



Rotary Club of Billerica

News

February 2017

“Service Above Self”

President’s Message

Matching Our Desire With Community Needs



I am reminded that February 23 is the 112th birthday of the Rotary organisation. This has no special significance, other than another year has passed – just like the other 111. However, it makes one think about why the organisation has expanded and grown from those early beginnings and enjoyed the longevity which it has. No doubt we will all have opinions regarding this (as Rotarians invariably have opinions about most things). For me it is because the desire of the people involved to mobilize and do something to help their communities, locally, nationally and internationally,

continues to be matched by the needs of those communities.

Many other things have changed throughout Rotary’s life

but the instinct to help others where we can, remains constant. This abiding principle can occasionally become overshadowed by more mundane issues such as the age demographic of Rotarians or promoting the brand or countless other detached matters. I have confidence that these issues will be resolved provided we continue to focus on the core purpose of why we joined.

Speaking Delights

Our recent speakers have included a contingent of our own members with Trevor Bond and Peter Greene both providing us with interesting and entertaining interludes by sharing some of their experiences with us. I look forward to hearing from Les Sheppard and others too in the future.

We also had the pleasure of a talk by the ever-popular Margaret Mills on the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a subject which could fill several volumes but which Margaret skilfully condensed into

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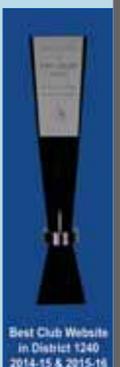
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an abbreviated highlights version. More recently a talk by John Banks regarding membership laid out some interesting data regarding Rotary Clubs which pointed out some pitfalls – and how to avoid them. John was very positive about the upcoming soapbox derby and offered to arrange a Rotary membership stall on the field for the day – an offer which was gratefully accepted.

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Best Club Newsletter 2016-17



Best Club Website in District 1240 2014-15 & 2015-16

President's Message (continued)

This leads neatly to progress in the preparation for the derby. I have to say that nothing ever seems to run entirely smoothly but the diligence, persistence and perseverance of our small committee generally disguises this as they confront the inevitable routine obstacles, reducing them to minor irritations rather than anything serious.

Planning Approval?

The organising committee met on February 21 together with our safety officer, Tony Sprackling, and all round event guru, Richard Leahy, to put the finishing touches to our event plan, a considerable document which has been drawn up under their guidance.

The importance of the plan cannot be overstated as it will be submitted to the event safety advisory group, a committee of Basildon Council representatives who meet with police and NHS and Highways representatives, for their review at least six weeks prior to the event taking place. We will receive helpful guidance and direction from the ESAG chairman if he considers there are weaknesses in our plan. This is just a small amount of the behind-the-scenes work which has to be completed before the big day.

Monday February 20, after the Business Meeting, I went with Peter Greene and Keith Wood to Harwich & Dovercourt Rotary

Club to listen to our very able and technically sophisticated vice president impart some of his fountain of knowledge to the less initiated. We were made very welcome by our appreciative hosts and enjoyed our second Rotary meal of the day. It was well worth the 100-mile round trip.

I will finish with a reminder to the club members that the Rotary Tea Party held jointly with the Mayflower Club to support the End Polio campaign is scheduled for 4.00pm on March 8.

I may be precluded from attending due to family commitments but I would commend it to you and please contact Ed for further details.

Inner Wheel Report

Sorry District Chairman – You Missed a Scrummy Party

Hello Rotarians,
May I wish you all a belated happy and successful new year. It started extremely miserably for us all but is now looking up a bit with the arrival of snowdrops, and even early blossom on some trees. We can't be too complacent though as there is still time for



white flakes fluttering down. We haven't been very busy over the last couple of months, apart from our stint in the local library selling cards and our Christmas lunch. We were looking forward to the annual District Chairman's (DC) visit at our February meeting, and a buffet lunch had been arranged for that day, with members making sandwiches, other savouries and desserts. Unfortunately the District Chairman cancelled quite

late in the day, and it was decided to carry on with the buffet for our meeting. We created quite a spread and I attach a picture, and as you can see, she didn't know what she was missing!

We will be gathering scones at our next meeting on International Womens' Day, the 8th March to bring up to Rotary's Purple4Polio tea at St Mary Magdalen (*see separate report on page 9-10 - Editor*).

By Maya Gupta,
Inner Wheel special correspondent



Soapbox 2017 Diary

Countdown - Two Months to go!



Our regular monthly status follows below.

Entries

The on-line system is fully open.

We have now exceeded our target for soapbox entrants with a total of 64.

Management of the process

Our small management committee continues to meet to plan for the 2017 event. We hope for all members' active support as we work towards this year's event.

Videos

We have received confirmation that the event will again be videoed by the Round Table to provide a great record of the day.

Judges

Race-day judges now confirmed as Rotary Past District Governor Alan Clark, Bala Mahendran

(Chief Executive, Basildon Council) and Ms Maureen Larkin BEM JP (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

Rotary Arch

The new Arch has been completed ready for delivery.



Facebook & Twitter

System launched - every on-line purchase allows entry to a draw for every friend who shares the fact on Facebook or Twitter.

Banners

- **Banners** - Members are selling

well and sales have already exceeded those of last year at over £3500, including **Major commitments from Ground Control and Parabar**

What has been done?

- **Track and Field Plan** - a drawing of both these has been completed and issued to members. It is being incorporated in the final Event Plan.
- **Event Plan** - the final version will be needed in March.
- **Publicity** - Trevor Bond has created a further comprehensive press release which has been sent to the media to publicise our plans.
- **Pricing** has been confirmed as £5 per person on the day, advance sales £3 per person, £10 Family of four.
- **Radios** for the event have been ordered



A Senior Success for the Reading Rooms

And a Soapbox Derby plus for us

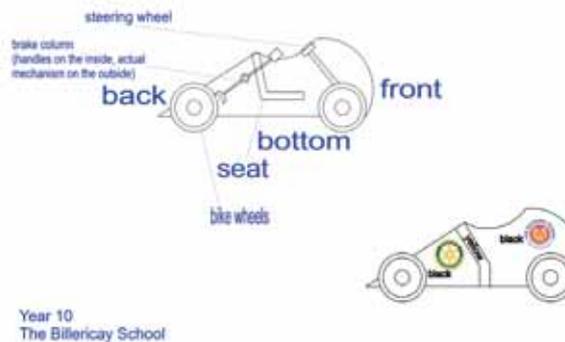
The Rotary Club of Billericay endeavours to build good relationships with all the local and very good schools in our area and has two RotaKids Clubs - at Quilters and Buttsbury junior schools.

Now, thanks to the efforts of the Reading Rooms and, with the Rotary Club's second Spectacular Soapbox Derby to be staged on May 1 as the target, between us, we have aimed higher. Andy Maddocks, vice-chair of the Reading Rooms takes up the story:

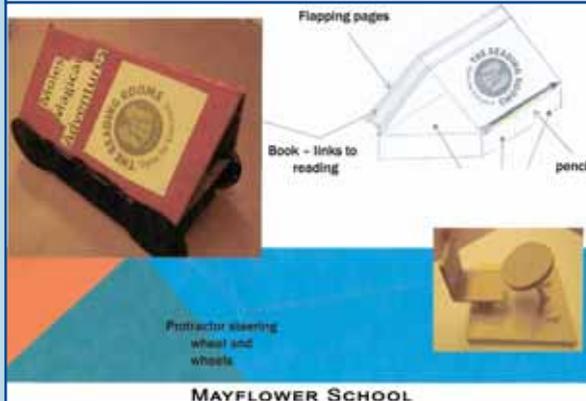
"The Trustees of the Reading Rooms ran a competition in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Billericay's Soapbox Derby for the three senior schools in Billericay, inviting them to be involved in designing a car for the



THE BILLERICAY SCHOOL 6TH FORM



Year 10
The Billericay School



MAYFLOWER SCHOOL

Derby with a generous prize of £250 which included the entry fee of £55 towards the cost of construction of their Soapbox entry. Mayflower and Billericay schools agreed.

We also agreed to pay the entry fee for the runner-up but, since only two schools accepted the challenge, we are delighted to announce that both Mayflower School and Billericay School will have their entries fees paid by the Reading Rooms.

"Our judging panel of Malcolm Acors and president Mike Sinclair, both from the Rotary Club, and myself decided that Mayflower School's entry was best. Their head of Design & Technology, Simon Fowler was advised and discussions have since taken place with Simon and the students."

PS: Latest information suggests that Billericay School will enter two karts, from their Sixth Form and from Year 10. Watch this space!

Our Soapbox Derby – A Lancashire Invasion

Prepared to be buzzed

They are entering from far and wide. Entries for the Rotary Club of Billericay's second Spectacular Soapbox Derby on May 1 have now exceeded our target of 60 and they are coming from Billericay and boundaries beyond to race down "Thunder Road" - Sun Corner to the finish Rotary archway on London Road - on Bank Holiday Monday.

Nearest might be the team from Quilters' Junior School with

boy-racer Headteacher Mike Wade at the wheel... furthest certainly is a three team soapbox entry from Lancashire. By road and van carriage they will arrive in Billericay to be on the grid start bang on time.

First team up, code name: RC2570 Design, begs the question. Is it a new 500-seater airship being developed secretly somewhere in Britain? New prototype for a high-speed train? Another Dam Busters' "bouncing bomb"?

Answer. No. Just the fun name of Bumbling Runshaw.... one of the

most exciting entries to this year's Soapbox Derby and certainly the most travelled since it will be coming all the way from Leyland in Lancashire. But it is being built on the site where, when run by the MOD, Barnes Wallis's famous Dam Busters bomb was manufactured during World War 11..

Why Bumbling Runshaw? As team leader and Runshaw University teacher, John Calderbank explains: "We have a bumble bee theme. Guess the music we will be using?"

(Just guessing, John. Possibly,
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Glory or Bust (continued)

circa comedian Arthur Askey and his walk-on song?...Busy, busy bee - who remembers that?)

What is it and why enter?

1. Built by students of an engineering college in Lancashire
2. A gravity cart

What does that mean? A soapbox driven only by the force of gravity! John adds: "The Runshaw Higher Education Engineering courses has one sixth worth of design and manufacture at second year of the course, where students design and plan the manufacture of the product. This is the second year we are making a gravity cart. What we have to do in entering is to meet the requirements of the assessments of Design Entries."

Design prototype

The gravity cart they will enter is just one of thirty the students have to design and manufacture at Runshaw as part of their assessment work to:

1. Design and manufacture a prototype compliant vehicle for a gravity race car event. E.g.: Billericay in Essex, May Day 2017
2. Present a sponsorship pitch for the project.
3. Present a Cost Report to satisfy all requirements related to the production of 30 Soapbox-type vehicles over six weeks.
4. Complete a business presentation for each group to take charge

of manufacturing facility to produce 30 Soapboxes in 3 above.

5. Put together an individual final report to the project to satisfy all learning outcomes.

Sounds professional perhaps compared to many of the home-made, hand-built soapboxes being entered but, as John insists: "To enter the Billericay event we



appreciate that we have to comply with all your rules and conditions with regard to structure and prototype - we engage with that set-down principle." He adds: "We are delighted to come to Billericay since the May Day Bank Holiday fits our time-table. It is also great that such a splendid charity event also helps us educationally to expand our work."

After RC now RRR

This is just one of three soapboxes from the Lancashire lads. Also from Runshaw College will come Ram Rod Racing (RRR) and Team Westwoods.

Their innovator, Nigel Thomson explains: "I team teach with John and the students are in their second year HND Mechanical Engi-

neering, full-time and part-time."

Ram Rod Racing's name was adopted when, in an earlier race, the students entered a rocket car, similar in appearance to a ram rod, but Nigel is quick to add: "The Soapbox Derby vehicle will not look the same."

Two reasons why Alex Cushing has been chosen to drive RRR: "I am the smallest and lightest team member, and the only one without a driving licence, so have nothing to lose."

Team Westwoods gets its name from an infamous car park (apparently) within a Wigan industrial estate where people meet to show off various vehicles. Driver Harrison Edge also is the smallest and lightest and chalks up success in at least one go-karting championship.

Combined Effort

Nigel sums up: "This will be a combined effort from the students, John and myself but also the efforts of the Engineering Department at Runshaw College in terms of funding, material and build facilities."

Footnote: The underground MOD site is now covered in grass to hide all old buildings but Runshaw stays above ground.

And the Askey song was: "I am a bee, a busy, busy bee.... silly but good on yer, Runshaw.

By the Editor

Last Year's Runshaw Winning Entry



Rotarians Still Falling Asleep 60 Years On

Your newsletter editor, Trevor was first up – beseeched by Speaker Finder Ben Clarke to talk to members on January 30.



Chosen subject - “Life Before Fleet Street And The Weekly Grind”. Connotations of the latter apart, (on which Trevor did not dwell – not least because his lovely wife Jan and his great friend and Rotarian colleague Peter Owen chose to make sure he said nothing defamatory by attending), he recalled times long ago when he was learning the trade in the late Fifties.

Cub reporter, attending law courts, going to funerals and, yes, even Rotary lunches in Grays when he did what he is still doing – reporting speeches while all the members fall asleep!), catching buses and trains and foot-slogging around his Thurrock “patch” - Stanford-le- Hope, Corringham, Fobbing and Horndon-on-the-Hill.

Saved as a vagrant

“No car and, if I was lucky, meetings finished in time to get me back to Hornchurch where I lived. But there was the one time when a meeting in Corringham finished so late that I missed the last bus back to Grays.

I was bedding down at the bus stop for the first arrival the next morning until a kind motorist – assured I was not a vagrant – chanced taking me back into Grays. Only time I was first one in the office the next day.”



And the time, Trevor had to cover an industrial dispute at Thames Board Mills only to learn that their PR was his future father-in-law. As Trevor said: “He was understanding and pointed me in all the right directions. He then gave away his darling daughter and I would never have forgiven those industrial bastards if it had cost me marrying the girl of my dreams.”

A life of learning, progression, adventure and, for a lad who thought he was god’s gift to journalism, maturity - discovered the hard way. “It was a brilliant beginning,” he says. “Whatever I achieved afterwards is down to those days – and the weekly grind.”

Lights Up For A Chinese Adventure

Second up on February 6 was newsletter co-editor and website master, Peter Greene, hauled in at the eleventh hour when Danny Lawrence from Gateway 978, our local community radio station, had to cry off with flu. (Look forward to seeing you later, Danny).

Peter filled in with an enthralling slide show of the visit he made with wife Wendy, and all the rest of the family, to see their daughter in China over Christmas and the New Year.

It was Son et Lumière....a light show - fireworks, illuminations, dragons and how the Chinese



have taken in the western world with their theme parks and culture – and modern dress.

Macau – once featured in Hum-



phrey Bogart black and white movies as the gambling capital of the world along with Las Vegas – still is. But now modernised, sky-scrapers and still catering for the world’s top casino players.

New China it might be, but it boasted replicas of Beijing’s imperial palaces, and Peter discovered a red-painted Royal Mail letter box. Some find!

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Speaker's Corner

Chinese Adventure (continued)

Las Vegas Luxury

Further discoveries in Macau where they spent Christmas - it even found them at a panda sanctuary, and where New Year saw



them in a classic Las Vegas style hotel – luxury and dancing water



fountains. Then finally, flight to Shanghai for the Bund, old China and the oldest jazz group on record before heading home. Eat your heart out, New Orleans. Thank you, Peter. Fascinating.

Five Into Five Into Five Might Work !



Do you ENJOY your meetings?



In updating us on Rotary Membership on Monday, Feb 13, John Banks, from the Rotary Club of Leigh-on-Sea, asked us a series of five questions and answers, prior to stressing:

“Looking at ourselves. Where are we now? Where do we want to be?”

So, first five:

Why join and why stay?

He stated:

- * Friendship and Fellowship in the club
- * The Community we serve
- * Meeting professional people
- * Enjoy meetings
- * Tradition

Why leave?

He suggested:

- * Personal conflict
- * Unhappy with procedure
- * Feeling unwanted and neglected
- * Other priorities
- * Frustration

Summed up, John did not

add anything we members of Billerica's first founded Rotary Club did not know. But he did suggest another five paths to go down for us to try to improve membership.

- * Lose tradition if you do not think it is working
- * Change meal frequency
- * Look for diversity
- * Invigorate your club where you can with new ideas
- * Make it more fun

His bottom line

“Create a fresh approach. Be vibrant.”

Many thanks, John, we hear you !



Mongolia and Swaziland - Interact Challenge

Building fences in Mongolia and joining the crusade to defeat HIV/Aids in Swaziland are a far cry from those student days when seeking boundaries might have stretched no further than Paris to visit the Louvre and climb the Eiffel Tower.

At lunch on February 27, two pupils from Billericay School's Interact Club highlighted their changing and challenging world as part of the Rotary sponsorship by our Club and to raise money to fulfil another international visit of mutual understanding. They were accompanied by Fiona Smith, Head of 6th Form.

Ellie Nightingale was one of the country-wide student group taking on the bi-annual Mongolia World Challenge, trekking 100km in four days and helping to restore an orphan summer camp.

Victoria Bowden's challenge is next year, one of 17 students travelling to Swaziland, which has the world's highest number of HIV sufferers, to go amongst the young – many of them orphans - and try to help with advice and commitment. The statistics presented by both girls highlighted the challenges.

Russian border

Ellie's 31-day stay started with a ten-day truck ride from the capital, Ulaanbaatar to the trekking start. "It was the acclimatisation process," she said. "The truck had



hard seats, no headlights and we virtually bounced our way on dirt tracks. The trek took us close to the Russian border and camped at one time by a most beautiful lake. We relaxed in the evenings with



music, card games and football. We were grateful to return to Ulaanbaatar on the Trans-Siberian railway "

Work on the orphan camp consisted of building and painting fences, collecting firewood and cooking. "All this was the most rewarding part for me," said Ellie, adding: "I shall donate some of the money I raised in memory of my dear friend Sophie Abbot who died in Little Haven's Hospice

from a brain tumour in 2016."

It was not all hard work. Four days relaxing back in Ulaanbaatar was followed by 72 hours in Beijing – a chance to see the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. She summed up: "The different people, the different culture, changes your outlook. Gets rid of old habits."

These were some statistics Victoria revealed about HIV children in Swaziland:

- Accounts for 64% of all deaths of orphan age
- Death rate of 25.8% highest in the world
- 45% of those are under-five

Victoria's trip will last 18 days and she will need to raise £3,000. "I have to reply a lot on donations. I have a part-time job fitted around my school days. It won't be easy but worthwhile. I'm looking forward to the challenge. I want to thank you all for the donation you made to World Challenge for my trip".

Billericay Club News

Meeting Donation Requests

We continue to support financial requests for dona-

tions where members think they are in a good cause. The following were approved by members at the business meeting on Monday February 20, when secretary Ed

Harrison announced that we had agreed to four recent donation requests.

1. £200 to Billericay student Victoria

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ROTARIANS UNITE TO FIGHT POLIO

Time for Tea and A Jam-packed Celebration



A Personal Mission

Polio eradication has become a personal mission for Eve Conway, the President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. She has recently returned from India where she joined British Rotarians on the frontline in the fight against the disease. India was declared polio free in 2014 but there are still vital ongoing national immunisation campaigns giving polio drops to every single child under 5 years old in order to keep the country free of the disease. Eve Conway says:

“We want to celebrate our immense achievement so far and remind everyone we are so close now to Rotary’s goal of a polio free world. With just 37 cases worldwide last year, it’s absolutely vital we push this last step. We truly are on the brink of an historic milestone and this year we could see the last case of polio worldwide.”

When it comes to supporting a major Rotary cause, our Club never flinches from the battle. Particularly in the fight against polio. On Wednesday March 8 we will gather in St Mary Magdalen in the High Street for a Purple4Polio Tea Party commencing at 4.00pm.

Dramatic Success

On that day and at that time, Rotarians from our club and the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower will join Rotarians across Britain and Ireland to take a break for tea and jam to celebrate a historic milestone: their dramatic success

to date in the ongoing campaign to rid the world of polio.

Rotary Clubs across Britain and Ireland plan to host simultaneous Purple4Polio Tea Parties. The tea parties will all begin at the British tea-time of 4pm.

The Purple4Polio campaign resonates with the International Women’s Day 2017 objectives ‘Be Bold For Change’ and Rotary fully supports gender equality.

The Rotary polio campaign is particularly relevant to women. It dates back to 1985 and the ambitious promise Rotarians made to the mothers of the world

that polio would be eradicated and their children would no longer suffer from the life threatening and crippling disease. That promise

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Rotary - Leading the fight against Polio

For over 30 years, Rotary and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world. The amount of polio-endemic countries has dropped from 125 to just three, with over 2.5 billion children receiving vaccinations thanks to the help of Rotary.

With eradication now closer than ever, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland’s latest campaign, Purple4Polio, is designed to unite communities to engage in activities as part of the final push to eradicate polio for good.

The campaign ties in with the 100 year anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s own and only charity, which has played a key role in making polio eradication become close to a reality, along with hundreds of other projects both in Great Britain and Ireland and overseas.

International Women’s Day (IWD) is Wednesday 8th March and the theme for 2017 is ‘Be Bold for Change’. This ties in with Rotary and its End Polio Now and Purple4Polio campaigns. RIBI President Eve Conway is therefore organising a high profile Purple4Polio Tea Party in London at 4pm on International Women’s Day. Clubs and districts across all of Great Britain and Ireland will help this effort by holding their own unique Purple4Polio tea parties, taking place all across the country at the same quintessentially British tea time

ROTARIANS UNITE TO FIGHT POLIO (continued)

is on the brink of being fulfilled, with just 37 polio cases in three countries in 2016. There are real hopes that 2017 will see the last case of polio worldwide.

A National Campaign

Purple4Polio

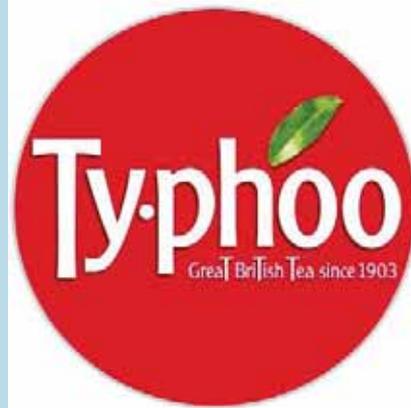
The IWD Purple4Polio Tea Parties will be kicked off with a media launch at the Rotary London headquarters in Regent's Park. It will be opened by TV Presenter Konnie Huq with celebrity guest speakers including Jane Garvey of BBC Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' and Purple4Polio Ambassador and broadcaster, Julia Roberts.



To support the tea parties and Rotary's campaign to end polio

forever, Typhoo Tea, the second largest tea manufacturer in the UK, is organising a tea-tasting at the launch, and donating tea and branded disposable mugs.

Somnath Saha, CEO, of Typhoo Tea, says: "Uniting communities



to help eradicate polio is essential and we're proud to be a part of helping achieve this. Working closely with Purple4Polio nationwide, we're hoping our charitable tea parties will bring people together to cross the finishing line and end polio now".

As a result of an initiative from a Rotarian in our District 1240, Wilkin & Sons Ltd. (Tiptree Jam) has given 52,000 specially branded jars of either Greengage or Early Rivers Plum Jam to every single Rotarian across Great Britain and Ireland!



Raising £3 million

We are encouraged to use the jam to raise awareness of the Purple4Polio campaign and to fill the empty jars with coins.

By donating a minimum of £2 per jar (worth at least £3 in store) and collecting donations in the empty jar, we expect that a target of raising £1 million for Purple4Polio can be reached, and with matching funding through Rotary, this £1 million will become £3 million.

This is a joint effort with our colleagues from the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower and Billericay Inner Wheel, with the scones to go with fillings, jam, etc. from the Wilkins Jam Company provided by the Inner Wheel.

A board has gone round to all club members. Still time to come to the party and help raise money for End Polio Now.

Billericay Club News (continued)

Bowden's World Challenge trip to Swaziland next year, we look forward to hearing about her trip, at a lunch on her return.

2. £200 to Rotary Club of Mayflower Billericay Trust Fund in respect of the Kimuuni Primary School Appeal.
3. £250 to Vision Aid Overseas to pay for fifty people to be provided with eye tests and the glasses they need.
4. £200 to fund uniforms for the



Billericay, Wickford and Basildon Gang Show.

Social Media Webinars

Two Public image Social Media Webinars were held on February

20 & 21, to introduce members to the use of Social Media tools and provide advice on their use. Les Sheppard was our representative at these events. He reports that the first session was primarily an introduction, but the second focused on what we can do to enhance its use, featuring a panel of Rotarians with differing experience. Unfortunately the value received was limited by internet problems which prevented fuller participation.

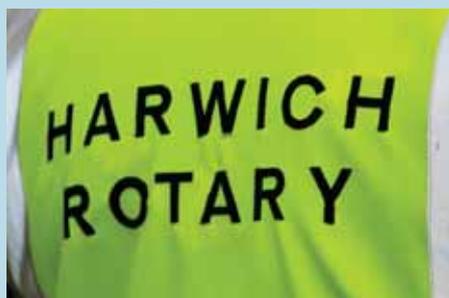
Taking the IT Message to Our Friends in Rotary

Our expertise with the application of IT is much in demand within Rotary. Not only have we given our daughter club of Billericay Mayflower a few website tips,



but we travel beyond our immediate boundaries to help and build fellowship with distant clubs.

On Monday February 20 Peter Greene was asked to make a presentation to the Rotary Club of Harwich and Dovercourt about the Use of Social Media by Rotary Clubs, and thus he missed the RIBI Webinars (see above). He was supported by president Mike Sinclair and past president Keith Wood – quite a trek! But they were rewarded with a generous welcome, a drink and a very good two-course meal (perhaps too good following our own normal Monday lunch at Reids!)



The club is 70 years old with about 36 members and meets at the Harwich and Dovercourt Golf Club on the outskirts of the town. It has recently changed from meeting at lunch times on Mondays to

Harwich Sea Festival & Lifeboat Day

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

11:00am Opening Ceremony - By the Town Mayor accompanied by the Rotary Club President.
11:30am We Are Music on Stage.
12:00pm Harwich Sings Choir.
2:00pm Commencement of Regatta Race. (Over a 1-1 1/2 Hour period)
3:00pm We Are Music on Stage.
3:00pm Duck Race.
3:30pm Fire Fighting Tug Display
4:00pm Lifeboat Display

ENTERTAINMENT:

FOOD OUTLETS: Burgers, hotdogs, ice creams, doughnuts, candy floss, beer and wine tents.
FUN ATTRACTIONS: Rodeo canoe, stocks, cork guns, putting, ping pong, Tombola, roundabout, bouncy castle and face painting.
STALLS: A varied assortment of craft stalls to suit all.

HA PENNY PIER: Golden Rivets on the pier.

TRINITY HOUSE & PIER: Buoy Yard with various displays - Steam puffer VIC 56 on pier.

BARGES BERTHED IN HARBOUR: Pioneer, MTB 102

RNLI: Lifeboat station open for visitors, Walton historic lifeboat.



LV18: Open on the day to all visitors. Bands playing: Broken Subjects, The Rumour, Lily Bayden, Charlotte Forman and other acoustic acts.

MIRANDA STAGE: Rock School presents a range of bands, the Rebels of Rock and other young bands.

In addition there will be stalls, art exhibitions, sideshows, lobster raffle arts, crafts and refreshments along the quayside.

The programme may be altered at short notice. Website www.harwichseafestival.co.uk



meeting at 6.30pm. Its members came from all walks of life, many of whom give their time to other charitable activities, "Sailing for the Disabled" being just one of them. They had recently done an actuarial study of their membership bearing in mind the aging profile of their club. Their conclusions were that the demographics of all Clubs and societies had changed, not only that of Rotary. And they were now content in it's make up, even though like ours, they have an aging membership.

Sea Festival

From flowing conversation and exchange of information it was clear that it is an active and community oriented club, and the drivers behind two principal functions in the town, the annual Sea Festival in July and the "Guy Carnival" in the winter.

The Harwich Sea Festival is a summertime attraction attended by the local community and many from the surrounding area. Started in 1988 as a fund-raising event for the RNLI, it has grown to a well organised festival occupying the whole of the Harwich Quayside.

In 2000, due to the ever-increasing attractions and complexity of the event, the RNLI asked the Rotary Club of Harwich and Dovercourt to take the lead in organising and managing the event.

This they have done ever since – a major fund-raising event from which the majority of money raised allows Rotary to support local charities and organisations.

Carnival Revival

The Guy Carnival was started in 1854 by the Royal Naval Shipyard Apprentices who raised money for themselves for Christmas, plus local charities. It was revived in the 1950s by the Harwich Round Table (since defunct) and is now run by the Rotary Club.



Our Contribution

Peter was the speaker for the day and gave a slide presentation on how best to get the message out to the public via conventional media, websites, and social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The host club were very appreciative of the concise but informative presentation and some lively questions followed.

We wish the Rotary Club of Harwich and Dovercourt all success in repatriating their website and Facebook identities and launching their presence using these tools and Twitter.

Other Club's News

Rotary Club of Billericay *Mayflower*

Our daughter club celebrates its 27th Charter Anniversary on April 29, 18.45-23.30 with a formal dinner. Black tie.

Rotary Club of Brentwood *Breakfast*

A special "Evening of Magic" on Saturday March 18 at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood - 7.30 for 8.00 pm. £15 including fish or chicken and chips supper. Magic provided by the Ilford Magical Society.

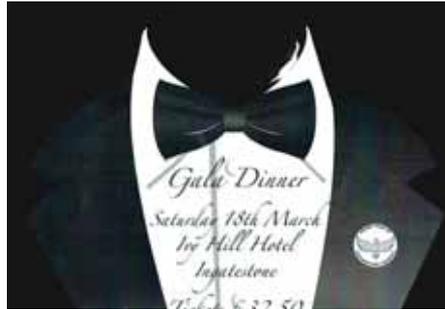


For tickets. contact Tony Watson on 01277 231540.

Rotary Club of Chelmsford *Phoenix*

On the same night, members are also invited to a Gala Dinner to be held in the Margaretting Suite at the Ivy Hill Hotel, Ingatestone - 7.00 for 7.30 pm dinner. Three-course dinner and dancing to the Soulfire Band until midnight, all at a cost of only £32.50.

For Tickets contact Richard Wilson on 01245602303 or mobile 07733 088548



Rotary Club of Brentwood

The club is holding a Spring Concert in aid of St. Francis Hospice and local charities at 7.30pm on Saturday 25th March 2017 at St. Thomas' Church Brentwood.



The Programme includes A Little Light Opera plus the Phoenix Youth Orchestra, Special Guest Soloist Philippa Hardiman (Soprano), Guest performances by BOYM Jazz Band. and St. Thomas of Canterbury C of E Junior School Choir.

Tickets - Adults £10 - 18yrs. and under £5

Available from:

Heart of Gold Jewellers 61 High St. Brentwood.

Woodland Bakery, 70 Woodland Ave, Hutton.

Dee Creases, Dry Cleaners, 8 The Keys Warley.

Or Book on line at :- www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/169293

Birthday Congratulations

We wish a Happy Birthday to Founder Member Ben Clarke (February 1), Bert French (February 16), and Peter Greene (February 21) whose birthdays fell this month, and to Trevor Bond (April 2) and Norman Wilson April 19) whose birthdays fall in April..

Rotary Club of Billericay - Future 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

March 6

Les Sheppard -My Job

March 13

Alison Deakin

March 13 (18.30-20.30) at Reids Gallery

Joint Services Meeting & Club Council

March 20

Business Meeting

March 27

Margaret Fowler

Ciamanda Primary School Kenya

April 3

To Be Confirmed

Other dates for your diary:

March 15 (19.30-21.30) at Writtle

District Council

April 7-9

RIBI Conference at Manchester

May 1

Soapbox Derby!!

May 21

Billericay Fun Walk

May 21 - District International Lunch

Chelmsford City Racecourse