

# The New(s) Chronicle

## August 2017

**President:  
Hazel Morley**



### **“Service Above Self”**

#### **The Four Way Test**

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

**2017-2018**



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

### **Morley Musings**

I am writing my second message on another cool, damp summer's day. However, we have enjoyed some beautifully hot days recently and this rain is certainly welcome in our gardens. It's also helping the watering team who are watching over the lovely begonias in the planters around the War Memorial. Robert told me that the year would pass quickly and it is true that one month has gone already without too many issues so far. I hope you all enjoyed the get-together at Helen's house as much as I did. We were very lucky that it was fine when we put the marquee up and that the fabulous weather continued for the Sunday. It was lovely for me to have Steve, Sarah, James, Adam and Dulcie helping on the day and I'm sure you all met little Blake who thoroughly enjoyed exploring Helens' flowerbeds! I am very grateful to Helen and her family who also helped so much. I mentioned that working together could be fun and rewarding when I was talking at the Handover meeting and it was certainly a good-natured team effort for those who came to set up and take down the gazebos and the marquee.

The weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July was a busy one for our club. A team of Rotarians manned the entrance to Petworth Park all day on the Saturday, ensuring that vehicles could enter and leave the Petworth festival safely. Several of those same volunteers helped with the marshalling of the walk for Parkinson's on the Sunday which was also a great success. I remember when Geoff asked the club several months ago if we would be prepared to offer our services for BOTH events and the members who were there that evening all agreed that we would. It was therefore, rewarding to see so many Rotarians taking part over the weekend which made it far easier and



more enjoyable for Martyn and Chris who arranged the rotas.

Andrew Mitchell and John Sexton are joining me on a joint committee with members of Inner Wheel to start planning a fun and fund-raising event which will take place in April 2018. I have met with Jan Hill and I am delighted to report that there is a lot of enthusiasm for us to work together towards making this a successful evening. Our first meeting is next week. The provisional date for the event is 21<sup>st</sup> April.

One of my aims this year is to encourage all our members to take an active part in events wherever possible and there are several opportunities on the horizon when every Rotarian can really make a difference both at the Cowdray Golf Day and during MADhurst at the Swing Band evening, the procession and the carnival. Thank you for your support.

Hazel

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**Club Meeting on Monday 3rd July 2017**  
**Induction of Rotarian Julian Goodale and Presidential Handover**

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 Rotarians, partners, friends and ladies from Inner Wheel gathered for the annual handover evening.

Outgoing President Robert Morrison had one last task to perform – the induction of new member Julian Goodale. This was particularly pleasing as Julian's late father, Frank, was a founding member of the club. Julian's mother, Peggy, has been a long-standing member of Inner Wheel and is also now an honorary member of Rotary.



Robert then handed the chain of office to incoming President Hazel Morley. Hazel presented flowers to Elaine Morrison as a thank you for supporting Robert so well during his year in office. Hazel also gave flowers to the new President of Inner Wheel Jan Hill – the two hope to be working closely together in the forthcoming year. Hazel presented a chain of office to incoming President Elect Richard Hill – Jan's husband. The warm feeling of the evening bodes well for a year of fun and fellowship together with the opportunity of service to others.



**Club Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**Speaker: Peter Buckroyd - Farnborough Air Services Trust**



Peter, a good friend of several members, gave us a splendid illustrated history of aviation as displayed in the Museum.

The Museum records and celebrates Farnborough's central role in the UK's aviation history – from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century until the closure of the facility in 1993. The Grade 1 and 2\* listing of the central buildings (and their three wind tunnels) prompted the setting up of the Trust (Peter is a Trustee) and the establishment of the museum.

The Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough over-saw the full range of developments from the pioneer Samuel Cody; World War 1 and 2 aircraft; Whittle's jet engine; supersonic flight including Concorde; on the way, it dealt with many other issues including Air Accident Investigations e.g.: Comet. Fundamental to all of this were the Wind Tunnels.

The museum has free entry, is open at weekends and maintained solely by volunteers. There is something for all from small children to their grandparents!

John Fitch

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**Club Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**Report on meeting**

Last Night's meeting at the Grange - 24<sup>th</sup> July

19 members + the President and our honorary Rotarian, Trevor Nicholson.

Announcements

- Golf Day - Rob Doney has sent round information about the different jobs we are all doing. If there are any problems or changes, please let him know.
- Rotary Bits and Pieces – Paul M had emptied Roger's garage and has found:
  - (i) A Shelterbox minus a tent (HM will contact Doug Price to see what he would like done with it – it must have been with us for at least six years)
  - (ii) Some felted, collapsible notice boards, still in their box – useful for our proposed stand at the MRC Community Day next Spring.
  - (iii) The card game – used for December town party but not for MADhurst this year.
- Club Inventory - It was agreed at the meeting that Helen would update the Club inventory and circulate it to members. Please let her know if you have any Rotary items so the list will be comprehensive. Also, if you have a spacious garage or outhouse, please would you offer to have some of the Rotary items at Paul and Nigel seem to have nearly everything at the moment.
- Archive – Photos and Chronicle – Brian and Rodger archive a selection of photos and a hard-copy of the Chronicle each month. Whilst there is a wealth of information on the website it was agreed that the Archivists would continue to keep doing this at the moment and that it would be brought up at Club Council.

Nigel then gave an explanatory talk about the updates to the website that he and Helen had been working on. They have updated and personalised the homepage with a photo of Cowdray Ruins and the Downs beyond – this photo is possibly copyrighted so Nigel will check and if so, will photograph a similar view. The new homepage was welcomed and when the members were asked to approve it, the motion was passed unanimously.

Nigel showed members how to log on – how to reset a password, how to navigate around the website and ran through the various features of our website. Most important use of the website:

- (i) To check on the programme and find out duties. Members are asked to find someone else to do their duty if they are unable to do it themselves.
- (ii) To read the Chronicle, find Archive material, enjoy the photo gallery of recent and past events.
- (iii) To find and print out a list of members' names – essential for collecting money when you are on duty or organising an event which requires everyone's response.
- (iv) To send emails to everyone in the class – this lightens Peter's load and is easy to do.

Our website is updated regularly and I can vouch for the fact that it is among the best in our District. This is thanks to the continuous hard work from Peter, Helen and Nigel. Please try to look at it regularly and let Nigel know if you have any problems logging on....he is happy to help.

Hazel

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**Club Meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**  
**Speaker: Dan Oakley – South Downs Dark Skies Project**



The South Downs Dark Skies Project came to fruition in 2016 when the International Dark Skies Association certified the SDNPA as an International Dark Skies Reserve following 3 years of work in measuring the extent and degree of dark skies above the National Park area. It became the fourth accredited Dark Sky National Park after Exmoor in 2011, Brecon Beacons in 2013 and Snowdonia in 2015. There are only eleven accredited areas in the entire world. It is especially significant in that the other three UK parks are largely areas with very low population densities whereas the SDNP has approximately 110K people living within its' boundary and a further 2 million within its' 5Km buffer zone.

While there are many locations in the UK which are unofficially nominated as Dark Skies Sites these are isolated areas whereas to be certificated as a Dark Skies Reserve the analysis of the measurements of the quality of the night sky must show that there exists a contiguous area meeting the official criteria. The 3-year project resulted in thousands of measurement points before the contiguous area meeting the criteria could be defined. With the need for clear skies and the rapid variability of our weather it involved many, many nights of work. Suffice to say the enthusiasm of the rangers was paramount and after accreditation they named the area as "Moore's Reserve" in tribute to Sir Patrick Moore, a similarly enthusiastic local astronomer.

With the South Downs surrounded by several large towns and cities, especially on the southern side, the biggest problem was light pollution from street lighting. Fortunately, the Hampshire, East and West Sussex County Councils had adopted a plan to replace the outdated and expensive mercury discharge lighting systems, which projected a high proportion of the light upwards from high poles, with more modern installations. These used low power consumption LED lighting with variable timing on/off controls installed in modern housings and on shorter poles. These were designed to project their light downwards where it was of use and not upwards illuminating the sky. As our speaker reflected on an early television personality, namely Frankie Howard, the Councils had adopted his frequent hand gesture and saying. The timing of this change made a significant impact of the level of street lighting pollution.

As the SDNPA are the planning authority within the National Park the issue of potential light pollution from new commercial developments in respect of industrial and housing projects is in the hands of the Planning Committee and can be a constraint on planning approval.

However the control of domestic lighting, i.e., the post build addition of personalised security lighting, for example, is outwith their scope. This means a programme of education is necessary to ensure that this source of light pollution is kept within bounds. All lighting should therefore reflect the “Frankie Howard attitude”.

What are the benefits of the Moore’s Reserve? It means that if you live in or travel into the South Downs NP at night you would be able to see star filled skies, weather permitting, from most locations. You may also see the Milky Way and shooting stars. From the more remote spots within the confines of the Reserve itself, such as Iping Common, the Trundle etc, photographers can practice astrophotography without traveling to exotic locations. In short it increases the tranquillity of the Park, which was one of the original objectives in its creation.

Tony Jones

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*I know these should wait until next month’s edition but as we all “enjoyed” some unseasonal weather and got up to various outdoor activities that ensured we got soaked I thought I’d include them in here – Ed)*

**Rotary Club Of Midhurst and Petworth Charity Golf Day**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

Sun is the norm for the annual Rotary Charity Golf Day – not this year held on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Cowdray Park Golf Club in torrential rain and gusting winds....



Another change was to have a larger number of ladies playing – twenty-two. Out of the thirty-one teams of four just one optimistic gentleman didn't even have any waterproofs!

Despite the weather there was laughter for some - I wish I had a picture of six men pulling a buggy from a bunker on the 5<sup>th</sup> - the driver's excuse – rain on the windscreen!

This was the eighteenth year Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Club have staged this event which was instigated by the late Roger Poat during his Presidential year. Roger's wife Janet bravely entered a team with her family this year and son David presented a cheque for £1350 collected at Roger's funeral.

A ball spotter on the 7<sup>th</sup> was confused as a ball seemed to disappear in to thin air – there it is up in the tree....



To play in driving rain with gusty wind is not easy and yet so many teams battled through the eighteen holes. First place was taken by team 'Smooth Swing', 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Yeomans Honda', 3<sup>rd</sup> 'The Dunham's on countback from 4<sup>th</sup> placed 'Wanderers A'. Kate Dunham, who brought three teams with her from Clandon Regis, was nearest the pin on 17<sup>th</sup> - particularly pleasing for her uncle: event organiser Rob Doney.

President Hazel Morley thanked all players, the Team at Cowdray for presenting a golf course in superb condition, the bar and catering staff for providing great food and the many helpers who made the day possible. Hazel explained that profits from the event this year, which are likely to be in excess of £6,200, will help her chosen charities – 'School in a Bag' and 'Rother Valley Together'.

Last but not least please put the date for next year's Rotary Charity Golf Day in your diaries: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Helen Chapman

.....and from President Hazel:

This amazing day will go down in the history books as 'the wettest golf game I have ever played in my life' according to several of the players yesterday. As dripping coats, hats, jumpers and trousers were discarded in the changing rooms I can honestly say that the lady players had not had a particularly enjoyable game of golf!

However, everyone soon revived when they were dry and welcomed into the Clubhouse for a slap-up lunch. There were 22 lady players, many of whom completed the course, 31 teams altogether. Only 10 teams failed to finish.

Rob, John and Paul had organised the day beautifully but I think a special mention to Linda Doney is in order....she spent the majority of the day, drenched to the skin, speeding across the course delivering and collecting 'ball-spotters' who all arrived back totally sodden but in good spirits.

What a day! So many Rotarians and Inner Wheel ladies made the day very special (and memorable) and all deserve a huge thank you. Paul is calculating the profit and cannot give a final total yet but it looks as though it will be in excess of £6200. Janet and her family kindly donated £1370 all of which will be given to the two main charities, 'School in a Bag' and 'Rother Valley Together'.

What a wonderfully wet and successful day...thank you.

Hazel



### **News from the Inner Wheel Club of Midhurst and Petworth**

Inner Wheel Meeting held on Wednesday 19th July at Cowdray Park Golf Club.

Jan our President for this year opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Our Speaker for the evening was Valerie Box her talk was on Parkinson's which was extremely enlightening and interesting.

At our business meeting Jan had the pleasure of welcoming Nell Rangesh from Shirley and Addiscombe Club as a new member.

Our Inner Wheel outing has been organised by Hilary is a visit to the Gin factory near Winchester.

We would like to thank Hilary for all her hard work in organising this event and are looking forward to the 17th August.

Elaine Morrison  
Club Correspondent.

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## Key Diary Dates 2017/2018

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October

### District Conference in Bournemouth

Duties: At CPGC, first named to arrive at 18:45 latest, greets guest speaker on his/her arrival, sits on the speaker's right, says grace, thanks speaker and provides short report for website. Second and third named to arrive at 18:45 latest, collect the meal money, pay venue – second named to welcome visitors. At the Grange, first and second named arrive by 17:35 and set up room as required by President.

**If not able to fulfil commitment, please nominate an alternate.**

Apologies (before 12 noon Sunday) to Attendance Officer – David Cole (01730 816684)

**Failure to apologise will incur full charge for the meal**

## August 2017

7th Mon	Dinner	CPGC	17.45 Club Council 19.00 Dinner Speaker: Ruth Flint – Health Care Management	1. Paul Ryan 2. John Sexton/ Chris Wigley
14th Mon	Twilight	Grange	17.45 Business Meeting	Antony Williams
21st Mon			No Meeting – MADhurst Event	
28 <sup>th</sup> Mon			No Meeting – Bank Holiday (MADhurst)	

## September 2017

4th Mon	Dinner	CPGC	17.45 Club Council 19.00 Dinner Speaker: Waste Prevention & Recycling	1. Simon Flint 2. Adrian Moore/ Eddie Lintott
11th Mon	Twilight	Grange	17.45 Business Meeting	Tony Jones Trevor Bates
18th Mon	Dinner	CPGC	19.00 Dinner Speaker: District Governor Jim Onions	1. David Burton 2. Helen Chapman/ John Sexton
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon			17.45 tbc	Tricia Saunders

**October 2017**

2nd Mon	Dinner	CPGC	19.00 Dinner Speaker: Rangesh – suggesting a new perspective on Speakers format	1. 2.
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Fri to Sun	<i>Bournemouth</i>		<i>District 1145 Annual Conference</i>	
9th Mon	Twilight	Grange	17.45 Open Club Council	
16th Mon	Dinner	CPGC	19.00 Dinner Speaker: Stuart Edwards – Midhurst Rother College	1. 2.
23rd Mon	Twilight	Grange	17.45 TBC	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner	CPGC	19.00 Dinner (with Partners) Speaker: Allan Winn - Brooklands Museum Trust	1. 2.