of help provided as always, by the route 'team' of leader, driver, father Christmas, and of course the 'elves'.

The collection from the Christmas Float is donated to deserving causes throughout the year and the serious part now begins, although in fact it never stops as we continue to allocate and donate our Float collection money to deserving local causes.

The money we collect with the Christmas Float can do so much to help local people.

Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham grants are given throughout the year so there is no deadline and requests will be considered throughout the entire year.

We do not deter anybody from contacting us but we offer assurance that we will consider requests carefully and sympathetically to insure that money given so warmly by the public goes to the most deserving causes and to where it is most needed.

a little help please ~

As always we ask those in genuine need, or those with deserving causes, be it for mobility, or perhaps even a structural problem that aids mobility, youth training and support, age related problems, urgent medical treatment, the list is endless – to please contact us.

In the first instance please contact our Community & Youth Services Chairman:

John Holman

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The famous Bognor Prom 10K Road Race & Junior Fun Run

23 years as Bognor's largest sport event

Sunday May 21st 2017

2017 will see the 23rd annual Bognor Prom 10K road race which has now raised in excess of £500,000 for charities.

The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham would like to thank all those runners, marshals' sponsors and supporters who without their participation this event could not happen.

In 2017 we hope to equal or surpass the more than 1,800 entries of last year's event.

The race starts at 10.30am from the southern end of Silverstone Avenue, West Park and finishes at the same spot. Contestants have been given a special route to their car park. Furthermore as there will be pressure on parking at West Park all runners are asked to try to double up for transport, park elsewhere if possible and give themselves plenty of time to avoid a last minute crush.

The Chairmen of Felpham and Aldwick Parish Councils, and the Mayor of Bognor Regis Town Council, have been invited.

The route follows Kings Parade, the Promenade, the Esplanade east of the Pier, Gloucester Road around Butlins, Upper Bognor Road, Admiralty Road, Blakes Road and Limmer Lane to rejoin the prom for the return leg. Weather permitting, the Bognor Regis Concert Band will be playing at the bandstand, to give the runners encouragement.

The prom could be the best vantage point, as the runners will be seen in both directions from 10.30 until about 11.45.

The Bognor Hotham Rotary Club appreciates the help given by the many sponsors which enables more money to be given to charity from the event.

This year's charity partner is CancerWise which offers support to cancer patients and their families, encouraging them to live as well as possible on a day to day basis. CancerWise is a 'Drop in Centre' offering one to one counselling and a range of complimentary therapies as well as support groups, either cancer specific or social. Approximately 250 people per month access the services of CancerWise, which are funded through donations, community fundraising events and grants. By running for CancerWise you will make a real difference to people living with cancer.

Further information and entry forms are available via the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham and 10K Road Race websites

Ian's Challenge



Back in October Ian Turner completed a personal challenge by travelling the 4 miles from his Pagham home to the Rotary Wishing Well on the Bognor Prom in his manual wheel chair.

Ian's grandson Sidney was born with a condition known as Nance Horan Syndrome - a genetic condition which causes blindness and Autism. Sidney has had numerous operations at Moorfield's and Great Ormond Street hospitals. Ian's aim was to raise money in appreciation of the treatment that Sidney received at Moorfields.



On Tuesday 10th January 2017, Gabrielle Richardson from the Richard Desmond Children's Eye Centre was presented with a cheque for £2,300 by the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham at a celebratory dinner to mark the remarkable fundraising achievement by Ian.



5th Tuesday 31st January – **Curry Night**

Too busy to take photographs members of our Club had a night out at an Indian Restaurant; Anokha in West Meads

Organised by Robbie Burns



Purple 4 Polio + trees

As a follow-up to the very successful crocus planting Hotham Park Trust asked if we could support them in planting some whips (3 ft trees). These trees have been planted in three conservation areas of the Park; the Conservation Pond area, near the Ornamental Pond and near the Discovery Garden.

Planting took place on Saturday 4th February by our intrepid gardeners – Nigel Hasted, Robbie Burns, Gavin Oclew-Brown, and Richard Read.

Diary Dates:

Wed 22nd March: Rotary Arun Youth Community Awards at the Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton

Sat 25th March: District Council – Reigate

Sun 21st May: Bognor 10K Road Race

Tue 30th May: 5th Tuesday - Tangmere Airfield Nurseries – Robbie Burns

Sun 18th June: Rotary bike ride to Littlehampton and back for Prostrate Cancer

Forward future information for our Newsletter to: Brian Clarke

The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham: www.bognorhotham.rotaryweb.org

