



# Rotary Club of Billericay News

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## A Tour de Force Still To Be Achieved



As I write this, I am stunned to discover that I am more than 10% of my way through my term of office. Have I made good use of that 10%? Technically, I started on July 1st. This was despite the formal handover not being until July 7th. My first job to represent Rotary was to attend the prize giving for Billericay in Bloom on July 5th. Our club sponsors one of the trophies and I was pleased to present it to the winners. Within hours, the event was recorded on our web site. (If we don't get the Stan Keller award for best website in the District this year, whoever beats us will need the most dynamic web site imaginable.) Handover day went fine – but not without a struggle. Sue was away in Pleshey and wanted to attend the handover. (Events like this don't come round too often in

our lives). The problem was that the Tour de France were in Essex that day. They chose a route that divided Pleshey from Billericay. All roads the Tour was using were closing at 8am until 5pm.

Sue surfed and found that the Tour was crossing the A120 between Braintree and Dunmow on a bridge, and the A120 would remain open. So, I set off at 10am, drove via Boreham to Braintree, then west to Dunmow and south to Pleshey. Back by the same convoluted route with Sue beside me. I was then aware of the privilege and honour of becoming your President with the further honour of having my wife beside me while it happened.

We all heard Keith's valedictory address before he handed over to me. An impossible act to follow? I hope I will be as good a President as Keith whose “year” rumbles on as he pursues the Sand Dams project that he has put so much

### **Sell, Sell, Sell!**

Word is that ticket sales for our September concert are very slow. My fellow Rotarians, having agreed to the event, we must now make it work by all getting behind the sale of tickets and putting bodies on seats in Emmanuel on September 13. Shoulders to the wheel and move some sales - lots of them.

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effort into. Deliberately I do not intend to start with anything like this. The Sand Dams project is probably the biggest project ever undertaken by the club. I want to see it complete before we embark on anything else, or our human resources will be spread too thin. I had the further privilege of putting the Vice Presidential chain of office round our Secretary's neck. I look forward to working with Ed throughout my Presidential year.

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## President's Message (continued from Page 1)

Then it was time to return Sue to Pleshey. By this time it was getting towards 5pm, so I reckoned I could bluff my way through the road blocks. With a chain of office on and a few "Don't you recognise me?"s, I got through and got home in about a third of the time despite the Chelmsford rush hour.

The following Wednesday afternoon, I had the honour of representing Rotary as the Inner Wheel entertained the Chernobyl children in Patrick Rothon's garden. Highlight of the afternoon seemed to be the children being driven round by Carol Rothon in a trailer behind one of those mini tractors. She then took two Inner Wheel ladies for the ride. Fun all round. I asked Carol if I could have a ride myself. The ride *was* fun, but getting out of the trailer was a whole different ball game. Eventually Carol and I worked out how to extricate me.

The following Sunday, it was Summerfest at Sun Corner, where

we were trying to recruit new members. As usual, the uselessness of this approach was demonstrated - no new members were found. I hope that next year we find a different way to be represented. Monday after, and for the first time in a year, I wasn't chairing the Service Committee and Ed performed it with aplomb as he both chaired the meeting and took the minutes. Club Council followed - my job to chair. Maybe I'll be able to get this meeting down to two minutes by year end. The next Monday, Stan Keller, our District Governor was guest speaker (see special report). Stan is very interesting person with whom to chat and I appreciate his guidance.

Our last July Monday Business meeting (held over for a week so that we could fit into Stan Keller's diary for his visit to us), was quite different. Those with a low boredom threshold usually find

Business meetings a pain. Not this one. With the Ivory Rooms closed for kitchen refurbishment we ate at Little Burstead Golf Club. A number of interesting points were raised and I look forward to discussing them at the next Joint Services meeting.

To answer the question in the opening paragraph, I set myself an objective of increasing the club membership roll to 40 by June 30th 2015. Not one member has been recruited to the club in July. So, judged against that objective, July has been a failure. However, I have been keenly aware of the phalanx of Rotarians behind me in support of their President. Thank you all  
*By Michael Ginn, President*

PS - During my Vice Presidential year, there were complaints about rocket being part of nearly every starter and main course. I took a straw poll and about half of you liked it. So it won't be banned.

## A Storm of a Night

**L**a Toscana in Billericay High Street - we wanted to celebrate Keith Wood's year as President of the club in style, but ... we had to find fifty people to ensure we had exclusive use of the restaurant.

Could we do it? To paraphrase Barack Obama - Yes we could!

We shouldn't have worried - on the night, thanks to the presence of our good friends from the Rotary Club of Basildon, and the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, we were 68,

and the restaurant was overflowing. And I do mean the number of guests inside, not the appalling rainstorm that was the absolute



deluge outside.

Great Food. Great Company. What more can you ask?

Everybody arrived and after a drink in the crowded bar, we were all seated at their tables. A brief word from Keith, and then on with the food.

The meal was delicious, and considering the number of guests,



nearly ten more than the restaurant usually seats, service was good and nobody had to wait too long for their food.

With apologies for the pun - the night went down a storm!

We all had a great time ... even the staff!

*By Peter Greene*



## Round Up, Round Up for Our Concert!



Most music lovers, asked to name their favourite venue for concerts, will say the magnificent Royal Albert Hall with its incredible acoustics and pure sound quality. There is something magical about listening to a top band, singer or your favourite musicians in a venue that echoes all round you as opposed to straight at you. Emmanuel Church may not be the RAH but it has the same unique quality – the true Sound of Music in the round. That is why the top Essex band – Re-Public – are so excited about performing for our annual autumn concert there on Saturday September 13.

Band manager and organiser, Chris Johnstone says: “We cannot not wait to play in the round for the first time. So exciting and all the boys are as excited as I am.

We normally play in pubs, lounge bars and Christmas markets (remember us now?)”

The “boys” are: Paul Barnes (lead vocals), Chris Johnston (guitar and vocals), Ben Hearn (bass and

backing vocals) and Mark Stephens (drums and percussion).

Those who attended our club’s two Harmony Brass concerts at Emmanuel may have had to take ear-plugs – might be a good idea this time too!

Bottom line. Guaranteed to be a great evening, super old and new popular music for all tastes plus a guest vocalist, Amy Langmead – and a chance to dance. Seeing that will be worth the ticket price of £15.00 (in advance or on the door) alone!!

All in aid of charity as always. Supporting Little Havens Children’s Hospice and other Rotary supported charities.

Free refreshments. Something stronger? Beer, wine and soft drinks for sale.

All that is left now is putting bums on seats. The band are using their supporters to encourage a major presence.

Now up to us. We need to fill the church – 300 plus. If you have not already signed up for tickets, rush

now to get them from:

<http://tinyurl.com/BillericayConcert>

also from Billericay High Street outlets:

Creatures Great & Small; Enjoy.. Cakes & Café, Masons of Billericay, The Olive Branch

Or contact

Email: [events@billericayrotary.org](mailto:events@billericayrotary.org)

Tel: 01277 630344

See page 4 for more musical programme details.

Miss it at your cost!

## A District Governor Calls ....

**W**e were delighted to be one of the first clubs in our new District to welcome Stan Keller to a club meeting and lunch (July 14). Stan's talk



was very interesting, full of his experiences, his training for the new job, and the major initiatives he plans.

Stan reminded us all that the District Conference is on the weekend of the 12-14th September. A full programme of events and speakers is planned including Eric Knowles (Antiques Roadshow), Professor Kevin Bales (Free The Slaves), Peter Odling (Dambusters Squadron 617), Sally Kettle (Adventurer)

and Richard Buckley (Discovery of Richard III's grave). He was aware that it clashes with our Charity Concert, but anybody who was available would be very welcome.



In describing his path to becoming District Governor, Stan talked about the training sessions and the international event in San Diego. Along with the anecdotes of this latter trip he was proud that the DG Elects had personally donated over \$1.2 mils.

Stan summarised his objectives for the District, and his new initiatives, including taking "Giggle Doctors" (fun & laughter) to children in other Essex hospitals. "Our num-

ber one goal is to complete Polio eradication by 2018", he said. Other projects include the 'Send a Cow' Charity for Kenya, and a cycle ride against prostate cancer. (We led the way with our "Fight Against Male Cancer" initiative, started in November 2013 and planned again for November this year.) Finally he mentioned the launch of a new District 1240 Citation Award to recognise the efforts of every club that adds value to the work of Rotary through its contributions to the many areas of service e.g. Membership, Foundation, PR, Community, District support. Stan praised our achievements, our fundraising efforts and the scale of our donations to charity. "You say you punch above your weight" and, said Stan, "you're right, you do".

## Tap Away to This (continued from page 3)

### *Making Music for Everyone*



**W**hat is not always certain when going to a concert is what to expect until you get there. So be prepared to be surprised when you attend our Autumn Concert with top Essex band Republic and vocalist Amy Langmead in Emmanuel Church on Saturday, September 13.

The Newsletter has gained a sneak preview of what you might expect. Without wishing to spoil the surprise too much, one thing is

certain – nobody will be able to stop their feet tapping (or even something more wild on the dance floor).

The band played a double week-end gig recently and lead bandsman

and manager, Chris Johnstone says: "The programme for the Rotary concert will be much along the same lines – something old, something new, basically



something for everybody."

Here's some of the big hits they played then – a taster of what's in store for us. Remember these?

- Honky Tonk Woman
- Brown Eyed Girl
- The great Gloria Gaynor hit: I Will Survive
- Stones fans? How about: I Can't Get No Satisfaction
- Billie Jean
- Everybody Dance
- Sunshine of Your Love
- Wake Me Up (AviCii)
- Crazy Little Thing Called Love
- Mercy
- Knock On Wood.
- Dance With Me Tonight
- Mustang Sally
- All Night Long
- Stay With Me
- Mo Woman No Cry

Or perhaps, if a film or show buff?

- Breakfast at Tiffany's
- That's Entertainment

## Through the Lens with James Ilesley

It was a normal day at work, and a person who had, earlier in the week, bought a camera from me, was now complaining about how the camera wasn't good for macro photography, as I had suggested.

I checked over the camera for him and couldn't find anything wrong with it. He wasn't happy with the results and he was going on about how he needed more pixels and getting the newest camera as he thought it was the best etc. I said to him "Leave the camera with me, and I'll sort it out for you so that you can take better macro photographs." I then decided to try out the camera and take a bit of macro photography - see photographs - to see what he was complaining about.

After taking these photographs, something became apparent to me; the camera itself is just a tool; you are the one who takes the pictures, not the camera. The camera is just a way of making the photographs you see a reality. However, if you



do not know how to use a tool, no matter how good it is, you won't get anywhere near the same results as someone with a lot of experience, even if they're using an inferior tool.

It's like trying to race against formula 1 drivers, even if you're in one of the fastest cars in the world,



you're still probably not going to be as good as they are.

Personally, I feel that a good 30% of photographs are all about finding the image, and working out if it'll be a great photograph or not. Then another 60% is your skills yourself, positioning yourself to the optimum angle, knowing the right settings to have the camera on, holding the camera correctly (you'll be surprised how many people I have to show how to hold a camera properly), etc. The last 10% is the camera and the lens.

If you were wondering what happened to the man I mentioned earlier, he came back. I showed him the photographs that I took with his camera, saying that the camera works fine with macro photography.

Understandably, he did not believe that the pictures were taken with his camera. So, I took him outside

with his camera, I set the camera to the appropriate settings, eg, manual focus, macro, low ASA etc. I then found a daffodil that should make a good macro image.

I told him, to his disgust, to lie on his stomach and look up at the flower, using elbows as support, moving the camera into focus. Then, when all set up, I told him to breathe in and when he was ready, breath out and squeeze the shutter.

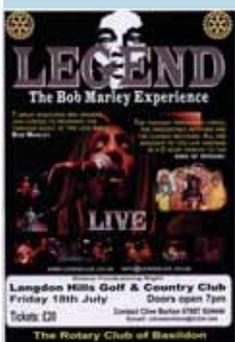
As he started to breathe out, I couldn't believe my luck, a bee landed in the flower as he squeezed the shutter, taking the best photograph that he had taken so far. This man is now a well known professional photographer, and hasn't complained about his camera since.



Happy snapping!  
([www.ilesleyphotographic.com](http://www.ilesleyphotographic.com))

## The Legend that was Bob Marley

A Fantastic Bob Marley Music



Night - On Friday 18th July, Margaret, Laurence and I supported the Rotary Club of Basildon's Fundraising Night at Langdon Hills

Golf & Country Club.

The flyer for this event said "7 GREAT MUSICIANS AND SINGERS JOIN FORCES TO RECREATE THE TIMELESS MUSIC OF THE LATE GREAT BOB MARLEY".

So often, the marketing hype flat-

ters to deceive, but ..... this was a terrific concert and a fitting tribute to the King of Reggae, who died of cancer in 1981.



Amongst the classics performed in front of a very enthusiastic audience were "No Woman, No Cry", "I Shot the Sheriff" and "Buffalo Soldier". Basildon Club's Mike Barrett said "The band did us proud, playing all the hits we know and love, and everyone was up on their feet dancing the night away."

Margaret won first prize in the raffle and chose a small food hamper. During the interval we went outside to watch lightning in the Tilbury area. The second half of



the performance was electrifying. I felt quite sorry for the band. It was not a good night to be on the roads and, after packing their gear, they were driving back to Birmingham that evening.

*By Ed Harrison*

## Young Photographer - Rotary Clubs working together

As Youth Service Chairman, I was invited to Wickford Club by their President Jackie Snape and Rotarian Kelvin Williams on the 31st July to discuss Youth projects.

The meeting was a fellowship evening at a Wickford Chinese Restaurant. The Wickford members made me very welcome as we discussed Youth Speaks, Young Chef and the Technology Tournament. Conclusion: these competitions were all best handled locally by each of our clubs.

However, the initial invitation was to discuss how to run the Young Photographer competition. I had previously managed to secure, as the main prize, a day in a professional photographic studio under the guidance of a qualified professional & commercial photographer. This should appeal to young people and hopefully attract them into entering the competition.

For Young Photographer, we agreed that, as we are all Rotarians,

we should work together to the same goal and this competition gave us an opportunity to do so.

Wickford would be able to incorporate their involvement in the competition with us at Billericay, as a joint venture led by us. (They believed they would not be able to find a comparable sponsor or prize for the competition). We also agreed to follow the same guidelines regarding the competition, and parted satisfied that much progress had been made.

A Wickford Club member is involved with the South East Essex College Consortium, who run Photographic courses. Our competition could well appeal

to these students.

We will investigate this once the appropriate people at the colleges return from summer break.

*By James Ilesley*

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Organised by the Rotary Club of

[www.ribi.org/youth/competitions](http://www.ribi.org/youth/competitions)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

## Vive La France! Our villa paradise

We all watched Bergerac on TV in the Eighties, and couldn't wait to go to the same scenic spots as shown week after week in the Channel Islands. So, now Bergerac, France – same difference. Well, not quite, as Roger Kettle explains:

“All holidays are good but as a family, if we had to choose just one type, it would be a villa holiday, preferably in France. We are unashamed Francophiles, not just for the beautiful countryside,



weather, food and wine, but also for the French themselves. We have only found the French to be delightful, helpful and kind.

Why a Villa holiday? Firstly, independence. No meal timetables, no agendas, not crowded by other holidaymakers, just us and the family and perhaps long time friends. Just being able to sit around in our own space, in our own time, eating the food we like best.

Yes, you have to buy the food, and BBQ or cook it in poor weather, but that is all part of enjoying the fun not found in other countries. Our choice – we love it.

Which is why almost every year we go back to a villa holiday, generally in France but always happy to choose other venues. This year, we could not resist going back to an old haunt, to a villa we'd rented before, just outside Bergerac on the border of the Dordogne. Lovely secluded setting, a garden large enough to practise golf (as long as it's just wedge shots), a large pool and excellent internal facilities for

all. Three week stay and a welcome to family and friends to join us. That goes for any takers: Great fun, relax, enjoy and play games – everything from boule (petanque), golf, pool, volleyball, swimming



races and, for the less energetic, cards, dominoes and board games.

How can you 'villa' in France with the regional food? Whether at French style breakfast, a cold meat lunch, or the BBQ in the evening, never any rush. Much conversation and yes, much laughter. Countryside: Arguably one of the



great scenic centres of France with the beautiful rivers of the Dordogne and the Vezere and beautiful unspoilt countryside. Bonus: Very little traffic!. Go canoeing and the Hire Company will collect you at an agreed Restaurant or Bar and take you back to your car.

Visits: Spoilt for choice: Viewing



points like Domme or Tremolat; beautiful towns such as Sarlat, La Roque, Gagneac, Beynac et Cazanac and the market town of

Le Bugue. Les Eyzies de Tayac, a centre for visiting the caves where our CroMagnon ancestors lived, and the nearby famous Lascaux caves - a must to visit.

So, finally back to what makes the region so special – food and wine,



the famous Bordeaux wine growing region with its hill top town of St Emilion with its small alleyways,



tree-lined courtyards and steep streets, an old town retaining its history which embraces modern tourism. But our favoured eating place is still in a quiet square in the old town of Bergerac. To discover it, you will have to come. Meanwhile, be tempted by the photographs. Decide to savour it.



Ours: Where to go next year???

Final thought : Why is it that all varieties of French food and wine taste so much better than our own. I guess it is because we are on holiday and relaxed and eating out of doors just seems to make everything more tasty.

By Roger Kettle

# Why did IT do that?

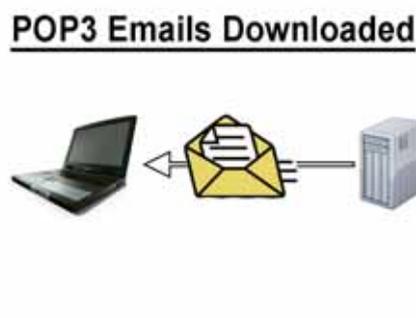
## How does Email work on the computer?

There are 3 main ways of doing email. In the simplest method, generally called WEBMAIL, all your email is stored on the computers of your Internet Service Provider (e.g. AOL, BT, Waitrose, TalkTalk, etc) and you access the emails using a web Browser like Internet Explorer.



But if you want to keep records of your email on your computer, and want an integrated solution with Calendars, Contacts and Notes, then an email program like Outlook is the preferred choice. If you use Outlook it will normally 'download' all your emails periodically from the central computers of the Service Provider, so you don't usually have to do anything.

It uses a method called POP3 or Post Office Protocol to do this,



and everything is stored on your computer and nothing left on the central Internet Service Provider's computers. This is great, but it means if you also use a smartphone like an iPhone to access your emails, then you need to download them to the phone using POP3 as well. If you have a tablet like an iPad too, the same applies there. So, you might have the same emails appearing on 2 or 3 devices, and even though you've answered, deleted or filed it on one computer, you still have to do the same on the others - **OUCH!**

There is a solution called IMAP - Internet Message Access Protocol. This keeps master copies of all the emails on the Service Provider's

central computers, and sends copies to your computer, Smartphone and Tablet.



Any change on any of the devices is automatically synchronised to all the others so you only have to do the work once. **HURRAH!**

So, in summary:

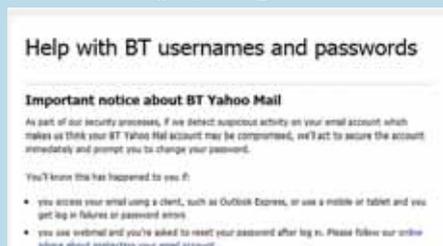
- If you only do emails on one device and don't keep computer Calendars, Notes or Contacts, use a Web Browser and WEBMAIL.
- If you only use one device but also use calendars and contacts etc., use a program like OUTLOOK and POP3
- If you use multiple devices, then use IMAP

Clear as mud???

By Peter Greene

## Changes coming to "btinternet.com" email.

There's two things to be aware of: 1. BT's email system is under continual attack from hackers. Occasionally they may try to get access to your email account and BT's security should protect you by closing down access and requiring you to change your password.



In theory they will email you to tell you this has happened, but

sometimes the message doesn't get through to you and the first thing you find is that you can't get access to your emails.

If this happens, try to log in to your email account by Webmail and if BT have had to protect your account you will see a message to this effect and will need to follow their instructions to change your password and get access.

2. BT's email system is presently run by a joint venture with Yahoo called BTYahoo. But BT is going to change to its own new email system. If you are presently using IMAP (see above) then you may have to make some changes to your email settings.

There are instructions on what to do on the BT website on:

<http://tinyurl.com/qdy6qgz>



If you have any questions, please contact me and I'll try to help.

By Peter Greene

## Inner Wheel

**H**ello Rotarians  
Tea in the garden on August 13: For a few years now after our August meeting, we have been having tea in Angela and Ben's garden along with friends. We can recall warm and sunny weather and August as a settled month. You can imagine our consternation with the very "lively" and wet weather of the previous few days. We hoped we wouldn't need to hold tea indoors as, practically, it's never easy. During the meeting we kept an eye on the clouds and our fingers-crossed. After a simple lunch

prepared by Lilian of salmon "chowder" and bread and cheese, it was all hands on deck to prepare sandwiches, whip cream, spoon out jam, arrange scones and, my favourite, watch the assembly of Victoria and chocolate cakes home made that morning. Yummy! It's easy to understand the resurgence of afternoon tea, don't you think, although being held in a nice restaurant or hotel means you can indulge all year, which, of course I couldn't possibly recommend! Ben and Angela had put out the tables and chairs, anchored cloths against the wind and we were ready

for tea. The clouds moved away, the sun shone, the wind wasn't too bad and everyone enjoyed themselves in friendship and fellowship. A few drops rained on our parade but only after we had finished tea, collected cushions and moved chairs



indoors. Sorted!

*By Maya Gupta, Inner Wheel*

## Speakers' Corner

### Surviving Cancer

**S**In front of a packed meeting, Our speaker on August 4, Dr Eric Watts, haematologist and cancer researcher, gave us an insight



into avoidance and after care of the illness – not least work locally to relieve the stress and discomfort of patients.

"For many who become re-assured, it is like coming into the light after a period of darkness," he said. "For many it is about coping with the thought of death, then realising that there is still life."

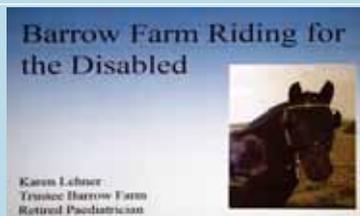
He stressed how closely he worked with Macmillan Nurses who played such a major part in under-

standing and recovery. "Much is about education and explanation. Setting peoples' minds at rest and not being confrontational. Mental adjustment."

The three main areas were bowel, breast and prostate cancer. With all three forms, prevention was still a major factor, stressing, he said, exercise and sensible eating. "Walk for half-an-hour each day, avoid saturated foods and eat fish oil products. It all helps."

### Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled

**B**On August 11, Dr Karen Lehner (Vice-Chair) gave us an in-depth talk, with many fascinating facts. She highlighted that the Farm has 120 riders (7-78 years old), and 120 volunteers (13-75 years old). Riders learn balance, co-ordination, and suppleness. Plus, skill and discipline, concentration, patience, enjoyment and excitement, independence and social skills.



Her illuminating slides outlined how disabled riders coped with their situations.

She cited several special cases: Emma, 32, who had had cerebral palsy from birth, Dylan who needed a hoist to mount, twins Jim and Will who "had found great happiness" at the Farm, and Georgia - rosette winner at riding shows. "What you see is not always what you get," said Karen. "These are just

some special cases among many." The Farm needs about 6,000 hours work pa, and maintenance is about £1m pa. A new indoor centre has opened and there is a regular routine of pony days. Volunteers and Riders groom and muck out. She quoted parents whose praise for the work done at the Farm was



expressed in two words: "Grateful. Wonderful."

## Looking Back .... and Moving On

Following my 2nd. club presidency ending June 2002, I accepted a daunting challenge from incoming President Keith, to follow PDG Frank Rilstone as Foundation Chairman. So, unbeknown to me, began years of Foundation service broken only by a short spell of illness. I have gained great satisfaction and it has been a privilege to serve the club in this way and, through the club, the vast charity which is Rotary Foundation.

A shortage of funds, and our inability to raise large sums, has always been a constraint in our activities. Consequently I have been conscious of the need to raise money to spend on good causes. Back in May 2002 my family held a garden party (under marquees in pouring rain) and with a small DDF grant, brought in £3,650 for the 'Stop Polio' campaign, so close to my heart. Encouraged by that success we went on to run the annual Music in the Garden event for nine successive summers to raise money for Foundation purposes. The current president usually selected the favoured Rotary charity to benefit, be it Polio Plus, Water Aid or Shelter Boxes in the wake of so many natural disasters.



In 2003, as a spin-off from Club Foundation,

my enthusiasm for expanding Rotary's work was kindled as I was delighted to be selected as District 1240's Group Study Exchange (GSE) leader for an exchange with District 3220, Sri Lanka. Having been deputy GSE leader for the Australian exchange 3 years before; I had not previously needed to travel. The team leader was respon-

### **Peter Strong, Foundation Chair 2002-14 reflects on years of genocide, tsunami, goodwill & service.**

sible for chairing the District Planning Committee for the incoming Sri Lankans in Sept./Oct. 2003 and then training and leading our own



District team for the overseas visit in Feb./March 2004. Our hospitality by Rotarians and their families in Colombo and across that island was an unforgettable examples of true friendship and goodwill. How such genocide could erupt in that beautiful country is incomprehensible and unimaginable. It followed that for 2005-07 I was appointed District GSE Chairman, responsible for overseeing the preparations for the next exchange



*With Guest of Honour Miss World*

with South Africa.

Over the last 14 years a steady flow of Foundation projects have arisen and our club has been generous with its donations – too many to list here. When an international emergency has occurred our club has been quick to respond. So memorable was the shocking Tsunami of December 2004 that a Boxing Day party at Ivy Cottage became an immediate fund-raising event. As a result, our District surprisingly authorised the Billericay

Club to act as district bankers for the emergency and I found myself District's "tidal wave appeal co-ordinator". By March over £137,000 had been transferred to our own Rotary contacts in Sri Lanka.

In another spin-off of Club Foundation – in 2005 Rotary International celebrated its 100th birthday (did you notice?). The late PDG David Lee asked me to become District Centennial Officer. This I accepted as a privilege and unusual form of Foundation service. I was to encourage District clubs to mark the occasion with appropriate events and to record and report back all these activities. It involved club visits and regular progress meetings at home – intense time-consuming activity. I also chaired the planning committee for the 100th Anniversary Multi-Faith Service at Chelmsford Cathedral in February 2005. This involved an amount of paper-work behind the scenes, including correspondence with Buckingham Palace, Lord Petre as Lord Lieutenant, various other Districts' DGs, county dignitaries and other invited guests. Foundation, I discovered, encompasses many forms of service!

During the Rotary year 2006-2007

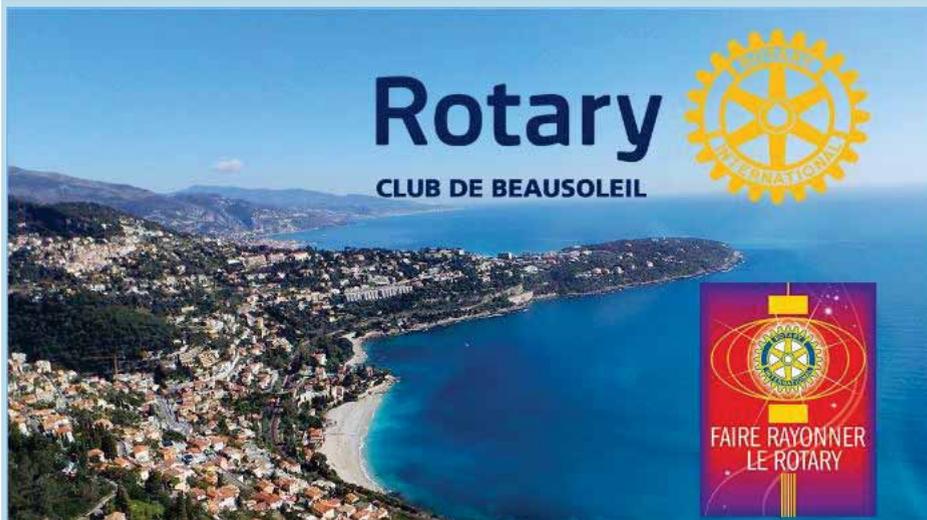
I was presented with a Rotary Foundation District Service Award. Who could have been more surprised?

Now it is time for a new broom to succeed

me as Club Foundation Chairman. With his new ideas I wish good luck to Keith with all that he is striving to achieve this year.



# Un Beau Sejour en France



## The full Programme 18 - 21 September 2014

### September 18:

- Arrival at Nice airport
- Transfer to hotel (Bus)
- Evening: bowling (Jeu de Pétanque) and dinner at the Saint Louis Club MCB

### September 19:

- Departure by train from Carnoles to Monaco
- Station Of Monaco in Monaco city by local bus
- Sightseeing in Monaco in the “petit train” with audio guide
- Lunch in Monaco city - ‘Tony’ restaurant
- Free Afternoon
- Evening: home hospitality among club members

### September 20:

- Departure by bus to Nice, Place Garibaldi
- Visit the old town, green corridor (with a guide)
- Lunch at the “House of Mary”, pedestrianized street in Nice
- Free Afternoon
- Return to Hotels
- Gala Evening at St Benoit restaurant in Monaco

### September 21:

- Morning:
  - Working meeting for Presidents and staffs at “l’Hippocampe” - Ballade in Menton and/or visit to the Cocteau Museum
  - Lunch: “l’Hippocampe” Restaurant as above
  - Afternoon: end of visit and return to the airport by bus for departure home.

The Rotary Club of Billericay, along with its sister club in Basildon, has had international links with other Rotary Clubs in Europe since the mid 1960s.

Starting with Beausoleil in 1965 these links have grown to encompass Italy (Alba) and Sweden (Karlshamn) in more recent years.

Since these early days many members and their families from the five Clubs have enjoyed the fellowship that has developed from the official visits and the resulting personal friendships.

These are international relationships that have developed due to the enthusiasm of members in the five clubs that should continue to gain in strength in the years ahead. In 2013 we hosted and welcomed:

#### Beausoleil Club:

- Alain and Marie Tournoud Bertrand & Veronique Favier
- Alain Ducros & Chantal Daillet
- Bernard and Monique Lavagna
- Jacques and Maite Bernard
- Jean-Louis & Eleonore Lionnard,

- Georges Mas
- Marie-Dominique Mounier
- Nathalie Reissman
- Philippe and Roselyne Tricetti

#### Alba Club:

- Alessandro Pelisseri & Patrizia Boffa
- Lorenzo Gallo & Elena Porro Renato Montalbano & Marisa Barroero

#### Karlshamn clubs

- Bodil & Ingemar Bergstrand Kerstin Linnander & Bengt Norman

We hope to see as many of these friends as possible during our visit in 2014.

Beausoleil has arranged a very interesting agenda for this visit.



#### Quadrangular Italy-England-Sweden-France

Clubs: Billericay, Basildon, Karlshamn, Alba-Ovada-Beausoleil

## Out of the mouths of ...

We had bought our grandson some plates from Tate Modern with the colour wheel on them. When asked if he knew what it was, he said “It’s the colour wheel”.

Discussing what happens if you mix all the colours together, he said it’s supposed to make white. Then he said thoughtfully “And there are 50 shades of Grey”, adding “but I

think there are much more than that – there must be”.

I asked where he’d heard about that and he said he’d heard Mummy talking about it! *By Anon*

## Laugh along with Roger

A 75 year old man loves to fish. Sitting in his boat one day he heard a voice say "Pick me up".

He looked in the water and there was a frog, so he said "Are you talking to me?" "Yes" said the frog. "Pick me up, kiss me, and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you've ever seen. All your friends will be envious and jealous".

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully and put it in his front pocket.

The frog said "What, Are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? Kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride"

The Fisherman opened his pocket,

looked at the frog and said "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog"!

With Age comes Great Wisdom!  
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### Bob Hope in Heaven -

On giving up his early career, Boxing.

"I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them!"

## Tit-bits from the Club

### The Good Doctor to be Our Charter Speaker

Dr Eric Watts, who gave us such an excellent talk at a recent Club lunch, has agreed to be our guest speaker at our 55th Charter Lunch in the Essex Barn at The Chichester, Rawreth, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Dr Watts says: "I am delighted to accept your kind invitation for myself and my wife. I will try to make it fun."

Cost: £25 for 3-course lunch - multi-choice on the day - coffee and service. Cost to members is £14.00 (no club meeting on November 3).

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### Rotarian Returns

We were all delighted to see Malcolm Acors looking well and back at the club meeting on Monday (28th. July), his first meeting after his recent operation.



"I've been very tired" he said.

"But I'm feeling a lot better and delighted to be back". We were delighted too, when we heard that Malcolm received the "all-clear" on his final Check-up.

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### Ivory Rooms Kitchen Refurbishment -

with the kitchen revamp, we moved our July 28th. lunch to Burstead Golf Club. Lovely views across the course - but only a main course and just coffee! No real complaint but, yes, it was great to get back to our normal home!

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### DG Stan Keller

Further words of appreciation from our District Governor following his visit in July.

"I enjoyed meeting Billericay and it was one of the better meals I have had during my club visits. Hopefully I will see you all again during the year."

### Rotary Club of Billericay – Forthcoming Club Meetings and Club Events

Location - The Ivory Rooms



**We meet on Mondays at 1245 for 1300**

(On the 5th Monday of a month, please check the website)

The Ivory Rooms 66-68 Laindon Road Billericay Essex CM12 9LD tel: +44 1277 632378

Aug 28

Fellowship visit to Basildon Rotary Club

Sept 1

Richard Wallis - Life on St. Helena

Sept 8

To be confirmed

Sept 8 (6.30 pm UnbarRothon Boardroom) Joint Services & Council Meeting

Sept 15

Samantha Davis - Supporter Relationships Officer - The Dogs Trust

Sept 22

Josh Miller (to be confirmed)

Sept 29

Business Meeting

### Other dates for your diary:

Sept 13 (19.30)

Autumn Concert at Emmanuel Re\_Public Band

Sept 18-21

International Fellowship visit to Beausoleil, France

Nov. 2 (12.30 for 1.00 pm)

55<sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch - The Chichester,

Nov. 8

Lake Meadows Firework Display

Dec. 7 (11.00-17.00)

Christmas Market