

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHICHESTER PRIORY

# PRIORY POST

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## MIKE'S MESSAGE

"First of all I must thank Chris for the superb year he has just completed in respect of Priory's Silver Jubilee. It was a huge success and I know just how well he was supported by Madeline. Very well done to you both- a very hard act to follow!

My first month as President of Priory has, of course, been overshadowed by Henry's sudden passing, which has devastated us all and, in particular, Pat and the family. Our deepest sympathies go out to them at this very sad time.

In Chichester terms, I am very much a "new kid on the block" having known Henry for just over ten years; no time at all compared with so many others. Over the past few years, Club Service meetings were hosted at Longstone where we enjoyed superb hospitality from Henry and Pat. Not being a natural "meetings man" myself I actually found myself enjoying them.

I not only liked Henry but respected him very much indeed, especially his no nonsense approach to issues raised. From my perspective he was definitely not into "waffle" or "Chinese whispers", but good old-fashioned straight talking, so God Speed Henry!

Enough from me and over to Chris for a proper Obituary."

### President Mike



#### YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

<b>Club Service:</b> Ritchie Stevenson	<b>Attendance:</b> Maurice Hall
<b>Inter. &amp; Foundation:</b> Bernard Stoneham	<b>Welfare:</b> Rob Simpson
<b>Com Voc:</b> Neil Brame	<b>Health and Safety:</b> Trevor Ware
<b>Youth &amp; Boxing:</b> Ray Richardson	<b>Protection:</b> David Bevan-Thomas
<b>Membership:</b> Peter Haydn Jones	<b>Sports Officer:</b> James Gardner,
<b>Communications:</b> David Campbell-Burns	<b>Shop and Regalia:</b> Charles Dixon
<b>10K Road Race:</b> Bob Syme	<b>Hike 4 Hospices:</b> Mike Harvey
<b>Chichester Challenge:</b> Doug Price	<b>Priory Post:</b> Peter Fuller
<b>Dragon Boat Racing:</b> John Watkins	<b>2014 District Conference:</b> Doug Price
<b>Beaujolais:</b> John Pressdee	<b>2014-15 District Support:</b> Doug Price
<b>Twinning:</b> Graham Jessop	<b>Rotary Week:</b> Peter Clementson



## OUR FRIEND RTN. HENRY ADAMS

### A Tribute by Immediate Past President, Christopher Doman

Henry was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1936 and lived in Havant with his parents, Norman and Dorothy, for the first few years of his life. Norman was Farm Manager of the Southleigh Estate, and that must have kindled Henry's love of the land. In 1940 Henry was evacuated and lived with his uncle and aunt in Great Longstone, Derbyshire until the end of the war. It must have been in 1946 that I first met Henry at Oakwood School.

Henry was my senior by a year, or two, and was very much admired, largely because of his excellence at football and cricket. At Oakwood's centenary last year we looked at the first XI scorebook for 1944 and saw that Henry opened the batting with my late cousin Timothy Bastow. I can tell you, though, that notwithstanding his hero status he was always kind to those who were pretty awful at games - like me.

Then Henry and I went off to our big schools, and I suppose I did not see him again until we were students. Henry passed his professional exams before his army service in the Royal Artillery, whereas I did my National Service first, so we started out on our professional careers at about the same time. I remember we had a celebratory game of golf at Cowdray Park. We played for a golf ball - I won, and Henry rummaged in his bag and presented me with a new Silver King with square dimples which had clearly been made before the war.

Henry was always a highly competitive golfer - once, during a golfing weekend at Moretonhampstead he surreptitiously changed my ball for one made of soap, to the huge hilarity of all present. During that weekend I learned to my cost that Henry was no mean card player. Solo was my downfall then, and I never dared volunteer to join the Adams Bridge school. Golf was, of course, something of a sideline for Henry, whose chief love was cricket. He played regularly for Westbourne and West Ashling, where, with the late John Worman, he was instrumental in building a new pavilion.

He also took his cricketing skills to Brussels, but perhaps we will draw a veil over that. If you add grouse shooting to his list of achievements you will see that Henry was the complete sportsman - and on top of it all he was a magnificent gardener with the greenest of green fingers. It is a fact that the rose which Henry and Pat gave Madeline and me as an anniversary present four years ago has never been so beautiful as it is today.



*This very personal Tribute formed part of Henry's funeral service and was read by Chris Doman from his own text.*

Henry was, of course, a hugely successful businessman. A Chartered Surveyor, Agricultural Valuer and Auctioneer – he became known and respected throughout the South of England as the doyen of his profession. His voice was heard weekly in the Chichester Market, and he taught me all I know about pigs – we had a case on together once, which turned on the difference between a Large White an English Large White and a Middle White – or perhaps it was a Gloucester Saddleback?

Henry's firm, Wyatt and Son, was in the van of the rush to merge with Insurance companies, and when that arrangement came to an end, Henry, with Simon Lush, was instrumental in setting up the firm which now bears his name, "Henry Adams". What a fitting tribute to Henry it is to see this name throughout the South of England, and to know that his son David should now be the firm's managing partner.

Henry loved his food and drink, but with limitations – more accurately he loved his beer, his beef and his cheese. With my brother, Richard, and the late Tony Kimbell, Henry actually ran for some years a meat company know as "Mikado" – Kimbell, Adams, Doman. The principal limitation was his all consuming dislike of onions. Richard, who was very close to Henry, but who, sadly, is in hospital and cannot be here today, remembers how an evening's celebration was totally spoiled when the eagerly anticipated chateaubriand was brought to the table smothered in onions.

And Henry loved to share his passion with others. In December, Henry's garage and Pat's kitchen were a maelstrom of activity. When Henry produced his huge notebook, woe betide you if you did not order, at the very least, a turkey and a quantity of cheese. And If you weren't careful, you could find that you had bought a whole Stilton! And there were other times when Henry's keen interest in English food manifested itself. Some travellers to Portugal pack spare underwear, but not Henry – he packed rashers of bacon and a whole ham!

Henry threw himself into local affairs. He was a member and Chairman of Chichester Round Table, a founder member and President of the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory. He was a very active Rotarian – for many years he was Race Director of the annual 10k race, and you saw him every Christmas collecting at Chichester Cross – in fact it was very difficult to walk past him! He was the longstanding Chairman of the Westhampnett

*Henry the dashing young man. Most of us got to know him in the autumn of his days, when he was at his wisest and ripest.*



## HENRY ADAMS

Parish Council – you may have seen his recent letter in the local paper expressing his, and the Council's, concerns at the proposed development in the parish. He was a much loved and respected member of the Arundel Prosecuting Society. He was one of the first, if not the first, to accept Penny Hardwick's invitation to be a trustee of Lodge Hill. For many years he was a governor of Oakwood School, and, as you would expect, his was a wise and powerful voice at Board meetings.

Henry met Pat in 1955 – it was actually a blind date. They were married in 1961 and celebrated their Golden Wedding two years ago. Henry once said to me that marrying Pat was the best thing he ever did – and what a wonderful tribute that is. Henry was a marvellous husband to Pat, father to David and Fiona, father-in-law to Paula and John, and grandfather to Megan, Lily, Scarlett, Ruby and Frank. David and Fiona speak of the huge and unwavering support he gave them in their teens and twenties. His family meant the world to him, and he was an inspiration to his family.

Henry was a strong churchman and a regular member of the congregation in this church. David and Fiona remember that Sunday meant “church, chores, garden, walk, roast”. Oddly, Henry last came into this church on the Tuesday before he died – to hear a concert by the “Mid Jazz Sandwich” – which, I understand, he much enjoyed.

Henry loved travelling, and he and Pat went to Alaska, New Zealand, South Africa, Qatar – where they visited my brother Richard – and the USA. In fact they sailed to America on the QE2 and flew back on Concord. But the traveller's roots were in the English countryside. He loved Hampshire, where he was born, Derbyshire, where he spent the war years and where the family has a holiday home, and West Sussex where he lived and worked for so many years – but at the top of that list is Hampshire. Henry never lost his love for that county and its sporting traditions.

The volume of noise at Southampton's home matches will never be the same again, and how fitting that Henry died just after he and his friend, Geoff Hardstaff, had watched Hampshire beat Essex in the last over of their T20 match at the Rose Bowl.

Henry was kind, loving, outspoken, larger than life and utterly loyal to his friends, of whom I was privileged to be one. Thank you, Henry, for everything. We will all miss you – very much.

*Henry at last year's Beaujolais Luncheon, the only man there who got to dance with Les Girls!*



## CLUB DIARY 2013

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 2	Council	Mike Dennett		6pm
Wed 4	Sue Tinney – World Vision International Children's Charity	The Park	Henry Adams Rob Simpson	
Wed 11	Business meeting	The Park	Doug Minto Geoff Hardstaff	
Wed 18	TBA	The Park	Ritchie Stevenson John Watkins	
Wed 25	TBA	The Park	Bob Syme Malcolm Wells	
Sat 28/ Sun29	District Conference	Eastbourne		

### OCTOBER

Wed 2	TBA	The Park	David Bevan-Thomas John Pressdee	
Mon 7	Council	Mike Dennett		6pm
Wed 9	Ambassadorial Scholars	The Park	Bill Bullen Tony Hardwick	Tri-Club (Harbour) 6.30 for 7.00pm £10 pp
Wed 16	Business meeting	The Park	Mike Harvey Bernard Stoneham	
Thurs 17	Membership information evening	The Park	Paula Ball	TBA
Wed 23	TBA	The Park	Graham Jessop Peter Haydn-Jones	
Thurs 24	District Council	Horsham		
Wed 30	TBA	The Park	John Bumfrey Don Milton	

### NOVEMBER

Mon 4	Council	Mike Dennett		6pm
Wed 6	TBA	The Park	Tony Kerly Mike Clark	
Wed 13	Business Meeting/SGM		Mike Foyle Colin Kaye	
Wed 20	No Meeting			
Thurs 21	Beaujolais	Pallant suite		Including partners
Wed 27	Charter Dinner	The Park	Dave Hutchings Steve Gingell	Including partners

### DECEMBER

Mon 2	Council	Mike Dennett		6pm
Wed 4	? Carol Service TBA	? Lavant		Including partners
Tues 10	Bridging Generations Christmas lunch	Chichester College	Mike Harvey	
Wed 11	Business meeting	The Park	Paula Ball John Hodge	
Wed 18	Christmas party	The Park	Mike Turner Jules Moores	Including partners
Wed 25	No meeting			



# ROTARY

## ANYBODY FOR WINE TASTING?

"Whilst driving through Halnaker, Jill and I noticed a sign "*Wine Tasting*" at the junction of Tinwood lane, just past the *Anglesy Arms*. This relates to the *Tinwood Vineyards* on the Tinwood estate planted by Art Tukker (a well-known name in the farming community) from 2008.

Their tasting room has just been opened and Art and his partner, Jody, would welcome the opportunity to arrange a tasting for our Club. The best time appears to be on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon towards the end of September. This is just before they harvest the grapes in the second week of October, which are then transported to a vineyard near Brighton for processing. No wine is made on the premises.

The tasting takes about 1 ½ - 2 hours. The cost is £14.95 per person and includes an introductory talk, a tour of the vineyards (weather permitting) and tasting their sparkling white wine plus canapés. The maximum they can take at one tasting is 20. Please let me know if you are interested and I will make a provisional booking if we have a minimum of say 15. Further details are available on their website".

If you are interested, please let Neil Brame know as soon as possible.

## END POLIO

Bernard Stoneham has confirmed that on Monday 19th August at 8.00pm on Channel 4 there is a documentary focused on Polio, a subject of continued importance to Rotary. Please type in the following address to view an on-line trailer about the programme: <http://vimeo.com/70556953>

## CAPTION COMPETITION

The photograph of Mike Harvey's confrontation with an irate driver, taken during this year's 10K road race, was the subject of the May 2013 caption competition. Your Editor adjudged the following entries to be the best suggestions, which are printed here in no particular order.



### Mike to Motorist:

*"You won't get past me,  
They've superglued me to  
the road!"*

### Motorist to Mike:

*"But, you've got to let  
me through,  
I'm the Lead Car!"*

### Mike to Motorist:

*"I'm glad I put my  
bicycle clips on!"*