DARTS DELIGHT.

Our intrepid sportsmen (John Rowlinson, Mike Hurley, Ken Trowbridge, Bob Mussellwhite, David Sanders and David Spencer) gathered at the Golden Lion at Southwick for the Friendly District Sports 2nd Round Darts between the Rotary Club of Fareham and the Rotary Club of Fareham Meon.

The contest comprises 6 in a team – 9 matches – first to 5 6, best of 3, singles matches and 3 straight doubles.

The battle commenced!

Ken Trowbridge, Dave Spencer, David Sanders all started slowly but by determined and strategic playing sneaked past their opponents to win. 3 – 0 up….easy peasy!

John Rowlinson and Bob Mussellwhite skilfully ensured that the contest kept on an even keel by coming second in their games, with a magnificent score of 3 -2.

Mike Hurley finished well so the team went into the sandwich break needing only 1 win from the 3 doubles matches. The excitement rippled round the assembled crowds

Ken and Dave duly obliged, coming from behind, with Dave hitting the double 16 with no trouble - job done – pressure off.

David and John were beaten but Bob and Mike finished well.

Final result was a 6 – 3 victory.

Well done lads- we are proud of you!

The good news – if we are drawn at home we’ll go back to the Golden Lion

The bad news – if we are drawn away, we could be playing Wareham, Andover or
somewhere on the Isle of Wight - Bring it on!

Mike Hurley.

Where I Live

A is for ALVERSTOKE –

Noted for:

“This home of retired Admirals” (habitual press description) and in very many cases their last resting place. The Alverstocracy – present and retired Admirals and Senior ranks are automatically included (and many are actively engaged in civic duties too), and Angleseyville – Robert Cruickshank’s ambitious enterprise in 1828 to create a superior watering place following the fashion for sea bathing began by George III Stokes Bay – with its special unspoilt character owed to its past as an area of military defence so that no housing was permitted. Stretching from No.2 battery in the west to Fort Gilkicker it includes a wonderful unspoilt natural area to the east; enjoys shelter from the Isle of Wight; safe bathing (not too keen on the pebbles though!).

Also noteworthy as it was the site of the construction of the many of the caissons for the Mulberry Harbours – which were towed to Normandy where they were sunk to provide the Harbour for D Day landings. (1600 men were employed to complete these caissons – each 20ft high and 2000 tons) The Canadian Infantry Division left from here for Juno Bay – and are commemorated in a plaque on the promenade.

Adjoining Gosport Town and being part of the Gosport BC, actually Alverstoke has been settled since Anglo Saxon times (it predates the small fishing hamlet of Gosport) was mentioned in the Domesday Book and was in its day a very extensive agricultural area. It could well have been Alverstoke (and Gosport) UDC – it was a close thing. Whether this would have saved the area from its then Council’s determined 1950 onslaught on anything of remotely historical interest that the Luftwaffe had failed to reduce to rubble remains unknown – indeed it seems that the then dilapidated looking Crescent was down for demolition but only spared when it was calculated that the cost of demolition substantially exceeded the land value (the Bath House and Reading Room in Crescent Garden opposite were not so lucky)

The Village itself still retains a “village feel” despite closure of many shops and several pubs. Obviously changed greatly from Anglo Saxon Times! But it still conforms to the typical pattern of that period – with St Mary’s Church constructed on the highest point in the area. Actually it is all relative as the area is so flat that finding a place for a hill start in the driving test proved impossible. Cycles are by far the most popular form of transport for old and young.

Yes, it is off the beaten track; it will – one suspects - never achieve fame as a holiday resort and not even Estate Agents can praise its road links to Fareham. But I have never, ever regretted leaving Catisfield Road for Crescent Road some 23 years ago.

Final verdict: Alverstoke - triple AAA.

Murray (Not a member of the Alverstocracy!)

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS LUNCH

We have 19 Paul Harris Fellows in the Club. They were all circulated about the above taking place on the 25th of March 2012 at the Wessex Hotel in Bournemouth. We have a deadline for sending an application for tickets
on the 28th of February. As the demand is likely to exceed the spaces available we were advised to make an early application. So far I have received only 2 applications for tickets and one apology. Please let me have a response as soon as possible so that I can deal with this on behalf of the Club. Kind regards. Mike Swinburne

The News 4th January

Thanks from Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Fareham has thanked people in Fareham who helped raise thousands of pounds throughout December. Collections took place at Sainsbury's Broadcut and in Fareham Shopping Centre. Over a five day period, a total of £2,790 was raised.

The money will be used to further work in the community, in particular with Stubbington Study Centre, the Rainbow Centre, KidsOut and Hearing Dogs for the deaf.

To learn more about the Rotary, visit farehamrotary.com or call 01329 234537.

Letter of Thanks

The following letter was received from Stubbington Study Centre.

I am writing to thank the Rotary Club for their generous donation of £275, which we were very grateful to receive.

Learning outside the classroom experiences, such as those we provide, have been shown to contribute significantly to raising standards and improving pupils’ personal, social and emotional development.

Sadly there is no shortage of pupils whose families struggle to meet the costs of such valuable experiences. Your contribution will be put to good use, subsidising the cost of a trip to our centre for individual children from deprived backgrounds.

Thank you for making a difference

Yours sincerely
Signed
James Scarborough, Head of Centre

Rotary Day -
23rd February 2012

We are looking to celebrating this special day in partnership with the Rotary Club of Fareham Meon. It is proposed that we stage a specific, short event in West Street pedestrianized area for perhaps the lunch-time period. On our behalf, Vice President Pam Bryant has booked the Podium. Fareham Meon has contact with a small jazz band who have indicated their availability to play on that day.

Whilst the band plays Rotarians from each Club, wearing Rotary tabards, will hand out leaflets and answer questions from the public. This is not a fund raising exercise – buckets will not be required!

The prime function is to gain publicity for Rotary, so suitable information material will be used to decorate the podium. The whole event will last not more than an hour and a half. More details will be made available as and when known.

Wishing Well

This banner is the latest design chosen to grace the wishing Well for a period of three months. Readers will remember that a different worthy cause will be selected for each quarter year in order that the Well has a changing visual impact on passers-by – a marketing strategy to extract the last coin from deep pockets!

Try this

I’ve seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I’ve seen it with numbers.

Check to see how strong your mind is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have strong mind.

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Micro Credit – A ‘hand up’, not a ‘hand out’.

John Rowlinson presented the following topic for discussion at last Council meeting – perhaps others may wish to know more?

1 Micro-credit is a system by which repayable loans are granted to the poorest of the poor, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

2 The system has been operating for some 30 years and has been instrumental in launching some dramatic local business initiatives.

3 Loan repayments are approaching a remarkable 98% thus enabling donated funds to be reused.

4 One of the most reputable channels for managing the funding process is Opportunities International. Dr Shirley Varnish (who spoke to our Club some time ago) tells us that they are endorsed by UN aid organisations and by Messrs Clinton and Gates.

5 Opportunity International are currently focussing their efforts in Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda.

6 Our Club could, by the end of this Rotary year, allocate between £2000 and £2500 to Micro Credit.

How could we deploy that money?

There are various ways:-

1 We could donate the money to OI and earn ourselves a polite ‘thank you’ letter – BUT

2 With a gift of £5,000 + OI will set up a Trust bank in a defined community within one of the countries and the donor has an automatic link with that community and is able to receive periodic reports on the efficacy of ‘their’ bank.

3 Should we try to seek out a partner Club together with whom we could achieve the £5,000 threshold?

4 OI may be able to identify a Rotary Club in a similar position to ours and we could then join forces.

Think about it!

Congratulations!

On Wednesday 18th January I was invited to attend the 30th Anniversary Dinner of our Daughter Club, Fareham Meon. Fareham Meon was born at the Charter Presentation Dinner held at the Meon Valley Golf and Country Club on 29th January 1982. Her ‘mum’ was a sprightly 36 year old in the form of the Rotary Club of Fareham. We have watched our daughter grow and flourish over the years. The current President, Graham Laurence, is half way through his second year and is ably assisted by his wife Rotarian Jane Laurence. Graham and Jane are both IT whiz kids and ex-employees of IBM.

We enjoyed a very good meal provided by Lysses House and you could not get another person into the upstairs dining room. After the meal and the formalities we were given a very interesting (even for me, who is not a cricket fan!) talk by a renown Test cricketer Mr Amis MBE. His talk was very amusing giving an insight on what goes on off the crease. He also spoke of some of the great characters of cricket, about whom even I had heard.

District Governor Caroline Millman spoke and wished the Club all the best for the next 30 years. Our own Linda Ingram spoke on behalf of Mother. Geoff Hillam was also present, being the President of the mother club at the time of birth. Who better than a doctor to be present at such an occasion!

PDG Brian Ray gave a short address on the major events of the past 30 years and said that a 60 page booklet over which he had laboured for many months was now available at the end of the meeting. I was given a copy which had been printed by Club member Derrick Oswald. It spans year by year the activities of the Club and gives a very good picture of the Club’s notable history. It lists the founder members and also the current members, and shows that they have as many Paul Harris Fellows as our Club. I hope they will be well represented at the forthcoming PHF lunch.

Talking of families, we, as the Rotary Club of Fareham have three daughters – Locks Heath, Petersfield, and the youngest – Fareham Meon, who has Whiteley as a daughter. Our Mother Club is Gosport, and her mother is Portsmouth – now Portsmouth and Southsea. And all this started in 1917!

A report by Mike Swinburne.
Our Speaker

Our speaker for 16th February has been arranged by Murray Bell, who writes the following introduction.

Chris Munns has kindly agreed to be the speaker - ex RN submariner and I hope he'll speak on life in a Nuclear Sub, comparing it with life on board HMS Alliance (the sub in the submarine museum). He is well qualified to talk on both as he is currently the director of the Museum.

YOUTH SPEAKS

Last night, on the 24th of January, the Club combined with two of our daughters, Fareham Meon and Locksheath to stage this year's Club round of Youth Speaks. I have to say that the bulk of the organisation and administration was carried out by our Club, fronted by John Landaw.

This was the occasion when the young people of Fareham showed to us their eloquence and mastery of subjects they had chosen to speak on. There were six teams comprising two Seniors and 4 Intermediate teams. The Schools being represented were West Hill Park School with three teams Wykeham House School with three teams. All of the teams did extremely well speaking on a wide range of subjects varying from "How to survive School" to "Teenagers aren't all bad."

To avoid the risk that speakers might learn their addresses off 'parrot fashion,' they were faced with a completely unprepared question posed by one of the audience. Speaking as one of the questioners, it's difficult to pose a question out of the blue which has some relevance to the subject you have just heard.

All of the teams did really well and it gave the judges, comprising Heather Carling (a professional on the subject of Public Speaking), The Mayor, Cllr, Trevor Cartwright MBE and PDG Brian Ray of the Fareham Meon Club - a difficult task.

Following their deliberations it was decided that the following were the results:

SENIORS:
Wykeham House School A Team, speaking of "Teenagers aren't all bad."

Alice Morley, Hannah Brown, Sasha Ford

INTERMEDIATE:
West Hill Park School A Team, speaking on "Onward and Upward," relating to the Olympic Games.

Rufus Briggs, Phoebe Devonshire, Christopher Hurren.

The winning teams were presented with their cups and all teams and members of those teams were presented with certificates. Heather Carling, after informing those present of the winners, gave some useful tips on Public Speaking which we should all take to heart! At the conclusion John thanked all taking part including the Time Keepers who found that none of the Speakers had overrun their allotted times. A wonderful evening and full credit must go to John Landaw for his organisation of the event and the immaculate paperwork.

Story - Mike Swinburne
Pictures - Brian Ray – Meon.

From Whiteley Club

Hi Fellow Rotarians

During the Group 7 Meeting I mentioned that Rotary would be holding a ‘School Dinners’ evening on the 3rd March in Whiteley Community Centre. This promises to be an excellent fun evening with an opportunity to re-live those memorable school dinners we all used to enjoy. The evening will also include some unmissable entertainment. So why not organize a group from your club, dig out that old school uniform which I’m sure still fits and come along. Look forward to seeing you there.

Regards Phil Talbot
Good news from India –

Polio eradication.

On 13th of this month, India celebrated the achievement of no Polio status between 13th Jan 2011 till 13th Jan 2012. A year of no Polio in India Many will not know the magnitude of work that had gone in to help India to get rid of Polio. I thought this DATA may be a useful information:

Number of Children Immunised during the last NID: 174 Million in a day.
Number of Immunisation Booths in India: 709,000
Polio Doses Mobilised during NID........: 225 Million Doses
No. of Houses visited the following Day:
209 Million Houses
Volunteers Mobilised to man the Booths........ 2.5 Million
Number of Rotarians in India: 109,000
Number of Rotary Districts in India.............: 31
Number of Immunisation Booths in Salem........: 159
No. of Children Immunised in Salem Corp........: 167,397

at each NID
Amount Spent by Government of India............US D 2,670,000,000 approx
Amount spent by Rotary International...............: US D 142,000,000 Approx.
Amount spent By UNICEF, WHO: Others Org........: Not available
There has been a reduction in Polio occurrence in India from 150,000 cases in the year 1985 to NIL status in 27 years. This was possible due to sustained efforts by The Rotary International, Rotarians in India and the Government of India.

An Italian Mama

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner. He lives with a female roommate, Maria. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate is. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye.

Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates."
About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"
"Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure."
So he sat down and wrote an email:
Dear Mama,
I'm not saying that you "did" take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you "did not" take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.
Your Loving Son Anthony
Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mama which read:
Dear son,
I'm not saying that you "do" sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.
Your Loving Mama.

Moral:-
Don’t mess with your mama
Thanks to Mike Eastwood

Notices....................

The Rotary Club of Bournemouth North has changed venue with immediate effect. They now meet at:
The Royal Hants Club, Roslin Road South, Bournemouth, BH3 7EF

Meeting times:
1st. Tuesday - 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m., 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. Tuesdays, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m., 5th Tuesday, contact Secretary. No meetings after Bank Holidays except for May Day.

The Rotary Club of Ringwood
Please note that as from Tuesday 6 March our meeting venue will be:-
St Leonards Hotel
185, Ringwood Road
St. Leonards
Ringwood BH24 2NP
Meeting on Tuesday 12.45 (2nd & 4th), 18.30 1st & 3rd) --unchanged.
5th Tuesday --contact the Secretary.
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‘What does yours look like?’
The second man replies ‘It doesn’t matter, let’s just look for yours’.
From John Gauntlett.

Cabourg 2012.
A message from John Rowlinson.
The dates for our return visit to Cabourg have been set for 15/16/17 June 2012. Our French hosts tell me that this is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Exchange and I suspect that they intend to make the week-end something special. At Lunch on the next two Thursdays, I intend to circulate a board asking members to indicate whether or not they intend to partake of the merriment. You have been warned!!

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DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR –
Please get the date fixed in your diaries
Thursday 1st March 2012
6.30pm - 9.15pm
at Crosfield Hall, Romsey

All Rotarians welcome. Please encourage all current and incoming officers and committee chairman as well as the Club Foundation Chairman to attend.
An interesting evening is promised covering the exciting way forward for the Rotary Foundation under
The FUTURE VISION PLAN
and interesting speakers about ROTARY and PEACE

Life’s like that!
A married couple had been out shopping at the mall for most of the afternoon, suddenly, the wife realized that her husband "disappeared"
The somewhat irate spouse called her mate’s cell phone and demanded: Where the hell are you?
Husband: Darling you remember that Jewellery shop where you saw the Diamond Necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money that time and said Baby it'll be yours one day.

Wife, with a smile blushing:
Yes, I remember that my love.

Husband: Well, I’m in the Pub next to that shop.

Thanks to Chris Thomas
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation an additional US$50 million grant for polio eradication. The Gates Foundation awarded challenge grants to The Rotary Foundation in 2008 and 2009, totalling $355 million, to help end polio. In response, Rotary committed to raising a total of $200 million by 30 June 2012. The new $50 million grant from the Gates Foundation, which is not a challenge grant, is in recognition of Rotary’s early achievement of the $200 million milestone and of the need for continued funding support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

### What are the terms of the new grant?
The $50 million Gates Foundation grant is not a challenge grant, so Rotary will not be required to raise matching funds. Funds from the grant will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation to the most critical polio-affected countries, primarily through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities.

### How will the grant be used?
Rotary works with the other spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to determine how funds can be best used to reach the goals of the program.

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- Operational Support Costs $281.16 (56%)
- Surveillance $105.23 (21%)
- Social Mobilization $44.81 (9%)
- Technical Assistance $42.11 (8%)
- Research $16.37 (3%)*
- Vaccine $10.15 (2%)
- Administrative Grants to National PolioPlus Committees $2.56 (1%)

*The terms of the Gates Challenge Grant include a small component of funding for research. Rotary (PolioPlus) has not traditionally funded research.*

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Rotary celebrates India’s first polio-free year, but cautions the job is not yet finished.

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RIBI Pres Burman with Polio Bear

The following page is a copy taken from the ‘Lekhon’, the newsletter of our sister club in Salt Lake City. Our own Secretary, Roger Esnault spoke to the club during his recent visit to India, where he went to tie up the loose ends of the Matching Grant between Fareham and Salt Lake.
This is an English saying that has come to sum up something that is good and bad in parts. That I suppose summed up my feelings after our joint inspection visit to the Nandigram School Matching Grant Project.

Having experienced the journey and the state of the roads, the first thing that struck me, quite forcefully, was how grateful we should be to Salt Lake Central Rotarians for agreeing to manage our joint projects in such a rural area that is so difficult to reach!

The school generally did not look very different to the photographs taken two years ago by your last visitors from Fareham. There had been some rendering work and clearly the builders were still in residence. However, my spirits rose when we arrived at the ‘Science room’ now marked by an impressive marble plaque, dated May 2011, commemorating Rotary’s contribution. But when we went inside my heart sank into my boots. The equipment provided by Rotary two years ago was still spread out on tables under plastic and clearly most of it was not being used. Work was going on to finish the room. We were told that school had faced some turmoil. There had been changes of Headmaster, School Committee and administration and a change of government on top of all that. The school had not yet succeeded in getting the essential Education Department inspection and course approval. Until that was done no science teacher could be appointed.

The new female toilet block however shone out in sharp contrast. Fully functional, tiled, painted and also emblazoned with an impressive marble commemorative plaque. It was a joy to behold. A great credit to Rotarians Swapan, Santanu and other members who were involved. It will be super if they are as successful in completing our joint projects at the school by getting the pumped water contracts allocated and finished to the same high standard.

Back in Kolkata I was impressed by the way everyone tried to work together to move things along. Rotarian Swapan was willing to monitor and assist the School’s progress towards a staff appointment whilst also organising the Pumped water project. Taking this into account a joint Inspection report was produced approving the issue of a completion declaration for Foundation in respect of the ‘Science equipment and toilet block’ Matching Grant. In another example of Rotary Partnership, and to avoid the Nandigram Hospital Grant project being delayed any further RC Salt Lake Central and RC Laban Hrad agreed to swap roles.

As you can see our visit to Kolkata hosted by our friends Rotarian Sam and his wife Nandini turned out to be fairly hectic. We will always remember the warmth of your welcome and your generous hospitality. I look forward to hearing that the Completion Report for the School Project has been accepted; that the water supply has been completed; that the Education Department inspection has taken place successfully and that the revised Hospital Project application has been submitted and agreed.

Curates Egg?
Now, I feel that the way that we were able to work together in partnership to overcome the unexpected obstacles shows that, with goodwill, together we will achieve our goals.