



Rotary Club of Billericay

News

August 2015

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President's message

Talking Heads - A Great Month



Our speakers have been a super find this month and my thanks to new speaker/finder Norman Bishop for that.

Margaret Mills, who lives in Billericay, entitled her talk on July 27 “Skeletons in their Cupboards,” a fascinating insight into the lives of the Victorian writers, Wilkie Collins and Mary Elizabeth Braddon. All our speakers for the month are recorded inside our newsletter.

That same day I was pleased to present the Stan Keller Trophy for Best Website in District 1240 to Peter Greene. Thanks to Peter's efforts our Club has won the award for two consecutive years.

Monday August 3 saw the

return of Dr Karen Lehner, vice-chairman of Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled. She spoke with real passion about the work of the charity which celebrates its 40th anniversary next year. How revealing it was to us all that it costs over £120,000 p.a. to keep the show on the road.

Inside you will see a full report of the excellent visit made the following Friday by our team of ten members and wives to the Gazette office in Chelmsford where editor Alan Woods and his key staff were on hand to show how it all works - a worthy visit well talked about during a lunch-over stop at the Bakers Arms in Stock.

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District Governor Alan Clark finally got to us on August 10. See inside, but the watchwords are innovative and flexible. Key message: Think outside the box.

Last but not least, we have a lady on board again. I was delighted to welcome Rev. Margaret Fowler as our first Associate Member at the Business Meeting on August 17. I hope she will be the first of many Associates.

Two events on the social calendar. We have a partners meal at the Beauvoir Arms, Downham on August 31 and a Club party of 20 leave September 3 for a first visit to Rotary Club of Karlshamn, Sweden. Watch this space!

A DG came to Call

Be Innovative and Flexible

In setting out his aims and ambitions for his year as District Governor on his visit to the Club on Monday August 10, Alan Clark stressed the need for clubs struggling for membership to consider the alternatives:

1. Satellite clubs
2. Associate Membership (which we have already started)
3. Family involvement

"It is essential that clubs look at these alternatives to raise membership," he said. "A Satellite Club can offer those in the community who are not Rotarians the opportunity to share in the things



Rotary does. Associate membership makes you an active Rotarian -and I am delighted that you are, as a club,

aware of this, and can provide active support and family involvement - husbands, wives and kids, be it set up in community centres, coffee bars etc. It will help get out the Rotary message."

He added: "Ongar has only ten members but, by adopting some of these initiatives, they raise a great amount. Even bigger clubs are struggling to recruit and, in our District, numbers have dwindled from 17,000 to 15,000. Rotary has to be about innovation, interaction, flexibility and sustainability."

In an impressive speech, Alan said that, after taking over as DG with little more than two week's notice, he was in San Diego along with some 1500 world-wide District Governors. "It was an awesome



experience, attending meetings, workshops and suddenly realising what was expected.

He paid tribute to Rotary International president, Ravi Ravindran. "This Tamil has been through so much in Sri Lanka, with the tsunami and the fighting between government and Tamil Tigers, yet now leads Rotary quite brilliantly. It was an honour to meet him."

Alan finalised by saying: "On the international front, look what Rotary has achieved. There are now only 33 recorded cases of polio in the world - Pakistan (28) and Afghanistan (5) - between Rotary and Bill Gates it is almost eradicated. For me, Rotary has offered me the gift of love and life. In my year in office I hope that I will be the same giver of love and life."

Inner Wheel Report

Our Garden of Delight.

Hello Rotarians,
Our August meeting preceded a wonderful tea in the delightful garden of Angela and Ben Clarke. OK - you want to know what we enjoyed, starting with a light lunch of broccoli and stilton soup (specially made by Lillian). Voted our favourite soup (Newsletter Editor agrees!!). I avoided the bread - my mind was on what was to come.....!!

Fresh sandwiches followed by fresh cakes - made that morning. Now you see why my mouth was watering!. All quality bread and



cakes and not easy to cut as the fillings go in - and the showers start. We survived the showers and put out tables and chairs close by the house for our guests.

What better than to feast on freshly-made sandwiches and home-made cakes when eaten

with friends in a lovely garden. Instead of a tombola we held a raffle and made a total of £170 for St Luke's Hospice. As I write this, it is 1.00 pm, dark and raining. C'est La Vie - weren't we lucky!!

By Maya Gupta, Inner Wheel correspondent

Visit to Billericay Gazette Offices

The Press and Us - A Working Relationship



The Press in general and the local press in particular often take stick - sometimes deserved, sometimes not. And sometimes awareness can help. Which is why, having established such a working rapport with the Gazette whereby they now give Rotary such a high profile, it seemed an idea for us to see it from their side.

How they operate, the pressure they are under to produce, how they gather the news and the features, how they research the markets and how they make up the pages each week.

All those were answered when a party of ten from the club, seven members and three wives, were hosted by Gazette editor Alan

Seeing is Believing: An Insight into What Comes Through Your door each Week

Woods and his staff on Friday, August 7 to see how it all happens.

After an initial introduction and video display by Alan in the board room, at which chief Gazette reporter Joe Sturdy and Circulation Director, Zoe Fullalove also outlined their duties, we were given a tour of the newsroom to meet with experienced sub-editor Glen Oldershaw and some of the crime reporters. This was timely as more information was breaking

about the alleged murder incident at Little Burstead - something of a rare occurrence in "dozy" Billericay but nothing of which can be discussed here for legal reasons. But it was, in newspaper terms, a "hot" story and one which excited us as much as the Gazette reporters on the case.

43 Titles from one office

Facts we learned:

* The total circulation of the Gazette series is 10,000-11,000 copies a week, mostly in Brentwood but the Billericay and Wickford edition circulates at around 3,000 copies, mostly on a door-to-door delivery basis.

* In all, 43 titles across Essex, Herts,

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Friendship Exchange to Karlshamn

The Secret is Out!

Program Published!

After our flight we will be taken from Copenhagen airport to the train, which leaves every hour and takes just over 2 hours to Karlshamn. On arrival, our hosts will help us to the "First Hotel". Visiting Rotarians will number 54 - Alba (4), Basildon (9), Beausoleil (12), Billericay (20), Ovada (9).

Schedule:

Thursday:

1900 Free time until Information meeting at hotel



Karlshamns Rotaryklubb
**Friendship
exchange**

Friday:

0900 Bus to Morrum Salmon Fishing Area

1215 NetPort Science Park & Lunch Restaurant Gourmet Gron

1400 Free Time in town

1900 Home hosting

Saturday:

1000 Bus to Naval Museum at Karlskrona

1200 Lunch at museum

1500 Depart for hotel

1900 Restaurant Gourmet Gron

Sunday:

Free Time

12.35 or 13.35 train to Copenhagen (4 hours before flight)

Costs: SEK 2400 pp in advance, SEK 2550 for the Hotel room on-site. For those who don't already have Kronor, Mike Sinclair will pay the SEK2400 pp in a single transfer, and tell affected members how much to repay to the club. To see full Schedule:

http://www.rotary-ribi.org/upimages/clubfiles/1390/2015Calendar/1508_FE_program_00000002.pdf

The Press and Us (continued)



Kent and Surrey are produced at the offices in Kestral House at the Hedgerows Business Park in Chelmsford. These range from Canterbury, Thanet, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells in Kent to Croydon, and Reigate in Surrey, and several in Hertfordshire. All are edited at Chelmsford and, at the push of a button by a team of sub-editors and scrutinised thoroughly by the editor when complete, sent to Broxbourne for printing.

Never Miss a Deadline

* The feature pages are started before the weekend but the news pages are put together on what Alan Woods describes as "Manic Monday". Deadline for Wednesday's Gazette is 1.00pm Tuesday. "We must not miss that deadline," he stressed. "Time is money and a missed deadline by one of our

papers can mean a severe delay on the publication of the other titles." Zoe told us: "We are the unseen section of the paper. We have to look at everything from market research, to potential outlets - newsagents, supermarkets, promotional opportunities and even have to consider the weather - will we sell more on a wet day or a sunny day? Promotions are vital and we now show off the paper at events such as the recent Summerfest in Billericay."

On the tour of the newsroom which with a computer at more than sixty desks, might be right out of the Kennedy Space Centre, sub-editors were putting together early pages - choosing the best bridal photograph for the wedding spread for example. Glen Oldershaw, who started his career in Colchester, has done it all - report-

er, news editor, editor. He glowed with pride in his role as sub-editor with special responsibilities and we literally had to drag ourselves away for the official "team" photograph with Alan before thanking him and departing.

President Ed Harrison led our delegation of Mike Sinclair, Norman Bishop, Peter and Wendy Greene, Chandra and Maya Gupta (who confessed she might have been a journalist in south Yorkshire if she hadn't chosen nursing), Peter and Christabel Strong (who engaged Alan on her beloved subject of conservation), and myself (who realised that it was a whole new world from the one I left 20 years ago.)

Verdict as we adjourned to the Baker's Arms in Stock for post-visit pie and pint, was: "Well worth the visit. We learned a lot."

Speakers' Corner

Victoriana's Novel Answer to Archer and Rowling



From her vast repertoire of subjects, our speaker on July 27, **Margaret Mills**, chose to talk under the title of "Skeletons in the Cupboard" about two Victorian authors, one - Wilkie Collins, quite famous as the author of "Woman in White" and "The Moonstone" - the other, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, less perhaps

so well-known but with a local history attached. They were, said Margaret, "The Jeffery Archer and J.K.Rowling of their time." Collins was a friend of Dickens. They worked together on "The Frozen Deep", a play about a failed Polar exploration, which reduced Queen Victoria to tears. Collins, who never married, not only kept two households, one with Martha Rudd, the other with Caroline Graves but contrived to keep them out of the public gaze. He even took them both away to Ramsgate on holiday - then deposited them in residences on opposite sides of the bay! His rakish lifestyle was, however, well-known, as was his addiction to laudanum (ostensibly to ease

his gout) but he took enough to kill a man twelve times over. Braddon was a prolific writer. She wrote over 85 novels, some historical, 150 short stories, as well as numerous plays and articles, contributed to Charles Dickens' magazine and even started her own. Her local connection came when she rented a room at Ingatestone Hall which encouraged lettings at the time. Her father was a womaniser and she was brought up by her single-parent mother who put Braddon on the stage at aged four or five. She did well until she changed course and became a writer. Unmarried until she became housekeeper to publisher John Maxwell and his five children, she had six children secretly by him. He married her one year after his own wife died.

It's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain



Remember the wonderful old rhyme: Ride a Cock-Horse to Banbury Cross. Many disabled riders would love to do that, but as

Karen Lehner, from Barrow Farm RDA (Riding for the Disabled) explained, when she updated us on August 3 about the Farm's aims and achievements, more than 120 disabled of all ages enjoy fun, fitness, friendship and fulfilment every week at the farm.

"If we see a child or anyone with difficulties, happy, we know we are doing a good job. To see disabled people being helped astride one

of our friendly Exmoor ponies by one of our brilliant volunteers makes us very proud."

Karen cited many of their riders who have achieved great things - young riders like a girl called Georgie who loves driving and has won rosettes. "She has a beautiful smile," says Karen, "and is so good." And the elderly lady who is regularly seen in her motorised scooter in Billericay. "She's a gem". Since last year, Karen said the farm has developed a physio centre, added a roof to the rider pool and put in new stables. They have also introduced a tracking process which enables the farm to monitor all the progress of the 300 plus riders who attend over a year..

At what price? "We need to raise over £120,000 a year to sustain it. We have to rely on fund-raising



events, charitable help and private donations - and over a hundred volunteers. Members asked: "Why no Lottery money - it's a great community project?"

"We have applied over the years," said Karen. "The answer has come back negative. We'll keep trying." Our view: That is a crying shame. At the close, Karen summed up the work of the farm "*It's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain*". President Ed handed her a donation for £100 from the Club. *Barrow Farm RDA is Registered Charity 1139280. Website: www.barrowfarmrda.org*

Butterfly Paintings and Thank-You Letters



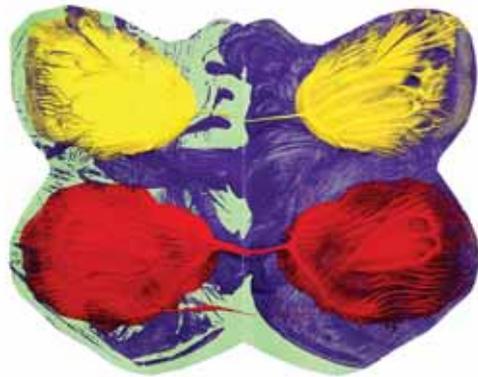
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14.6.15
Dear Rotary Club,
Once again
thank you so much for
the super day out we
all had at Tropical
Wings. Many of the
children had never
been there before
and were really interested

in the hot, tropical house,
and all the animals
outside.
It was very kind of
you to do all the fund
raising for an 'absolutely
'fab' day out.
Best wishes -
from
Ben Scammell -
Class teacher.



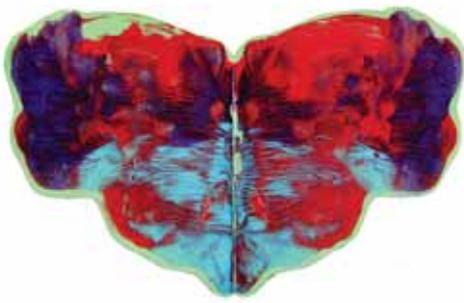
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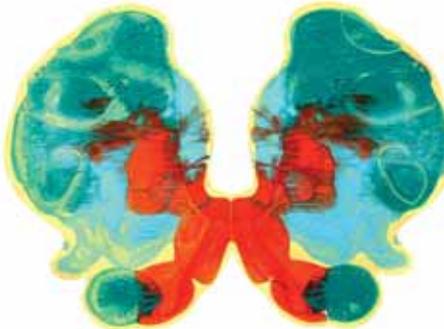
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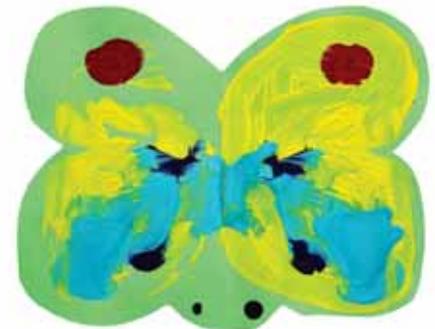
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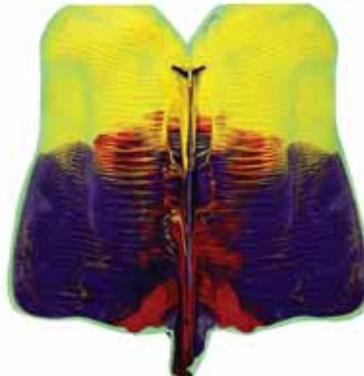
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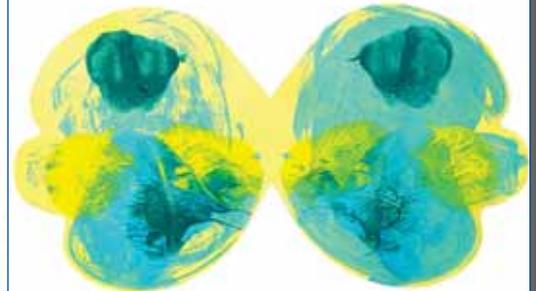
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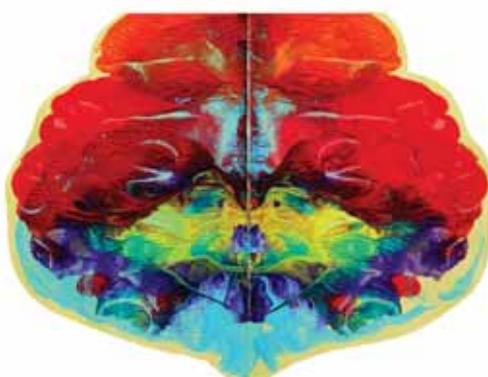
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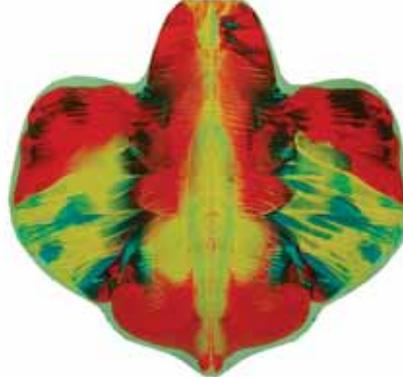
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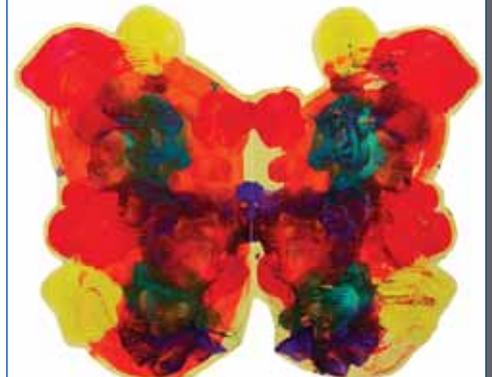
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Butterfly Paintings and Thank-You Letters



Thriftwood pupils respond to their special day

On the opposite page you will see a wonderful selection of butterfly paintings by the pupils of Thriftwood School. This was the children's own work and inspired by their day out at Tropical Wings in June as our Club contribution to national Kids Out Day. Their way of saying thank-you to the Club.

The paintings were accompanied by a series of hand-written letters of thanks, contained in a hand-made folder for the Club to keep as a memento.

As you all know, we have supported Kids Out Day for many years and Thriftwood School has been



our main charity for all that time. At the request of Thriftwood School itself, we went back this year to Tropical Wings, after a gap of some years during which we have been to Marsh Farm.



The Butterflies and thank you letters were sent to us by Thriftwood's school organiser Debra Stanley who said::

"This is our way of saying a huge thank-you to the Rotary Club of Billericay for a wonderful day.

The paintings and letters - all hand-written and without any persuasion - are a measure of how much the children enjoyed their day.

Obviously, the Butterfly House was their main attraction but there was so much else for the kids to enjoy.

They loved seeing the meerkats and the parrots.. We look forward to the

same next year if it is possible."

And what did the kids say?

"Loved the parrot show and the noises they made." - Hannah

"Thank you for taking us. I enjoyed the cookie in my packed lunch" - Charlie

"I liked the big fish. The cookie was tasty" -Sammy

"Liked the rabbits and the birds. Thank you." - Chloe

"Bird show was great. So was my cheese sandwich." - Harry

Those members who helped out on the day know what a good feeling it left with us all. To be thanked so colourfully and so gratefully by the children is a bonus.

We thank them all sincerely and look forward to doing the same next year.



Stort Valley Visit

Beware Hackers!

Seven Rotarians from our club visited fellow Rotarians of Stort Valley Rotary club on July 7. We had been invited for a talk by Air Commodore Bryce Wynn, recently retired from the RAF after many years in cyber warfare.



The meeting, in the Water Lane restaurant, started with the talk, followed by a

two course dinner. We were split up amongst the various tables to be with their members who had similar offices to us, with President Ed, President Elect Mike and Membership Secretary Peter Strong sitting with the Derek Crowther, President of Stort Valley and the presidents of other clubs. Unfortunately the process broke down after that and Keith, Malcolm and Peter Greene were seated together, and James was in the far corner of the room.

There was good fellowship, great conversation and a very frightening talk. As our speaker said, his objective was to inform, to "Scare



you half to death and then resuscitate you". He did!

Bruce had been fighting cyber crime for decades, ending as Chief Technology Officer in the RAF, and as an expert cyber crime witness to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee.

There is not space to record the details of his presentation, but it is worth recording that he demonstrated how some specialised tools would enable malicious hackers to attack our personal computers, take them over or learn our passwords, or blackmail us to recover our own information or prevent private information being made public.

What can you do? The best defence is a strong password, different for every website!

What else can you do? Use the Eicar website to test if your virus protection is working. Look at the two government sponsored websites - Getsafeonline.org and Cyberstreetwise.com for helpful information.

By Peter Greene

Hi Jack

Club member Ken Smith's visit to the Northfield Rotary Club in Minnesota is on the next page.

But fellowship works both ways - back from across the Pond has come our great friend Jack Magee from the New Jersey Rotary Club of Woodbury.

Jack, whose wife is English and hails originally from Shenfield, said: "I love joining you and meeting so many great friends in your club. You make me welcome every time I come. This was something special to join you three Mondays in a row. So glad to exchange Rotary views between our two clubs."

And he added: "I do love a pint of your English beer - I cannot get that in the States."



Jack was delighted to compare notes with DG Alan Clark when he visited (see Page 2) on Monday, August 10.

People like Jack make international Rotary relationships so important. Ken Smith vouches for that. So, Jack - you are always welcome. Come back soon !

Associate with Us!

A Lady in Our Midst

Welcome Margaret Fowler - our first appointed Associate Member following the resolution agreed within the Club two months ago. Margaret is Cleric in Charge at Christ Church in Perry Street and was recently ordained into the priesthood. She gave the



New Year message to the Club in

January, has been a frequent Monday lunch guest. We welcome her, not only as a minister of the cloth but as a good friend and an active supporter of Rotary. Gentlemen - great to have a lady on board again after Sue left last year.

Thanks go to Malcolm Acors for bringing Margaret to us.

Fellowship across the Pond

Club Member Ken Smith visited the Rotary Club of Northfield, Minnesota



As many of you know, I recently made my periodic visit to see my grandsons in Minnesota (and their parents – of course!).

The family moved back to Northfield last year after an absence of about five years living up near Minneapolis City.

One of the pleasing things about the family's move is that, on July 9, 2015, I was able to revisit the Rotary Club of Northfield, a club

I haven't attended in some six years. Then, the club met in the local Golf and Country Club. But they out-

grew that venue and last year moved to the local Methodist Church – handy, since it is only a ten minute stroll from my daughter's home.

I was warmly welcomed and met up with a few of those I recall from past visits. Current membership is about 75 – significantly more than when I last attended.

The meeting was prompt! Noon for 12.15pm and finishing at 1.15pm. In that hour we enjoyed

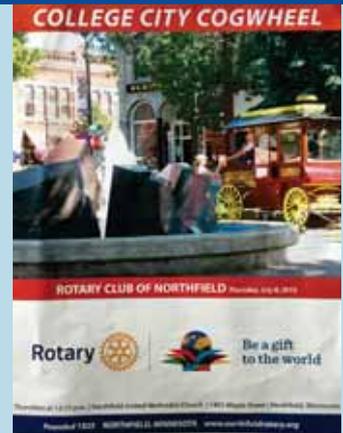
a “full American” cooked brunch, various notices from committee chairmen

and a talk by State Senator Kevin Dahle, a resident of Northfield.

Frankly though, the “simplified” summary of making state legislation went over my head. But the fellowship was a pleasure and I look forward to my next visit.

It was a pleasure to be back at the club I have kind of adopted as my “away” club.

Greetings from Billericay Rotary Club were given and greetings were received from President Russ and all the members of the Rotary Club of Northfield.

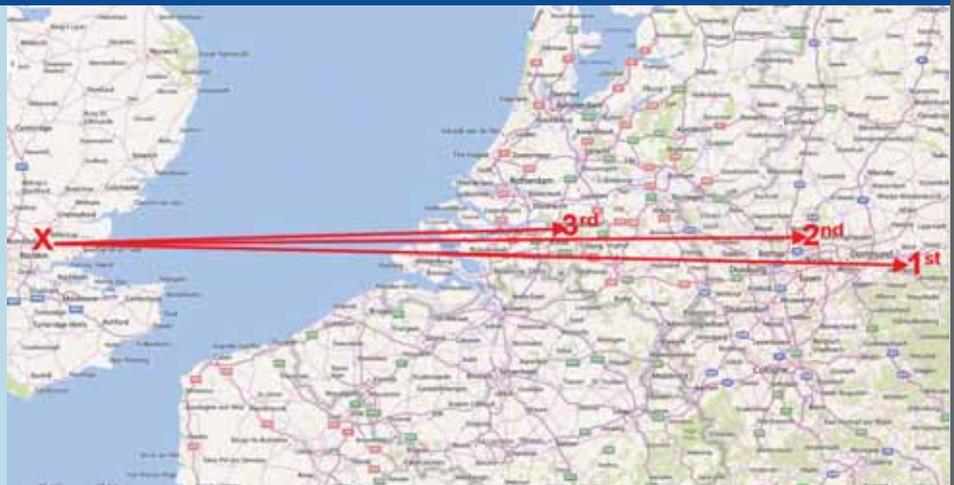


Great Balloon Race

Kirsty lands the Prize

Now we know...our “winning” balloon was bought by Kirsty Eatherton now of Rectory Road, Tiptree. Launched from our stand at the Summerfest, it travelled 334 miles to well west of Dortmund in Germany. Kirsty will receive the £100 prize for the furthest distance travelled.

Plucky balloon! In all we sold 230 balloons on the day at £2.00 a time, or three for £5.00, and cards returned informed us that apart from the balloons above, amongst the rest, two reached Belgium, and four made it to the Netherlands. Treasurer Mike Sinclair com-



mented after the event: “We were delighted to support Mayflower’s big summer event and to involve people on the day with more knowledge of our club and Rotary’s work in general. It was great to see the youngsters lining up for a chance to float their balloon. We

had not run one for some years so we are happy to see it so successful again.”

(The nearest balloon to Kirsty’s also landed in Germany, having travelled 288 miles, and the next closest was 229 miles to the Netherlands.)

My First Cruise - part one

A Voyage of Discovery

Mike Ginn finds life at sea a new experience from a lifetime on trains

It seemed a fitting end to my year as your president. Hand-over to Ed and disappear. Sue drew the cruise to my attention back in March. It was to go round Britain. Furthermore, it was on the new P&O ship Britannia. We looked online and chose the kind of cabin we wanted.

So I called the number in the advert and got the type of cabin we wanted. I am used to travelling by train and there the most comfortable ride is to be had in the centre of the coach, so I wanted to cruise in the centre of the ship. We got what we asked for. The only downers were that I was asked to pay in full up front and there would be a substantial surcharge (extra profit for the booking agent) if I dared to use a credit card. I was also told that once I had booked, the cost of the holiday was totally non-refundable. I gave the booking agent all our details about passport numbers,



travel insurance, and next of kin.

I can't remember why I called P&O in mid-June, but I had cause to. My query was dealt with. But the conversation took an unexpected twist. I was told that they didn't have important information about us. Things like passport number and travel insurance. The booking agent had failed to tell P&O the information I had given them. I was unamused. Motto – book with P&O direct.

Came handover day and Ed got the chain of office. In the next week Sue packed. I wondered about the consequences of a hold up on the M25, so we booked to stay overnight in Guildford.

An Inauspicious Start

Off we went and the next morning as you were all settling down for lunch at Reid's, we were checking in at Southampton. We had to wait a long time for our turn, but in the end it was efficient.

We then had a security check. Being me, of course I failed the scanner. I got patted down. They told me to remove my pill box and car keys, which I had overlooked and also my belt. I got sent back through the scanner. I was enraged because I had to walk with an unnatural waddle to stop my trousers falling down. I resolved that if I got asked to remove my

belt again, I would let my trousers drop. (I wasn't). But that was it. We were on the ship.

Our cabins were not ready, so we went for lunch. It takes time to check in 3,700 passengers. The ship didn't sail till about 4pm. But those who checked in early got lunch. Our cabins were ready just as you were all getting your sweets served. We found our cabin and it was as described. We were on the starboard side of the ship, so we got an excellent view of Fawley



refinery and the Isle of Wight as we turned left for Dover. We had an evacuation drill. At dinner that night, it was explained to us by a person at our table how we should have asked for a port side cabin because we were going round Britain anti-clockwise. Looking back, this wasn't a handicap to us.

Away at Last

That night as I looked out of our cabin window, I saw the lights on the French coast. Probably Calais or Boulogne.

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My First Cruise (continued)

The next morning, we were in amongst the drilling rigs off the Norfolk Coast. In the afternoon we passed Flamborough Head and a crowd had gathered there to watch. The captain tooted his whistle as we passed. We saw Whitby Abbey which was repeatedly mistakenly described on the tannoy as Whitby Castle.

In the morning, we were anchored in the Forth and tenders took us to Newhaven. From there we had booked a coach to take us into Edinburgh. We walked around a bit. Sue wanted to see a geologically related museum called "Our Dynamic Earth". We went on to the National Gallery of Scotland.



Waverley Station

Even a Rotary Train

Overnight, the ship travelled to Invergordon. (The site of the 1931 mutiny). A coach took us into Inverness and there we walked around a lot. WiFi on the ship was ruinously expensive. (£35 for 100 minutes). A Nationwide in Inverness had free wifi and I was able to catch up. On Inverness station, I found a Rotary Train.



Overnight, the ship went on to Kirkwall. The weather was lousy

and the ship had rocked a bit from side to side. The afternoon was brighter and we went on a trip described as a "South Islands Scenic Tour". After the Royal Oak disaster, causeways were built between the islands to stop another incursion from U-Boats into Scapa Flow. The causeways were built by Italian prisoners of war and they built their own chapel. It was built



from pieces of scrap they salvaged. Most of the old POWs who built the chapel have now died, but their descendants still come to the Orkneys to see what their forebears achieved.

As we left Kirkwall, a pipe band and some dancers saw us off in spectacular manner. People on the port side wouldn't have seen it. (I have a video of it if anybody wants to see it).



We then had a day cruising through the Hebrides in dirtier weather. We rounded the mull of Kintyre and the next morning we docked in Greenock.

A coach took us into Glasgow. We got on a city "hop-on hop-off" bus. The Riverside Museum sounded attractive at we got off the bus to look at it. There were

lots of examples of old forms of transport. Old cars, old buses, old locomotives, but my favourite was this tram which was very like one I rode on in 1960.



We went on by bus to the Hunterian museum, adjacent to the Charles Rennie Macintosh house. We particularly wanted to see this house, but access was by timed tours and the next available tour would have meant that we missed the return coach to the ship. We will have to return to Glasgow! We walked through Kelvingrove Park to the Kelvingrove gallery.



This place had some incredible architecture inside. There was to be an organ recital later, but again, if we stayed for it, we would miss the coach back to the ship.

After Glasgow, we sailed overnight for Liverpool. I am surprised that it is patronised by cruise ships, but when we left Liverpool, it showed its best side by putting on a spectacular firework display in honour of Britannia from a barge in the Mersey. (I have a video of this spectacular display too if anybody wants to see it.)

(Want to know how the rest of the voyage went? See next issue - Homeward Bound)

Something to Brighten your Day

Definitions

INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO

An insect that makes you like flies better.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

WRINKLES

Something other people have....

similar to my character lines.

SECRET

A story you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

OLD

I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an Affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?"

... and that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!!!

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW

One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN

An honest opinion, openly expressed.

Club Tit-Bits

Congratulations to Trevor and Jan Bond on their 55th wedding Anniversary at end last month.

Happy Birthday to PP Mike Ginn, and President Elect Mike Sinclair, for their birthdays this month.



Little Baddow War Memorial

Appeal - Club member, ex-Flt-Lt

Norman Wilson is giving a talk at the Memorial Hall, on Friday, September 18, 7.30 pm. Subject: his memorable WW2 story of finding the crash and burial site of his brother Douglas, shot down and killed in Germany in 1940. Followed by remembrances of his own wartime flying experiences in the Far East.

Tickets: (01245) 223042/222394/224094/224750

Congratulations to Nick Sillitoe and John Malbon of Billericay Mayflower Rotary Club for their participation in "Pointless" on TV in the last week of July. On Day two they had the best scores of all contestants going into the final head-to-head, to just only fail to get there. Many positive mentions of Rotary. Great Publicity.

Rotary Club of Billericay – Forthcoming Club Meetings and Events

Location - Reids Billericay



We meet on Mondays at 12.45 for 13.00
If there is a fifth Monday in the month, please

check the website for information.

Reids, 66-68 Laindon Road, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9LD Tel: +44 1277 632378

August 31

No Meeting - Bank Holiday

Sept 7

Balloon Race Prize Presentation

Sept 14

Sylvia Kent - Writing the Past

Sept 14 (18.30 - 20.30)

Council and Joint Services Meetings

Sept 21

Business Meeting

Sept 28

Speaker from the Dogs' Trust

Other dates for your diary:

August 24

Orbithon Blind Walk to Reid's

August 31 (6.45 pm for 7.30 pm)

Social Evening at De Beauvoir Arms

September 3-6

Twinning visit to Karlshamn

November TBD

Young Chef Competition

November 1

Charter Lunch

December 6

Christmas Market