

ROTARY NEWS



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CARIBBEAN LUNCH GETS THE THUMBS UP!



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A few word's from our President

No doubt, like many a Rotarian before me, I cannot believe that I am now President of the Club having been inducted by Keith on 1st July. My time since joining the Club has flown by and I guess this is due to being a member of a very active Club with many things going on throughout the year.

The meeting however started sadly following the loss of Rtn John Staggs, our thoughts are with Gina and the family, and John will be greatly missed by all.

My year has started off, probably as it will continue to be, as a busy year with an International Committee meeting straight after the Induction meeting followed by the District Induction Dinner that same evening. I was accompanied by four members of our club and was pleased to see our IPP Keith being presented with a Presidential Citation in recognition of our Club's efforts during his year.

The next evening was a Council meeting and on the Saturday I was at our Health Awareness stand at Broxbourne Council's Open Day - my thanks to everyone who helped out on the day



when over 120 people had their blood pressure taken and a couple of people also expressed an interest in finding out more about Rotary.

At my second meeting we had an interesting speaker who talked about a special makeup that allowed people to disguise embarrassing skin blemishes and thereby go out without others staring at them.

John Hiscock was the speaker at my third meeting and he regaled us with a talk about

when he was a JAP - after a lot of conjecture we discovered that he was once a Junior Assistant Purser. This was immediately followed by an information meeting with a prospective member who I hope to be inducting shortly.

At my fourth meeting our guest speaker gave us a very informative talk about South Korea, this was immediately followed by a meeting of the Ways and Means committee. I must say that am looking forward to the Celebrity Evening, with Pat Jennings and Bob Wilson, on 8th November and I do hope that all members will show their support for this important fund-raising event. I must also congratulate the Ways and Means Committee on putting on the very successful Caribbean Luncheon.



I would like to thank everyone who was involved in organising the event, particularly Eric Cockman who rallied all the troops and made sure the day went well despite the heavy rain and wind trying to relocate everything overnight. Lyn and I really enjoyed ourselves and it was good to see it was so well attended. The following evening, being the fifth Monday, we dined at the College Arms in Hertford Heath with guest speaker the Rt Hon The Lord Davies of Oldham who shared some anecdotes about his fascinating career.

I would like to thank those who have taken office for my year and I look forward to working with everyone over the next twelve months - a number of events are already planned and I trust that they will be well supported by all members of the Club. In addition to continuing the excellent work carried out by the Past Presidents, I will be attempting to raise the profile of Rotary in general and that of the Hoddesdon Club in particular in the local community.

Ken Ayling



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We have been very active this year with involvement in a number of different charities. Three shelter boxes have been purchased, each of which will provide housing and essentials for a large family. Each box costs £590 and we can discover where our actual box has been delivered by using a unique reference number. £100 was donated to REMIT (Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania) This charity has seen tremendous improvements, since its ten year operation, in the treatment and elimination of malaria in Tanzania. In December we purchase several Christmas Puddings from the Welsh Rotary Club of Cwmbran Vale. Together with moneys raised by us and other Rotary Clubs in the sale of the puds, a total of £17,000 was raised. Each year a different charity is supported and in 2012 this sum was donated to The Alzheimer's Trust. Haileybury Youth Trust – older pupils from Haileybury school along with other volunteers work in Uganda on projects mostly related to delivering water and sanitation across a number of communities in rural Uganda. Over a four year period we will have donated £1,000 towards this project. A school building has also just been completed. The Sand Dams Project featured in our last bulletin, this is a big project with over 15 other Clubs from our district getting involved. It is taking place in Kenya which is providing small dams (built alongside the local communities with the local terrain – most of which is sand) to preserve water which falls from the high ground. A donation of £1,000 will be given over two years. HELPING (Help for Education & Local Projects In The Gambia) This charity is run by Margaret Meeks who has spent much time in Gambia on charity projects, she lives in Stanstead Abbots. We are due to have some further meetings with Margaret with a view to hearing of further projects and giving financial assistance. An initial cheque in the sum of £250.00 has been forwarded. Barry Fitzpatrick

IT'S A SCAM

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THE PHONE CALL



THE COURIER



THE PIN NUMBER

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WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Obviously there are many reasons why people join Rotary and I can only share with you why I personally joined The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon. Like thousands of other people I was never really sure what Rotary was all about, believing it was some kind of Club for business men that met for a meal every week and invited people to talk to them about their Companies or hobbies.

I was originally sounded out about joining Hoddesdon Rotary some time before I actually joined, but because they met at lunch time and I was then enduring the daily commute to London would not have been able to make their meeting times. I was unaware that other Clubs in the area met at different times – although a “breakfast” Club would not have been for me as I am definitely not a “morning person” and the Clubs that met in the evening would not have appealed as I always seemed too tired to do anything after work but sleep, particularly on the train and I regularly missed my station, usually waking up at Harlow!!

So when I took early retirement it seemed the ideal occasion to consider joining a Rotary Club. I attended a couple of Meetings first as a guest and this enabled me to find out more about what Rotary did and that they also had fun and enjoyed each other's company. I was particularly interested in the work that Rotary did for Local people as helping and putting something back into where I lived really appealed to me.

Having joined Rotary I then became part of the Community Service Committee and this meant being involved in activities aimed at the local Hoddesdon population, helping to transport people to various Clubs, laying on the famous Easter Dinner for 300+ elderly and disabled local residents, even plucking appeals for financial assistance from the local paper and offer-

ing our help. At the beginning it is difficult to grasp the sheer size of Rotary with your Club being part of a District and that being part of Rotary of Britain and Ireland and that being part of Rotary International.

You soon realize that Rotary is spread throughout the World and impacts every Country in either small local issues or International disasters. The truth is that you will definitely get out what you put into Rotary, but you will also get the self-satisfaction that comes with doing something worthwhile and helping someone that needs it. That feeling just cannot be bought anywhere!

However, Rotary is not just about working for others, although this is an important aspect. Another reward from being in a Rotary Club is the fellowship to be enjoyed. The Meetings each week are business like with interesting speakers, but we also have fun with good humoured banter the order of the day.

You meet new people who become your friends and together you have a great time. There are visits laid on to various places – Westminster Abbey, Heavy Horse Centre, Eden Project are just some that we have been to in the last Rotary year.

Even our fund-raisers are fun with quizzes and just recently the Caribbean Lunch, complete with steel band. To sum up, my time in Rotary has been busy, particularly the last year when I had the honour of being President, BUT it has also been very rewarding and tremendous fun.

I am looking forward to many more years in Rotary and to being involved in many new projects including hopefully some International ones.

Keith Theobald (Past President)

Meanwhile, why not try us out? We are delighted to welcome visitors who wish to find out more about what drives us. Come to a Monday lunchtime meeting and hear first-hand?

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VISIT TO THE SUFFOLK PUNCH HERITAGE CENTRE.

On Wednesday 15th May, 2013, twenty club members and friends enjoyed the visit, despite the weather being cold (but dry). We set off by coach from The Spinning Wheel, Hoddesdon at 9.00 a.m. the journey less than two hours was very comfortable.

We were welcomed by The trust volunteers and



in particular by Sue van der Meulen the general manager. After a welcome cup of coffee and cake and friendly chat we were given a comprehensive explanation of the origins and purpose of the colony stud by Sue van der Meulen. The Suffolk Punch is probably the oldest breed of working horse in the world. Amazingly every Suffolk can be traced back to a stallion known as Crisp's horse of Ufford born in 1768 .

The breed is unique in its shape and can only be chesnut in colour (traditionally the word is always written without the middle "T") it is very rare and is a most important feature of our heritage.

In order to qualify as a pedigree Suffolk, a foal must firstly have two parents registered in the society's stud book and then it must be entered in the register itself. The area we visited was originally a farm in 1759 of some 1500 acres, this was bought by The Colonial college and training Farms Limited, under the auspices of the Agents General of The Colonies "for the training of young gentlemen" intending to farm in the colonies.

Every pedigree breeder has a prefix owned by that breeder which cannot be transferred. Each animal has the prefix followed by its particular name. The prefix for The Hollesley Stud is Colony (from the colonial college days). In

1906 the college was sold to the central (unemployed) body for London then in 1930 to the London County Council, in 1938 the farm was bought by the prison commissioners and young offenders were employed on it as part of their rehabilitation.

The farm providing milk, pork, lamb, vegetables, soft fruit and apples for the London prisons. Later in 1990 it became an adult open prison also a new young offenders closed prison was opened on the site. We were given a conducted tour of the stud farm upon a large wagon with seating, this would normally be horse drawn but due to the prevailing high winds, for safety reasons a tractor was used on this occasion.

An excellent choice of lunch was included which we all enjoyed, this was provided by the Trusts in house caterer. We then had time to visit the well stocked exhibition halls which house many interesting artefacts and old farming implements, various models were also on display thus giving a good insight into how the country and farms worked in years past.

The well stocked shop with all manner of items enabled us to browse around and obtain memento's of our visit, prior to a comfortable journey back to Hoddesdon.

Terry Fisher



In Memory of John Stagg

The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon would like to pay tribute to a man who epitomised our motto of "Service Above Self". He died on 27th June, released from a short battle with cancer. John was a volunteer in many local community projects over his 25 years as a Rotarian, including



Health Awareness Days, Scout Fetes and fund raising for the Belmont bus but he is perhaps best known as the architect and organiser of the annual Easter Dinner at Broxbourne Civic Hall for those in our community who are elderly or infirm. He held the highest honour Rotary can bestow – a Paul Harris Fellowship. His energy and commitment has given great pleasure to a great number of people over the years. It is at our lunch meetings and other events that we as Rotarians will miss him most of all. His sense of humour and his quick wit were guaranteed to have us laughing – very often at the President's expense and if not the President then certainly John Hiscock. 'Chase the Ace' was looked forward to, not so much to see who had won a bottle of wine or better still the kitty, but to see John in action and his delight in leading us to believe somebody had won when they had not. We never really knew where the ace was and more importantly we didn't care – it really was the taking part that mattered to us all. John will be missed by all those many people who benefited from his tireless charity work and most of all by his fellow Rotarians.

younglife

As part of our commitment to the local community, The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon has provided funding to support the work that Young Life is doing to provide diversionary activities for the teenagers of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. President Keith Theobald and Chairman of the Community Services Committee Ken Ayling presented a cheque to Elaine Youngman of Young Life accompanied by several of the young people who attend their club premises in Burford Street.

Young Life strive to build positive relationships with the teenagers and implement effective strategies for integrating young people into local church communities



What's My Line

On the 22nd of May, Rotarians Ted Gradosielski, Vic Garnett, Peter Haynes, David Johnston, Roger Merton and Robert Lorenzini spent the morning at Broxbourne assisting Trevor Lloyd and some of the year 11 pupils with their annual event aimed at giving the pupils some insight for future career decisions. Trevor will be moving on to pastures new next year but very kindly sent the email below

'Many thanks for supporting Whats My Line? yesterday. The feedback from the students was very positive and they seem to have got a lot out of the activity. All the teachers who witnessed what was going on were really impressed with the way all the Mystery Guests engaged with the students and the positive responses they got from all the groups. I have really appreciated the support the Rotary Club has give over the years. Your volunteers have always made a really big contribution to making these events work so well.'



PRESSURE RELIEF

7th July was the Club's Health Awareness Day organised by the Community Services Committee, when Rotarian Dr Chris Waddington and Dr Davis took blood pressures at Broxbourne Council's open day. Other members of the Club spoke to members of the public, introducing them to this great



opportunity to check their pressure and there were smiles all round and a readiness to be checked.

Delighted to say that in the two hours available, a total of 125 people of varying ages were checked. This year, no one was advised to go straight to their doctor or to hospital.

A great thank you from the Club to Chris and Dr Andrew Davis for working "under such pressure" and checking so many, making the efforts of all the members who supported the event, so worthwhile.

10 YEARS OF THE 200 CLUB

2013 saw the commencement of the 11th year of the Club and over the last 10 years over **£36,000** has been paid out in prizes and a similar sum handed over to the club charitable spending arm for expenditure both locally and nationally but far and above the largest expenditure was on the annual Easter Dinner for the local retired folk which still continues today. The membership has fallen in recent years and this can be accounted for by a combination economic conditions and a dropping off in the number of non Rotarians remaining in the Club. The cost of joining is £52.00 per annum, most members pay by Standing Order, with draws being made on a quarterly basis. We are looking for new members to join, and get to the target figure of 200. The continued success of the 200 Club is vital to the continuation and furtherance of the charitable work carried on by the Rotary Club. If you know of any local people or businesses that would like to join I will be glad to hear from them. Interest in becoming a Member should be made to me the undersigned and any approach will be followed up by filling in a simple one sided sheet. A number is allocated for membership which then goes forward in the Quarterly draws.

ROGER ABRAHAM

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2013 Celebrity Evening

The Ways & Means Committee are pleased to announce preliminary details our main fundraising event of the year

Date: Friday 8th November 7.00pm

Venue: Broxbourne Civic Hall

4 course dinner by The Lobster Pot

Speakers

JOHN MARTIN MC

with

PAT JENNINGS & BOB WILSON

on Football Memories

Tickets probably priced at £40 per head

Contact Peter Haynes or Roger Merton

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DRAGON BOAT RACE

A chill wind blew across the expanse of the grassland, rippling the river as it swept by from the east. Ominous clouds covered the sky and masked the sun that would otherwise have brought warmth to the day. An intrepid

clew of Wyrms gathered: brave and determined faces surmounting rippling muscles of perfectly trained and disciplined rowers. The team was ready,



honed to perfection, the only Rotary team in the Rotary Dragon Boat Race. So much for the imagination! Still, it was fresh and breezy, even though the calendar said it was 15th June. The river was affected by the wind... one heat was abandoned because the boats were blown sideways... and it was mainly cloudy. Our Club's team is called The Wyrms. 'Wym' is an old English word for a legless, flightless dragon. It was perhaps too early in the day to be legless, but we certainly could not fly. Wikipedia gives some suggestions for a collective noun for dragons: a 'drive of dragon'. We were closer to the alternative: a 'stumble of dragons'!

The day is fairly laid back, except for three minutes of hectic activity designed to remind you of muscles you'd forgotten you had! Each team rows for three heats



and the four fastest times in the day give the four that row again in the semi- and finals. Between each heat is a long time to enjoy the sun (in other years!) but good conversation and glasses of Pimms, or coffee and homemade cakes, burgers or hot dogs. When the team is called, life-jackets are donned, paddles are picked and the crew arranged so the boat is about balanced. There are 10 in the crew plus the drummer. We are taught how to paddle the boat as we make our way upstream towards the start line. The two boats that race at a time challenge each other, but really it is a race against the clock. The boats steady, line up and the hooter marks the start of 55

seconds of seeing how much water you can get in the boat, and how wet you can make the person behind you. As you get used to it, though, you realise that you can paddle with no splashing and make the boat move quite quickly through the water. The drummer sets the pace of the paddling and each crew member thrusts their paddle in on the beat of the drum. Now you know the theory! Ah well. We entered two heats before lunch. The first was a discovery of how not to do things and just how much we needed the sunshine to dry our clothes! The second was better technically, though we had a slower time. Lunch gave us the opportunity to get our act together and to relish in the fly-past

that the RAF laid on for us: one Chinook and two Merlin helicopters that circled three times in honour of our team in the race. (They were seen later flying up the Mall ahead of a Lancaster bomber



and various other aircraft, but they were just filling in time there). So to the afternoon heat. It was our best run of the day. We still didn't win the heat, we lost it by 0.25 seconds... not bad when you consider the average age of our team compared with the others that came from pubs, offices or gyms. We acquitted ourselves well, and were able to walk away content with the day. I use 'walk' advisedly. We scurried away as a rain-cloud decided to empty buckets of water at a time on everyone. We

just made it to our cars in time! So a good Rotary day that raised a fair sum for charities, and good fun all round. Well done to Club Members: Keith, Chris, Terry, John H, Vic, Robert, Eric and yours truly,



with some friends and neighbours: Graham Dunklin, Tom Johnston, Roy Stoddart and Patrick Robinson to make up the numbers. Article and Photos: David Bradburn



SUMMER CYCLING EVENING 21st JUNE

A party of fourteen made up of Rotarians, a daughter and some wives took part in a cycle evening along the River Lea. We departed at 6.30 p.m. from Mill Lane, Broxbourne and cycled on the path along the river towards the Fish & Eel Hostelry. On the way some of the riders stopped at the Carthage lock to feed the fish. On arrival at the pub refreshments were kindly offered by Neil Haynes. Some of our keener riders continued to the Rye House Tavern led by (HRC answer to Bradley Wiggins) Eric Beard. After a pleasant rest we cycled back along the river path, arriving at the Crown Pub for another welcome drink, sat down for a meal and enjoyed the food until late in the evening. I would like to thank Howard Connor and Neil Haynes for helping me to make this outing into a very pleasant evening with Rotarians, friends and wives.



Robert Lorenzini

JACKSON AND BUSHBY HALL - CAN YOU HELP ?

Rotarians taking a turn to give lifts to George Fuller Club members, or those attending HOLD meetings, should need no introduction to Bushby Hall or Jackson Hall.

Having seen inside these two meeting places, even a cursory inspection reveals that both are now in excellent order.

Just over a decade ago, that was not so. Peter Jackson was the prime mover in obtaining a major grant from the Lottery Fund, meeting the cost of refurbishing the hall which now bears his name. His widow, Joan, is President of the Committee which looks after both halls.

Iso on the Committee are Chairman Peter Lardi and Vice-Chairman Bill Statham. Another Rotarian, architect Lindsay Jones, supervised while Jackson Hall was not just renovated but also enlarged and equipped with a well-lit extension along one side.

Henry J Bushby came to live in Wormleybury in 1880 and, while living there, he built the "Iron Hall" as a community centre.

Sixty years later the hall was in a sad state and the Council was intending to demolish it and build houses on the site. Enter Lady Bingley, protesting against the plan, she was elected to the Council and made sure that instead of being demolished Bushby Hall was rebuilt.

For the rest of her life Juliet Bingley chaired the Committee, meanwhile recruiting people from her wide circle of friends and contacts to help. Since the present team assumed responsibility we have

seen through many improvements, some of them very expensive jobs, but we have also been able through economical use of resources and effective fundraising to build up a healthy financial



situation.

In short I am not appealing for funds, but we do need your help. Are you willing take an interest and devote your management skills to maintaining the halls? To find out more please talk to Bill Statham (when he comes out of hospital) or to me, Peter Lardi.



A TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE



ACTION COMMENCES

For each of the last 19 years The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon, with the active support of colleagues from the Clubs of Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Shires and Ware, has issued a challenge to the ingenuity, technical skills and teamwork of school pupils in our local community.

In 2013 100 events like ours took place up and down the country and taxed over 4000 students.

THE TASK is consistent with school curricula and involves:

Planning – use of time, resources and team management

Design Analysis – problems of physical constraints/principles

Design Development – generation of more than one idea then a solution **Construction Skills** – use of materials and final testing

Demonstration – presentation & communication of ideas and a working model

Teams of 4 compete in 3 categories:

Foundation: KS3: years 7-9: ages 11-14

Intermediate: KS 4: years 10 and 11: ages 15-16

Advanced: 6th Form: years 12-13: aged 16+

Winners in each category get medals, book tokens and a Shield with school name engraved. Teachers are encouraged to compete in teams of four for bottles of wine. Every competitor gets a certificate of participation and a chocolate bar!

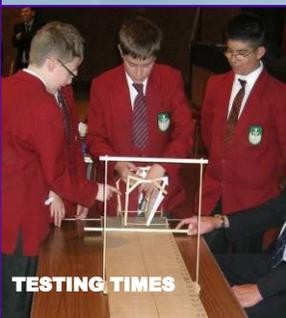


HARD AT WORK

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE

The 2013 Technology Tournament took place on Tuesday 18th June at Broxbourne Civic Hall where 17 teams and 68 young people from 6 schools assembled. Sadly 4 schools (32 more contestants) were obliged to pull out in the final fortnight, largely due to last-minute school calendar clashes and staffing issues. All Heads of Department made clear their disappointment and wish to join in next year.

The challenge for contestants was to design and build a vehicle powered solely by a 200gram weight, with maximum height of 400mm to pass under a 410mm bridge and up an incline that was graduated according to team category. It proved to be a daunting task: our Chief Judge Tom Sell tore his hair out trying to enable as many teams as possible to succeed by providing work sheets, a couple of working models and stretching the Rules on advice to the limit on the day.



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OUR TEAM:

Apart from 20+ judges and stewards from the 5 local Clubs, we had a VIP buffet lunch by our caterers Lobster Pot that drew praise from all quarters including a vegan Mayor. A million jobs need doing to make the day run smoothly, including Risk Assessment, Health & Safety issues, printing, information to and from schools (not easy!), appointment of stewards and judges, kit acquisition and test builds. It all came together on the day in a seamless delivery of organisation and fun.

SCHOOLS THAT COMPETED

Broxbourne School, Chauncy School,
Haileybury College, John Warner School
Richard Hale School, The Sele School

It is amazing how so much concentration produces so little noise from so many youngsters in the same room! Though some of the construction could have been better, the level of ingenuity, skill and teamwork demonstrated this year was impressive and teaching staff should be proud.

Winners, despite the complexity, were
Foundation - The Sele School

Intermediate - Richard Hale

Advanced - John Warner

Teachers did not complete their Task, so did not get their wine but were given Detention instead.

OUR VISITORS on 18th June were regular supporter, local MP Charles Walker plus Mayors or their representatives of Broxbourne, Hertford, and Ware, the chair of East Herts District Council and two sponsors who wished to see how their money was being spent.

LOOKING AHEAD

Schools have been advised of our 2104 Technology Tournament on 17th June. They each have the opportunity to feed back their assessments of how we performed, any room for improvement and concerns with which we may help. So far the response has been consistently positive and compliments have come in from teachers themselves and on behalf their pupils who seem to have had a great day out, from visiting dignitaries and from the Rotarians who helped. This kind of response is reward for all the hard work and the team is looking forward to the challenge of 2014, supporting our local community and sowing seeds for potential future Rotarians.

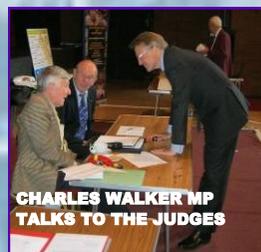
John Hiscock - event coordinator



HRC PRESIDENT KEITH THEOBALD WITH PRESIDENT ELECT KEN AYLING



HIS 5TH YEAR FOR WINNER DILLON OF CRAUNCY



CHARLES WALKER MP TALKS TO THE JUDGES

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40 YEARS OF SERVICE

On 10th June President Keith Theobald presented to PP Eric Cockman a folder containing a certificate from RIBI and a letter from RI President Sajuki Tanaka congratulating Eric on 40 years in Rotary. Eric was born in 1926 when TV first appeared in London, Broadway land was \$7 a square inch, we had a general strike followed by a miners one and Mussolini's Irish wife broke his nose.

He joined Hoddesdon on 15th June 1973, was President in 1991/92 when Roger Abraham was Treasurer and Meritor was First Vice and he received his Paul Harris Award in 1995. His generosity has been evident to all who enjoyed his Sunday buffets at District Conference, his Beaujolais Nouveau dinners and countless other kindnesses.

Energy and commitment shows through his contribution to Vocational and Ways & Means Committees. He regularly arranges days out for Essay Competition winners and was photographed for the Mercury with one winner alongside Christopher Biggins, backstage, after a performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He was a leading light in Traction Rallies in the early days and takes a special interest in any Musical project.

He always supports Club events - often taking whole tables - and rarely misses a Club outing. President Keith concluded by stating that Eric has made a major contribution to Service Above Self during his 40 years. John Hiscock



Andrea Granat



Arnold and Sandra's daughter, Andrea, was educated at Broxbourne School where she was an active member and she showed signs of a future career by teaching younger students swimming as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

She went on to Middlesex University and qualified to teach maths to primary and senior children. She also qualified to teach highly gifted children and to teach English as a foreign language anywhere in the world.

Clearly a distinguished university life. On qualifying she decided to set up life in Cyprus, which she loved, but sadly her life there and her ability to continue teaching were curtailed when she was diagnosed with MS just nine months after arriving on the island.

She returned to England and worked with Orange Phones, who proved to be marvelous employers, and were very sympathetic to her problems. As the MS took greater hold she moved back in with Arnold and Sandra who provided her with the 24 hour care which she needed. Andrea was a fighter and while on crutches and unable to work unaided she absailed down a 110 ft water tower and water skied to raise funds for MS. Something which most able bodied people would quail at.

She was secretary for the local MS regions, editing their newsletter and arranging awareness days for those affected by MS. Andrea never complained about her lot and retained her positive outlook on life as well as her great sense of humour. She was loved not just by her parents, friends and family but by all the doctors, nurses and carers with whom she came in contact. Before becoming wheelchair bound she was outgoing and adventurous, having backpacked in Australia, visited China, Russia, Czechoslovakia and Hong Kong and actually drove across Europe to start her new life in Cyprus.

These are the facts but of course they don't tell the whole story. I first met Andrea immediately after she returned from Cyprus, a lovely, vibrant, laughing girl inspite of the burden of knowing what must await her. I saw her as the illness took hold and met her many times while Arnold and Sandra were converting their house to make life more comfortable for Andrea.

Eventually she lost the use of all her limbs and even her facial muscles. I used to pull her leg and was nearly always extremely rude about her father and when she could still smile and chuckle she did. Even when she could no longer do that she would laugh with her eyes.

Eyes that were truly a window into the inner soul that was the real Andrea. We are all proud of our children's achievements in life but not many of us can say, like Arnold and Sandra can, that their daughter was simply an inspiration. Lindsay Jones



A true story, July 2013—WHEELS DISEASE

Seaman Haynes and Elaine took Maxwell, their 2-year old great Nephew on an electric boat hired from the Boat yard at Broxbourne and potted down the River one Friday afternoon. 25C and still air, the water was dead calm and clear.

Neil noticed what looked like a submerged outboard engine about 3ft below the surface as his boat was passing the Wormley car-park and leisure area. The next day, knowing that Roger the Cabin Boy is currently in the process of restoring behind his house a River boat but needing a motor, Neil rang Stuart (Bambridge) and discussed the logistics of a salvage operation and the likelihood of him getting it working. Never one to miss an opportunity, Stuart was excited at the prospect so the two of them drove down to the car-park in his van armed

only with a rope and swimming togs.

By Saturday it was 28c and the area was swarming with pleasure boats, picnickers, fishermen and kids playing

football. Neil identified the spot and the engine was still just visible from the river bank. "Well here goes" said Stuart stripping off and grabbing one end of the rope jumped in! Splash!, a gathering crowd of on-lookers assembled and watched Stuart in amazement feeling around with his feet in the water for the prize, up to his chest in green water.

Being elevationally disadvantaged, he was unable to bend low enough to tie the rope without diving down. The spectators were growing and utterly confused as to what was going on. Up pops little legs and hands me back the rope. I said "no luck?" he replied "pull the bloody rope you plonker, it's attached and I'm freezing" annoyed that he'd forgot that suffering a perforated ear drum, he shouldn't have gone under water. I pulled, he pushed, no one offered

any help even though the adjacent fisherman commented "at least you've caught more than me" and carried on fishing.

Sweat pouring off me, river weed and mud off Stuart we struggled on and eventually a Honda Motor bike appeared and was dragged to the bank! Now bear in mind the river bank here is banked up about 2ft, the bike is big, bulky, water-logged and heavy and although we looked like a couple of Pikeys, we haven't really got the physique of Charles Atlas!

After a long struggle a nice dog-walker finally helped and we were able to beach the bike, water and Cray-Fish pouring out of every orifice (the bikes and Stuarts). After the audience dispersed thanking us both for an entertaining afternoon, we wheeled the bike over to Stuarts van, emptied out all his tools and were able to lift the bike in, pile all the tool boxes on top, get it home, unload from the van during which we managed to rip the bumper off the van and wash the debris from the Lee off the bike and

showered any Weales disease off Stuart. He was now the proud owner of a nearly new Honda 125 scooter that although will be his next restoration project, like the others, will probably



never be finished!

As a postscript, Lizzie had left for holiday only that morning leaving Stuart with strict instructions that by the time she returns, she will expect him to have cleared out their garage of all his old toot, un-finished projects, his other motorbike etc so that she can get her car in! and, to finish, on reporting to the Police, Stuart was told it was stolen and they came round to collect it for evidence. There must be a moral to this story?



The Caribbean comes to Great Amwell

During the night of Saturday/Sunday July 27/28, the wind and rain blew down all the gazebos and bunting that had been erected in the Vicar's Field at Great Amwell on the Saturday morning for the above event. The field was used by kind permission of the 'St. John the Baptist Church' and Mr. & Mrs. David Hardy to whom we offer our sincere and grateful thanks.

So a disaster was beckoning; however, thanks to Past President Eric Cockman's early morning efforts assisted by some of his colleagues, by the time 12.30pm arrived, all was 'tickety-boo'! As a result 135 Rotarians and their guests were able to enjoy the 'plna colada' which greeted them on arrival, followed by the lunch prepared and served by Claire and her assistants from the Club's caterers 'The Lobster Pot'. During the 4 hour duration of the event, everyone was entertained by six members of the 'Day o' Drums' ensemble who, at the end of their performance, even invited any of the guests who

wished to join them, to learn how to create music using the steel 'drums'.

Despite the intermittent wind and rain during the afternoon, no one left and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone. President Ken Ayling greeted all the guests and later conducted the raffle followed by President-Elect Peter Haynes auctioning the few remaining bottles of drink and the specially prepared 'Indian Dinner for 8 at home plus waitress service' offered as a prize by 'The Lobster Pot'.

Thanks to the generosity of many people before, at and after the event about £2,300 was raised towards our Killmanjaro Fund of £10,000 for Shelterbox & Noah's Ark Charities, as well as being a most enjoyable social occasion.

PP Roger Merton

Help us Climb Mount Kilimanjaro



Hoddesdon Rotarian David Johnston and his sons Nick and Tom are planning to climb the tallest mountain in Africa in October 2013. At 19,341 ft it is the tallest free standing mountain in the world.

The lads have been training since the start of 2013 and they are funding ALL the trip's expenses personally so every penny raised will go to the charities.

With the support of The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon, Team Johnston have set themselves the target of raising £10,000



£7000 raised so far



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HE WAS THIS CLOSE

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I'M LOOKING FOR NOOKIE!

IS THAT ROGER DE COURCEY?

IS THAT HIM?

IS THAT HIM OVER THERE?

THERE HE IS

Who's that Bear

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ROGER'S FOUND NOOKIE YET!

Anyone for more Champagne

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South Korea

I am not sure that I agree with the decision to thrust the responsibility on a member for not only giving the vote of thanks, but hosting and then writing a report for the bulletin and press, but I have to say I revised my feelings somewhat when a charming young lady called You Jin Chang arrived to give a talk on South Korea.

She came to this country from Korea when she was eight years old, trained as a doctor and is currently working for the NHS in the A & E department at St Georges Hospital Tooting and is part of a voluntary organisation which highlights the culture of her native country.

Her talk gave us a brief insight into their ancient culture with a video describing the printing process of an ancient religious text which was produced some hundreds of years prior to the process being developed in west-



ern Europe. This was followed by another video highlighting some of the advanced technology used in South Korea today, refrigerators that order automatically on the internet when you run out of eggs (apparently Eric Cockman is ordering one).

She answered some questions regarding the fears of conflict between North and South, the difference in health provisions in the UK and Korea.

Looking round the room no one was engaging in an after lunch nap which is a fair indication of member's interest in the speaker and her subject which made the task of giving the vote of thanks that much easier.

John West



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It's in the Post



Apparently the excuse 'The cheque is in the post' had worn a bit thin for our treasurer John Glover and at our lunch meeting on the 22nd of July Hoddesdon Rotary Club Member Arnold Granat duly paid his annual subscription in a manner that was witnessed by all attending members.



International Committee Events

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has been necessary to revise the dates for two of our planned activities in the new Rotary year. But first a thank you to all of you who supported the Quiz at the URC Hall. This had been arranged to support the charity fundraising activities of Rotarian David Johnston and his two sons in their attempt to climb Kili-manjaro, a dormant volcanic peak situated in Tanzania and Africa's highest mountain at 5895 metres (19341 feet). There was an excellent response to this event and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and our thanks to Quiz-master Michael Smith. Now for the first of our revised dates.

Originally scheduled for Saturday 26 October, the Eurotunnel website shows no availability for the return journey on Saturday evening as this day falls between half term holidays. So for those wishing to enjoy a leisurely and memorable lunch at Le Channel restaurant in Calais, the date has been moved to 30 October. Although still in the half term period, at the time of writing there is plenty of availability for day trips. And for those using Tesco vouchers, a reminder that a £10 voucher buys £30 worth of Eurotunnel travel. Bookings to John West. For menu options, see www.restaurant-lechannel.com

It has also been necessary to revise the dates of the proposed visit to the Somme Valley and Compiègne in the Spring of next year. Due to a lack of suitable accommodation, the visit has been amended to Thursday 1 May - Sunday 4 May 2014. If there are any changes for those who have already expressed an interest, please contact organiser Andrew Hambling (i.e. those who are no longer available + those who are now able to attend).

Jeff Ryan

Boules !!!!



Throughout the summer evening various Rotarians, wives and friends have been taking on the professionals at Brickendon Petangue

Boules Club, the ground is based opposite the Farmers Boy Pub. On the 24th July, Hoddesdon Rotary Club premier players commenced play at 7.00pm prompt. A hard fought contest ensued over the next 60 minutes with only 2 minutes of time lost to injuries. Pistol Pete and Big Time Bob (Peter Haynes & Robert Lorenzini) had a hard fought match against Easy Spin Eric and Rocking Rita (Eric Cockman & Rita Ward), at times it could have gone either way with both side's vigorously contesting the umpires decisions, thankfully no yellow cards were issued and it resulted in a narrow win for Pistol Pete and Big Time Bob. In the final the semi-professional Fisher clan came through with Terrible Terry and Precious Pat being worthy winners. The West partnership of Big John and 'Barbara the Boule' clinching runners up with a good win over The Johnston partnership of Dynamite Dave & Mix It Up Martine. An good time was had by all and a special thanks was given to our hosts from the Brickendon club for a very enjoyable evening.

Anon



If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys de-ranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?



There's a Buzz about Nazeing

eight months for our bees this year, end of September to May, then the bee colonies exploded into action with three thousand new bees emerging every day. My 16 colonies were reduced to 10 by the end of April and they soon expanded to 26 with some careful manipulation and some delicate selective queen rearing. A queue of eager beginners lined up for starter colonies known as nuc's, or nucleus, in brand new hives made from Canadian Cedar, soon to be covered in honey, nectar, propolis and wax. As the really hot weather settled in the bees were filling a storage box known as a "super" with 30 lbs of



"A swarm in May is worth a load of hay"

honey as rent for supplying the hive and protection from the Varroa Mite and replace it with diluted white sugar which the bees will process into honey before the cold weather sets in. 20 kgs or 44 lbs is needed in each hive by the middle of September to give these remarkable insects a chance to survive until the next spring.
Ted Gradosielski

What a difference a few weeks can make to a colony of bees. The winter lasted



Queen Cell

Some of the rewards

Dear Sirs & ladies,

I wish to thank you all for the evenings entertainment and the Easter Dinner a week ago at the civic hall, which I was lucky enough to attend. I was an escort for my friend Mrs. Lenham as she finds it a bit difficult getting about these days. We used to live next door to each other but since I moved to Stevenage to live with my youngest daughter I have always kept in touch and we always meet up every Friday and have holidays together, so of course I agreed to look after her that night by staying over with her. Good job I did too as it proved to be a very eventful night. We had two people come to sit on our table as someone had sat in their places, and to cut a long story short one of the two people turned out to be a relative of hers who she hadn't seen for over 40 years. So you can imagine the conversation between them that night, for that alone you deserve a great big thank you, she is a very lonely lady of 87 years and to get contact with the baby boy she helped raise was a huge blessing. So once again thank you and all that helped it to be a great success on the night,

Your sincerely
Mrs. Holloway

14 year old Ella McElligott the winner of our 2009 Creative Writing competition, has won the National Henrietta Branford Writing competition.

Ella who now attends Broxbourne School has entered the competition for the last 6 years. The competition is open to anyone under the age of 19 and the entrants are given a starter paragraph and then have to build with 1500 words of their own.

Ella will now get to meet Jacqueline Wilson for the 2nd time, who wrote amongst many others the Tracy Beaker novels



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The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians personal, business and community life.

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