

The Rotary Club of Havant

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- Jenny with harpist Elizabeth-Jane Baldry, who played at her President's dinner. See p3

Havant club President: Jenny Edgell, in District 1110 Rotary Wessex.
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From the President

So, what DO Rotarians do? Well, here's what Havant Rotary Club did in 2017 to 2018, which was the 60th anniversary year of the granting of our charter.

The speaker at the dinner to celebrate was Sir John Timpson, who spoke eloquently about his late wife and their 90 "looked after" children.

A 60-year history was compiled and published as a book; and 14 long service certificates were presented which represented 504 years of service to Rotary and the community.

In addition, the Havant Trail plaques, sponsored and out up by the club were refurbished.

Sir John was one of 20 speakers who entertained and informed us at our weekly meetings which are lively affairs, where friendly people discuss why's, wherefores and the general state of everything, with a good dose of humour thrown in.

We have raised an impressive amount of £16,246, of which £9,872 was from the people of Havant through street, shop, sleigh collections, special donations and from other fundraising activities, usually involving fun and laughter, and £4,945 directly from members themselves.

We distributed a total of £15,554, of which £7,694 was sent overseas and £7,860 used in Havant area. This included a substantial donation to Southern Domestic Abuse Service, my chosen charity for the year.

We have sponsored 22 young people to enter both "Young Chef" and "Youth Speaks" Rotary competitions, helping us keep us in touch with the wonderful young people of Havant.

Many club social events have confirmed friendships and fun and include a weekend away, a harp recital by Elizabeth Jane Baldry, entertainment by local youngsters and a sail on Emsworth's old oyster boat Terror around Chichester Harbour.

My year as President has sped by leaving many memories and its success is due to you, all the members of Havant Rotary. By giving freely of your time and skills and using your organisational efforts, you have made a real difference to the world around us. Thank you.



Jenny Edgell

President's Night guests entertained by harpist

Wine, food, music and fellowship all combined to create a successful President's evening for Havant Rotary. Among those who attended the event at the Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island, were our first lady Jenny, the Mayor Coun Elaine Shimbart and her consort and husband Gerry, the Rotary District Governor Mike Chapman, the President of Havant Inner Wheel Mo Valentine, and Rotarians from the clubs of Chichester Harbour, Cosham, and the new Rotary Social Innovation South East Hampshire and South Wiltshire.



• **Time to talk:**
Above a general view of the event at the Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island. Below, John and Keith run the raffle draw



The music, with fascinating commentary, was provided by harpist and composer Elizabeth Jane Baldry who presents about 50 performances a year from recitals to weddings and funerals. She is also the only harpist in the world to perform live music to cinema screenings of early film.

The President's chosen charity this year is the Southern Domestic Abuse Service which is aiming to raise £1m for its own refuge in the Havant area. So far it has reached the £250,000 mark.

She presented a cheque for £2,000 to the service's representative Claire Lambon towards a specially designated quiet room in the new refuge where troubled women would be able to sit in peace. This sum was raised from the Quiz evening, the Havant Rotary sponsored Christmas Carol Service at St Faith's, the

club Christmas card donations and topped up from the Presidents Charity fund.

The £2,000 was augmented by a further £415 raised from the evening's raffle and £130 donated by Elizabeth-Jane.

Every member played part in successful year

Although the Fundraising team took the credit, the whole of Havant Rotary are the true Fundraisers. This is probably why the next Rotary year will operate without a dedicated Fundraising team. I looked around at members at meetings and

didn't see a single one who hadn't in one way or another contributed to what was a successful Rotary year. a pat on the back for your support. Keith Morley, Fundraising Committee chairman.

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Rotary at work

A special thank you was given to Havant Rotarians when QA Hospital consultant urologist Lemke Solomon came to speak to the club on Prostrate cancer.

During his excellent talk, Mr Solomon expressed gratitude for the donations which had helped the Rocky Appeal to reach its £2.4 million target to bring the life-saving laparoscopic Da Vinci Robot to QA Hospital.

Fundraising for robotic surgery began in 2014, and has since seen thousands of people in the local community contributing to the campaign. The robot has



• **Helping hand:** A cheque from Havant Rotary has enabled Olivia Bauer, pictured above with President Jenny, reach her target needed to work to improve the lives of the poor in a Tanzanian village near the capital of Dodoma.

Olivia, 18, lives on Hayling Island and is awaiting her A-level results. She has a place at Liverpool University studying Law starting in September 2018. She will be joining the International Citizen Service (ICO) which is part of VSO and overseen by Dept. for International Development.

Olivia has raised funds by taking part in a local 10k run, creating a TXT link and through contacting the schools in Hayling to hold events. Nigel Tallyour

Missed meals now charged

Please let Steve know by Sunday if you cannot attend a Monday meeting as the Bear is now charging for missed meals on Mondays. Members who have not notified Steve of their absence will now have to pay for their dinner.

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Consultant Urologist thanks club

performed over 1,000 surgeries on patients with a variety of conditions from neurological to colorectal, and has helped the Portsmouth Hospital Trust become a centre of excellence in Europe for robotic keyhole surgery. Not only has the Da Vinci Robot target been achieved, but the trust has also been able to purchase new remote-training equipment which will help it to become a centre of excellence for robotic surgery training.

TOOLS IN ANY CONDITION WELCOMED

Good quality tradesmen's tools in good or poor condition are welcomed by Tools for Self-Reliance (TFSR).

The organisation, which the club has supported for several years, has partners in Africa to whom they send tools in response to requests. They have the facilities at Netley Marsh to repair any they receive, and also welcome tools that can be broken down and use as spares.

I am willing to collect any tools that anyone may wish to donate and take them to Netley Marsh.

Robert Winnicott



Rotary fleet sets sail with pupils

Eighty-two children from seven special schools took to the water last month courtesy of the Sussex fleet of Rotary's International Yachting Fellowship.

An annual event, it was organised by Havant Rotarian John Blake, the 30th he has run since its inception 37 years ago. Alan Davies was also among the volunteers.

Twenty-eight boats took part from Northney, Itchenor and Chichester to East Head. The event gave the children a chance to experience being on the water, some even talking the helm, and they had a picnic on board.

The day ended for volunteers and Rotarian guests with a fish and chip supper at Itchenor Sailing Club. This was followed by board yacht racing when participants could buy a yacht for each race and/or bet on the tote.

- Day afloat: Rotary's Sussex fleet in action

Long-lasting friendship forged

Through Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE), many members of the Havant club have hosted visiting Rotarians and been involved in visits to Districts elsewhere in the Rotary world. In 2011 members hosted Rotarians from Rotary Club of Pompei in Naples. For Jan and I, this established an ongoing friendship with Alberto and Patricia Lezzi and we have visited them several times since then.

Imagine our surprise and delight when we received a phone call to say that they were calling in at Southampton on a cruise and wanted us to spend the day with them. A visit to Exbury, Beau-



lieu and Bucklers Hard ensued on a perfect sunny day.

Sadly RFE is no longer a formal Rotary International project and our District has not continued with the programme.

Derek Holmes

Rotary marshals at parade



Emworth's St. George's Day Parade was a spectacular and moving occasion. The Band of the Royal Artillery looking splendid in their Number one (Blues) uniforms and were followed by 16 Regiment Royal Artillery based at Thorney Island. Last but by no means least came the Veterans following the flag bearers from various branches of the British Legion looking splendid in their blazers and medals.

The salute was taken by the regiment's Colonel and the Mayor of Havant Elaine Shimbart. This was followed by a moving service conducted by the Rev Andrew Sheard, Rector of Warblington with Emsworth.

The weather stayed dry, although slightly chilly. A well-behaved audience packed Emsworth Square, and were marshalled by eight Havant Rotarians who assisted the Army charity collectors. Although there wasn't much for Rotarians to do, it was an excellent PR exercise.

Keith Morley

- St George's Day line-up: Rotarians with Coun. Lulu Bowerman and the Mayor and consort, Couns Elaine and Gerry Shimbart



- Men at work: Bill and Richard enjoy one of two sessions allocated to the club learning how to cook with Kenwood's new cooking chef machine, at the company's Havant base. Participants (not only men) cooked a three-course meal. They made a starter of beetroot pate, risotto and fabulous profiteroles.

Out and about



- **Living history: Jenny and Nigel take a turn at the helm on Emsworth's last oyster boat *Terror***

Two amazing summer days in May saw members on *Terror*, Emsworth's 123 year old oyster boat. Day one showed up windy and bright and so the sail was reefed to balance the boat better. She sped up the channel to Hayling Island Sailing Club with Bill and Marion Taylor steering and Nigel Tailyour pulling the ropes. Chris and Roxane Heath had a great time steering the boat as the wind built up. A bracing day!

The following day was sunny and calmer so a full sail was rigged and Alan Davis helmed with Vickie King helping too. President Jenny used local knowledge to point out some local sights that she

Oyster boat outing holds no *Terror*

remembered from her childhood. Please book a trip on the *Terror*. She is the last of the Emsworth Oyster boats and a charity. Find details at www.theoysterboatterror.org.uk

Nigel Tailyour

Members enjoy Cotswold break

A party of 23 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a two-night stay at Charing Worth Manor in the Cotswolds recently.

As well as enjoying the surrounding countryside, they gathered on the first evening for a party in John Blake's suite (kindly allocated by the management as



the visit organiser). On the second evening the group enjoyed a four-course meal in the private dining room.

- *Some guests are pictured above.*

Successful year reported

An edited version of Committee reports to the annual meeting:

Havant Rotary had an enviable reputation across District 1110 for its vibrancy and friendliness, the President Jenny Edgell, reported at the annual meeting. She said this was evident at our 60th anniversary Charter Dinner at which the eminent Sir John Timpson spoke about his business and personal life.



She had been involved in a busy year for the club which included Christmas fundraising, support for many young people, and visiting many organisations and schools. Interesting speakers had attended weekly meetings. This would all have been impossible without the hard work of the club officers and members. It was reported that numerous activities and tasks were carried out by the **Club Service Committee** (*chairman Chris Robertson*). The almoner kept in touch with those members who were unwell, the archivist and historian had added another ten years to the 50-year history book to celebrate 60 years of the granting of the club's charter, attendance monitored, assets assessed, RIBI insurance details checked, attendance and club meals were monitored and the members' handbook kept updated. In addition, sports activities and social events had been arranged, and long service awards instigated.



The **Fundraising Committee** report (*chairman Keith Morley*) said that the Christmas charity collection produced £10,604.25, with the

payment to Inner Wheel of £1,798.38 giving a net total of £8,805.87.

Expenses toward sleigh upkeep and maintenance totalled £464 but this was defrayed with Waitrose's donation. The Christmas card board income was donated to the Southern Domestic Abuse Service. The first Joker draw netted useful funds and the second smaller Joker draw was under way.

The club supplied a fundraiser to the Havant Men's shed, when theirs was taken ill. Fundraising has all the necessary paperwork regarding the 2018 Christmas collections in place.

Nine students from four local secondary schools, took part in our club round in of the national Rotary Young Chef competition in November it was reported by the **Youth Service Committee** (*chairman Vicki King*). Two candidates went on to the District round, and one to the regional round.

As lead club in Group S7 in the District, it was decided to resurrect our participation in Youth Speaks and had five teams competing in the first of the two local rounds we organised.



Two trips were arranged for Young Carers. Financial support was given to fund three new Girlguiding groups in Leigh Park. We took part in Kids Day Out, assessed young people for the Lamont Young Person of the Year Award, and conducted mock interviews and prefect interviews at Warblington School.

This year had been challenging for the **International and Foundation Committee** (*chairman Nigel Tailyour*) because of illness and absence. However with the club's help there were two excellent col-

Club matters

at club's annual meeting

lections at Tesco, one for the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar and the other for hurricane victims in Central America. We raised funds for ShelterBoxes and we



swamped Viv Williams's house in November with Shoeboxes. The sum of £960 was allocated to the Literacy Box appeal and the club donated an additional three boxes,

The club took part in the apple pressing event during the Emsworth Food Fort-night, it was reported by the **Community Service and Vocational Committee** (chairman Shelagh Moore).

The annual Drive Out with Inner Wheel was well supported by members, we provided marshals for the switching on of the Emsworth Christmas lights, and we sponsored the Carol Service at St Faith's. The collection from the Christmas Card Board meant that we would give a cheque to the Southern Domestic Abuse Service for their much-needed work, and we provided marshals for the St George's Day Parade.

We had supported the Beacon Food Bank, an individual family to stay together; Meals at Christmas for those in need; Havant Music Festival, Angel Radio, Havant's Men's Shed, Step by Step, and Heritage Stream.

Two attempts to hold recruitment event had to be cancelled due to lack of re-

sponse reported the **Communications and Membership Committee** (chairman Stuart Moore).

This was despite extending the publicity campaign to include paid adverts, sending 60 personally addressed letters to contacts and businesses in the Havant area. Some possible contacts are being followed up.

A critique of the website led to a presentation showing members how to use it.

The other moderators and I have worked hard during the year to improve and refresh content. However, use of the members'-only area of the website remains disappointingly low.

A presentation to the club on social media and two workshops hosted by Portsmouth Grammar School in their marvelous computer suite were given to the club. Use of Facebook as a platform for club publicity has grown during the year.

A hearing loop has been fitted to our meeting room. And use of a head-set microphone has improved the quality of broadcast sound in meetings. The tracker used on the sleigh before Christmas proved very successful.



Faith's 'Chain Gang' to attend Fete Champetre

A Fete Champetre is to be held at Holybank House, Viv and Anna's home, on Friday, June 8, to raise club funds.

There will be a welcoming Pimms on arrival, the catering will be provided by a bar-becue expert, and there will be gentle jazz

and swing by a jazz/clarinet duo. It is also hoped to have some classic vehicles on display.

In attendance will be former Mayor Faith's "Chain Gang" who all served as Mayors in the area at the same time.

Club matters

Club rises to sports challenge

May saw two sports victories wins for the club – in a district boules match and a skittles friendly.

On a cool evening at the Porchester Petanque club, the Havant team beat our opponents, Cosham Rotary, by four matches to one in the first round of district boules against Cosham.

Under the captaincy of sports officer



Stan Pike, the Havant six-man team won two of the three pairs matches and both the triples matches.

The Havant team of John Coombs, Alan Davies, Chris Fuller, Stuart Moore, Mike Sellis and Stan Pike (pictured above)

managed another “first”. It was the first time in three annual visits to Porchester that the matches were not played in wind and rain! On the skittles front, the club won the annual skittles match against Inner Wheel and the Barley Mow, Walderton. It was a very convivial evening which included a buffet supper and attended by more than 40 members of the clubs.



Above: Havant Inner Wheel President Mo and Rotary President Jenny are pictured at the skittles evening. Jenny holds the cup (disguised with a serviette) someone (don't tell us your name Pike) forgot to bring the real thing ...



FINALLY, FOR THE RECORD

President Jenny, left, is pictured presenting Eve with a basket of flowers at a recent club meeting. It was a thank you for her work as editor of the club's Bulletin over the past 12 years.

Past President Bob dies, 95

Retired solicitor and Past President of Havant Rotary Bob Raper died at home on May 12, aged 95.

He was born in Malaysia before the sun set on the British Empire and educated in Edinburgh, Inverness, Salisbury and Bristol.

In 1941 he joined the Gloucester Regiment, and after a year was posted to India as an officer cadet and commissioned into the Baluch Regiment Indian Army. He spent the war years on the North West Frontier, ending up as a staff captain in the Delhi headquarters.

Finding work after demob was difficult, but he knew a qualification was needed so became articled to a Portsmouth solicitor. He qualified in 1950 and was married to Ros, who sadly pre-deceased him in 2017 aged 91. They had two children, both became solicitors.

The couple lived in Hastings at first but, after three years he returned to Portsmouth to practise with Sherwood, Son, and Raper, opening an office in Havant a few years later.

He joined Havant Rotary in 1964 and became President in 1972, scoring a unique double with Ros who became Inner Wheel President the same year. Bob retired from private practice in 1984, continuing with part-time paid and un-



• Bob with his certificate recognising 50 years service in Rotary

paid legal jobs until 1994. These included Deputy Coroner, and membership of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee to Portsmouth Magistrates.

Bob fully supported the club's programmes and will be remembered for his dry sense of humour which he used to good effect when he was moved to address the club. He remained a regular attendee of Havant Rotary's weekly meetings, gaining a certificate in 2014 for 50 years of Rotary service but increasing ill-health forced him to resign.

He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law, son and daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The funeral was on May 30 at The Oaks, Havant Crematorium. **Derek Holmes**



Honourable result

A team of Havant Rotarians and members of Inner Wheel came third in a quiz recently to raise funds for Hayling Island Community Centre. The full team was Dot, Colin, Chris, Mike, Mary, Shirley, Stan and Eve, *pictured left*.

Diary, cashiers and hosts

If you cannot manage your scheduled duty, please arrange a substitute.

JUNE

- 4 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Fellowship evening. **Host: Holmes. Cashiers: Kent and Valentine.**
- 5 Club Council meeting, President Jenny's house, 6.30pm.
- 8 Fete Champetre, Holly Bank House. 6.15 start.
- 11 Club business meeting, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm. **Host: Isaac. Cashiers: Model and Taylor W.**
- 12 Incoming club council meeting, Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth, 6.30pm.
- 13 Kids Day Out to Butlins, Bognor.
- 18 Club Assembly, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm. **Host: King. Cashiers: Moore, Stuart, and Tailyour.**
- 25 Presidents' handover, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm. **Host: Isaac. Cashiers: Anderson and Winnicott.**

JULY

- 2 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Fellowship evening. **Host: Hunt. Cashiers: Blake and Warlow.**
- 5 Club council meeting, Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm.

- 9 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Speaker TBA. **Host: Heath. Cashiers: Chawner and Southwell.**
- 16 Club business meeting, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm. **Host: Moore B. Cashiers: Coombs and Pike.**
- 23 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Speaker TBA. **Host: Sellis. Cashiers: Beattie and Edgell.**
- 30 Fifth Monday., Hayling Island Golf Club.

AUGUST

- 2 Club Council meeting, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm.
- 6 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Fellowship evening. **Host: Coombe. Cashiers: Davies and Galloway.**
- 13 Club business meeting, The Bear Hotel, Havant, 6.30pm. **Host: Bostock. Cashiers: Clear and Cox.**
- 20 Club meeting, The Bear Hotel Havant. 6.30pm. Speaker TBA. **Host: Branson. Cashiers: Holmes and Model.**
- 27 Bank Holiday. No meeting. Emsworth Show. Books and bric-a-brac stall.
- DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: OCTOBER: 12-14** District Conference in Jersey.

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