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We aim to:

- Be the "Go-To" organisation for those who need support in our communities.

- Increase the proportion of women, younger members including those with young families, minority groups and those who have influence in our communities.

- Be regularly forming new and satellite clubs.

- Grow our contribution to The Rotary Foundation and make greater use of Foundation funds in our projects locally and overseas.

- Increase our working connections with business and other partners.

Raise public awareness of our work.



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President Mike Marsh

Time seems to have flown by in the first three months of my Presidential year.

As I outlined in my aims for the year at Club Assembly in June, the first priority would be a return to as near normal Club life, as possible, as soon as possible, with the resumption of physical meetings, traditional fundraising, vocational, community support and social activities, as restrictions and Members' sensitivities permit.

Thanks to the Sun, we have certainly succeeded in resuming physical meetings and I have been buoyed by the feeling of fellowship and togetherness at meetings, which is impossible to achieve with Zoom. Sadly, some members have had to forego attending because of very real medical vulnerability, and I look forward to welcoming them back when they are ready. However, attendance has been averaging a little over 50% of the 'paper' membership, which is a little disappointing, even allowing for the 'medically vulnerable' and I would hope that this will improve.



For the moment, the Sun feels like 'home' and whatever one's views about it as a permanent venue, we must acknowledge the considerable efforts that the Sun staff have made, to make us feel welcome and accommodate our specific requirements.

In the New Year we will be reviewing its use as our permanent home and every member will be given an opportunity to express their views and preferences. However, for the moment it is our only realistic option and even if the Spotlight reopens on the promised 22nd February 2022, it is unknown as to what facilities will be available.

Our traditional fundraising activities have been the hardest hit of all that we do and the long arm of Covid-19 continues to cast a shadow, with the delayed re-opening of the Spotlight, preventing us holding the Celebrity Evening in November, but Ways & Means are manfully making up for lost time with two, possibly three events planned for 2022.

The good news is that, together with Round Table, we will be bringing Christmas cheer to Hoddesdon and its surroundings with the Christmas sleigh collections. Round Table has, with some justification, felt that we have not been pulling our weight in past years, so the challenge is to recruit family members, friends and other organisations, to enable us to provide an equitable share of support. In recruiting help, one can say that it is a most satisfying and heart-warming activity.

President Mike Marsh

The lack of funds raised during the Covid-19 hiatus has constrained the amount of money available for supporting local and international good causes, but quite rightly, we have made an exception in making a donation to the Rotary Club of Dinant, to help in coping with the after effects of the devastating floods, which Dinant experienced in late July.

Their President, Stéphane Koenig's grateful response can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Encouragingly, vocational and community support activities have resumed with transporting members of the George Fuller Club, supporting the British Legion Poppy Collections and holding the Spring Event, Essay Competition and Technology Tournament in 2022.

My second priority is, to show that the Club is thriving, I would like each Committee to initiate at least one new project during the year.

In this context, it is good to see that Vocational is to look at adding one of the Rotary Youth Competitions to the already successful Essay Competition.

International will be working on the joint venture with Dinant and will explore the idea of introducing the micro-finance concept to local secondary schools.

Community Service has an action to take an initiative on 'loneliness', in response to Lawrence's Presidential target, as a special area of need to be addressed, and as part of this, is looking to see if it can organise a 'get-together' at the Jackson Hall.

My third priority is to resurrect the Special Projects Committee, to look at the possibility of initiating another 'Club Project', to be completed over the next two to three years.

Although, happily, we have recruited two new members, the membership is getting older and this presents an increasing limit on what the membership is able to do, in providing practical support.

We can either opt out of providing that support, which I think will sadly lead to the inexorable decline and eventual demise of the Club or we can find ways of providing that support, ideally by recruiting new and younger members and/or more realistically finding volunteers to act on our behalf.

In this context, the Lea Valley Board, whose membership is made up of the five local Rotary Clubs, is at an advanced stage of setting up a 'Rotary Community Corps' which will consist of volunteers, on whom the five local Clubs can call for help.

At the end of September, we celebrated 74 years of 'Service above Self' at the Charter Dinner, our first social event since lockdown. So, my plea to you is, let's not think of all the difficulties and why we can't do things, but instead, all the ways in which we can overcome those difficulties and continue to demonstrate 'Service above Self', to all those local and international communities, that we have helped over 74 years.

Mike Marsh, President

Essay Writing Competition



"What I want to be when I grow up and why"

Back in 1994, who could have imagined that the Essay Writing Competition would have grown from strength to strength so that by 2020 enthusiastic, fervent pupils from ten local primary schools were lining up to write animated accounts of their hopes and desires for their future careers. It never fails to excite or surprise, how young people today are aware of the myriad opportunities that are within their grasp. And so it was in 2020, with interests in becoming a baker, a chef, a fashion designer, an Olympic swimmer, a paleontologist, a teacher, and a vet all included on the shortlist. However, our 2020 essay competition brought with it a challenge like no other in the previous twenty-six years!

We were unable to hold our usual presentation evening at Hoddesdon Library in March 2020 due to Covid restrictions and 'stay at home' government orders. Subsequent attempts to hold our presentation evening were hampered by repeated lockdowns. It was not until July of 2021 that we were able to simply display the essays in the library for two weeks. We could not have a presentation event, so the essays, book tokens for each school winner and all the certificates were returned to primary schools before the end of term for the schools to forward to the pupils; who, of course, were now at secondary school!

Nevertheless, overall winner, Bluebelle Davey from St Cross RC Primary School, who wants to be a politician, impressed and engaged with her craft of writing, research, perception, realism and passion and we are in the process of planning Bluebell's 'political' day out.

Background information Chris Waddington



Essay Writing Competition

What I want to be when I grow up and why

Though it has not always been my passion, I have felt very strongly about how being a politician would suit me perfectly. For instance, I have always enjoyed class discussions and sharing my opinions with others, along with views.

My passion for becoming a politician first began during our class 'Parliament Week'. Four politicians - Julia Bird, Nicholas Cox, Sean Walters and Sir Charles Walker, visited our school! I found it extremely fascinating about what they said about their job as a politician. They each had something different to say about how they try to persuade people to vote for their party, and we asked them a series of questions about: environment, homelessness, education and health. They told us how their party wanted to improve the country in different ways as well as telling us what they were going to do to prevent common problems. At the end of the week, we voted (as a class) on what party we wanted to win. It was a difficult decision since I didn't agree with everything on any of the party's policies.

Something also that fascinated me, was the debates. We debated on whether children should receive pocket money or not. I loved sharing my thoughts and discussing them.

An additional inspiration, was Sir Charles Walker. What he said and the way he said it - such passion and fluency in his voice. So I decided to write to him! I told him about how I longed to become a politician and was extremely inspired by him. I also asked what his best tips to become a politician were. I was significantly pleased when I received a letter back: he told me that it was about the experience and building a career outside of politics.

In order to become a politician, the recommended A-Levels are: History, English, Economics, Sociology, Modern Language and Politics.

I think that I would be highly suited to this career because I am:

Confident: I have the ability to speak out.

Resilient - I never give up and keep trying.

Interactive: I enjoy talking to others.

Good listener: I can listen to others and help them adapt their ideas and discuss them.

I know in my heart that I will become a politician. Who knows - I might be your MP one day!



Bluebebel Davey

Wormley Church Masterpiece

This is the painting given to Wormley Parish Church in 1797 by Sir Abraham Hume, at that time resident nearby in the big house, Wormley Bury.

The artist was said to be "Palma Vecchio" (c.1480-1528); his real name: Jacopo Negretti, a pupil of Titian.

Jacopo dal Ponte, called Bassano, (1510–1592) has also been named the artist.

During more than 500 years since the painting was created, it has accumulated dust, its varnish has darkened and it has suffered some slight damage; it needs restoration.

Sir Abraham Hume's agent in Italy bought *The Last Supper* which was intended to hang in Hume's London home, but the ten feet wide canvas proved too large.

That could be one of the reasons why Sir Abraham so generously presented the painting to his local church, which he would regularly attend when at home.



The Last Supper in St Laurence Church, Wormley



Jacopo Bassano, Last Supper 1542, Borghese, Rome



Jacopo Bassano, Supper at Emmaus 1538, Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas



Wormleybury - now divided into apartments

While he lived, Sir Abraham entertained generously and did not neglect the poor of the Parish. His name is included among the contributors to Wormley Parochial Charity, an organisation now chaired by Rtn Peter Lardi.



The 2nd baronet, was born at his father's house in Hill Street, London. His interest in precious stones led to his being elected FRS in 1775.

He was a founder of the Geological Society and a very respected collector.

The two pictures above compared with the Wormley painting (top) show similarities. These led Dr Paul Joannides, of Cambridge, Department of History of Art, on visiting Wormley (2002) to attribute *The Last Supper* to Bassano. Perhaps the restoration will be able to confirm who created this picture.

The churchwardens are grateful that the appeal, launched in August 2021, has raised £5,000 already. Granting bodies with funds for restoration projects all require participation from locals when applications are made.

If you would like to help...

... please contact Churchwarden Mrs Linda Hood e: lindahood2001@yahoo.co.uk

World Environment Day - Ecosystem Restoration



Rotary International marked World Environment Day with various events. The campaign - End Plastic Soup - aimed to highlight the plastic waste entering river systems and the ocean, turning them into a 'plastic-filled soup'. A spokesperson for Rotary International said: "This must be rectified globally and as Rotary International are a global organisation, we hope this will be a start to help end this worldwide threat not only to marine life but all life on this fragile planet."

Locally a litter pick was held along the River Lea from Hertford to Cheshunt, with each of the four Rotary groups taking responsibility for a geographical stretch of the river.

On Saturday June 5, under a blue sky in warm and balmy weather, members from Hoddesdon took responsibility for the clean up between Broxbourne and Cheshunt. With army mentality and strategic direction group members divided into two flanks, one group beginning at Broxbourne, the other Cheshunt. Armed with litter pickers and collection bags they trawled the riverbanks collecting all manner of waste, discarded litter and debris with the intention of improving the planet and consigning plastic waste to history.

Fifty years ago, the first Earth Day was held in April, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment; the action and the intention are as strong in 2021 as they were in 1970.

Monday Lunch Resumes - The Sun, Hoddesdon



After many months of Zoom with it's ubiquitous syntax, such as, 'You're on mute,' 'Next slide please,' 'Can we all rejoin after 40 minutes,' etc, on Monday 26th July, members of the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon gathered at the unfamiliar setting of The Sun, Hoddesdon.

Lunch consisted of a choice of fish and chips or meat pie, both of which were heartily eaten. Chase the Ace provided a handsome winner's sum and Karsan Chandegra, Immediate Past President of Hoddesdon Shires Rotary Club, spoke, in his capacity as Superintendent Pharmacist, about the challenges, changes and community resilience provided by Ware Cross Pharmacy during Lockdown and at the height of the pandemic.

Asked how it felt to, once again, be lunching amongst other esteemed Hoddesdon Rotarians, one member replied: "It's been a long time and it's great to be back!"



Editorial Reflections - Peter Lardi

It was "Eddie" Walsh (former owner of Meadows, the Fortnums of Hoddesdon) who made the first effort at producing a Club bulletin, before I was a member. He encouraged me to revive the idea and to bring out regular issues quarterly. The typewriter and duplicating machine constituted "modern" production methods then, nothing like computers with their linked printers were generally available. So the appearance of the first issues was basic and not at all attractive in today's world.

However, the first issue, May 1989, did offer a report on the Traction Engine Rally, when friends from Torsås attended. It was illustrated with (black-and-white) photos taken by the late Rotarian Alan Skelton. Some issues included a childhood photo of a Rotarian, challenging members to name the subject.



All photos were smudgy, reproduced to the best of my ability. One can see Father Robert Tollemache, Rodney Hale-Sutton and many others no longer with us, as well as the cheerful smiles from very youthful members who continue to serve in Rotary.

District Conference included such subjects as: "Rotary Scholars Speak" and discussions about Women in Rotary, reports on Student Exchanges, Rules for Attendance and Emergency Boxes. Hoddesdon Rotaract and Inner Wheel groups were then thriving and were each given half a page, but Round Table had temporarily folded, so it is good to know that a new generation of "Tablers" is active and co-operating with our Club in various ways.



Many thanks, Ladies, for your work on Refreshments at the Rally!



Editorial Reflections

The first issue where colour pictures were introduced was July 1991 when Conference was in Harrogate with a score of us led by President Lindsay Jones. A series of limericks (which Lindsay much admires) filled one of the pages. As an example I quote a reminder of bookselling days:

Our local bookseller is Lardi
A man who is robust and hardy.
Copy deadline being near
Clients don't need to fear
He has never been known to be tardy.

Andrew Hambling had a page reporting on the Hoddesdon v Ware Rotary Cricket Match in his characteristic prose. He never failed to capture the atmosphere of events historical or contemporary, and we had the benefit of his editorship of bulletin issues from December 1994 to June 2000 when the printing was done on Haileybury equipment. Andrew was Archivist there, having been Housemaster, then Deputy Head during a long career.

Having completed my year as President, Andrew persuaded me to resume editing the bulletin from September 2000 until issue No 86 in April 2012 when Roger Merton kindly presented me with a very drinkable case of red wine in recognition of my ability to make a nuisance of myself, collecting news and articles from Rotarians and friends for so many years.

I sincerely hope that our new Editor will have the pleasure of co-operating with all who have something to say and that everybody will be prompt in responding to requests for "copy" and pictures!

Peter Lardi



Lea Valley Talking Newspaper Folds



The Chairman of LVTN, Peter Hicks, accepts a cheque from Cllr. Jeremy Pearce, Technician and Committee Member.

The recent announcement from The Secretary of Lea Valley Talking Newspaper interests many Rotarians because they have been involved personally in its work, several Rotary Clubs, including Hoddesdon, have contributed donations.

There are several reasons why LVTN will no longer continue, including the lack of local news stories in the local paper, failing equipment and the safety of our volunteers. I could add one happier reason why LVTN is less in demand, the fact that so many eye problems can now be solved with the skill of eye surgeons and the improved equipment they have at hand.

Until lockdown, every week for the past forty years, a session of recording in the Cheshunt studio produced cassettes and memory sticks to be posted to local blind and partially sighted people so they could share the local paper even though being unable to read it. Volunteers included Rotarians from local clubs and a range of other helping organisations, both men and women.

The first action each week relied on the "Editor" who would scan the pages of The Mercury, hoping to find items that would interest listeners. The panel of editors took turns, each being called upon about six times a year. The editor chose which paragraphs of the current edition of The Mercury should be included, using scissors and paste to present the selection for a team of four readers who assembled in the studio in Cheshunt every Monday (or Tuesday if it were a Bank Holiday weekend).

There would be a personal introduction to start the recording, the editor announcing the names of listeners with a birthday, lighting-up times, late opening of chemists in the area, making a comment on the weather, holidays or some topical item of choice, cricket or football perhaps.

A small team of volunteers took turns at monthly intervals as "Technician" controlling the recording machine and making sure that recording levels were evenly maintained, adding snippets of music to form an introduction and exit on each cassette tape.

The small group of Readers each Monday would be handed two sheets with newspaper cuttings chosen by the Editor. Each in turn entered the claustrophobic microphone room, separated by a large, sound-proof, glass window from the technician. When the red light showed, reading began. Voices varied in strength, so the technician had to be ready to adjust the recording level.

The master tape was edited, then next morning another team squeezed into the studio and copied the master onto cassettes, placing them in special padded envelopes and mailing them to the listeners. Thanks to long-standing special arrangements made with the post office there was no charge for postage.

Each audio master tape was given special treatment on Tuesday afternoon, transferring the audio recording onto a digital memory stick, the more modern method adopted by a large percentage of the listeners. Both cassettes and memory sticks were despatched by post and, after listening to the message, the listener placed them back in the padded envelope and returned them for re-use.

To all who have been involved in LVTN, let me assure them that our listeners are very grateful to you all. Even though many alternative recordings are now available, there is sincere regret that the unique contribution of LVTN will be missing for dozens who enjoyed the weekly recordings.

Peter Lardi



Volunteers assembled for the AGM of LVTN

Pepsi the Cat

To describe Pepsi as a Companion Therapy Pet is, indeed, an understatement; Pepsi is a greatly loved and much travelled cat. Originally nurtured by Wakefield Rotary Club through generous donations, Pepsi came to reside with Derek in his Warden Assisted home not too far away from his family and daughter Eve and her friend Ann Fish. Knowing how much Derek loved cats, it was Ann who initially suggested to her friend Eve, how much a Companion Therapy Pet would be suitable for him, especially as she knew how much he loved cats.

Pepsi travelled from Wakefield Rotary Club to Sawbridgeworth Rotary Club and was soon after delivered to Derek. Derek and Pepsi's first meeting was both tense and emotional for all involved: would Derek take to Pepsi and vice versa? But Eve and Ann needn't have worried; as soon as Pepsi was in Derek's arms, conversation resumed in a manner that was surprising and unexpected. Pepsi was now at the forefront of Derek's focus, and conversation, through Pepsi, flowed. Not too long after Derek and Pepsi were united, Covid-19 propelled its restrictions onto the country and lockdown was enforced. But for Derek, the company of Pepsi, her companionship, the comfort she offered him, the friendship she undeniably gave, became a source of tranquility and support during a time of uncertainty and isolation.



President Mike Marsh, Hoddlesdon Rotary Club, and Ann Fish, presenting Pepsi to Carla Da Silva (right).

Derek and Pepsi shared a special relationship and when Derek sadly passed away this year, Eve and her family wanted her to resume her travels and continue to offer comfort and solace. Eve asked Ann whether she had any knowledge of where Pepsi could continue her therapeutic work.

"I wanted to continue the link with Rotary and knew they helped Belmont View, in Hoddlesdon. I got in touch with Carla Da Silva, Marketing Executive, who was more than happy to have him.

Pepsi's move has been successful with the residents at Belmont View helping them to relax, sleep and reducing their anxiety. Now, six more Companion Therapy Pets have been purchased: Tinker, Ginger, Timmy, Sammy, Biscuit and Maisy, along with a seventh, Freddie, who was purchased by a resident's family. Ann explained: "As you can imagine I feel so proud to have been a part of this and I hope the Rotary Club are proud of their part too. It is amazing to know that a little cat can make such a difference."

With thanks to Ann Fish for all background information.

The George Fuller Club - 70th Anniversary Year

The George Fuller Club for the Blind (GFC) celebrated 70 years, since its creation in 1951, on the evening of Saturday 25th September.

The Hoddesdon Rotary Club has been privileged to support the club in its endeavours for blind and partially sighted residents of Hoddesdon, Broxbourne and the surrounding areas over many years. In celebration of its platinum anniversary, dignitaries in attendance included:

Broxbourne MP Sir Charles Walker, the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire and the Mayor and Mayoress of Broxbourne. Arnold Granat and Howard Connor, of Hoddesdon Rotary Club, were delighted to be invited to join the celebrations along with their wives, and all present enjoyed a 3- course meal and musical entertainment.



A highlight of the evening was the presentation by the High Sheriff of the first of his newly created Youth Ambassador Awards to Ben Marriott, Harry Swinn and Alfie Henshaw in recognition of all their hard work in supporting the GFC and its members. Special thanks were given to Peter and Jill Grant and Bill and Doreen Crumly who have been involved with the running of the club for many decades. The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon looks forward to continuing to support the George Fuller Club for many years to come.

Arnold Granat

Tommy Knight Obituary

A QUIET MAN WHO SPOKE TO THE WORLD

I never heard him shout or even raise his voice, but Tommy Knight was often ready with a pertinent comment.

With his brother he joined the printing business started by their father, Thomas Knight & Co (1935-1967) publishers of Hoddesdon Journal for 387 monthly issues, a genuinely local newspaper.

Tommy, a realist faced by union attitudes, rising costs and lower advertising revenue, closed the firm to concentrate on his many other interests.

T L Franklin, a friend and 16mm ciné pioneer, included shots of Tommy on film now held on CD in Lowewood Museum. Franklin was Founder of CAB (now CA) in Hoddesdon where Tommy was Founder Treasurer and later Chairman.

Tommy had been Treasurer of Nazeing Church, but family connection with Hoddesdon Parish Church meant that both the recent funeral of John Hurd, his son-in-law, and his own ceremony were held there.

Tommy joined Lodge No 2518 and was Master in 1955 and a Hertfordshire Provincial Officer in 1962; as their most senior member he was held in high regard.

As a radio ham he spoke often to fellow Rotarians and others and would quote from his overseas contacts. He and Olive joined a 25-strong Rotary party on visits to New Zealand and later South Africa which widened the list of his radio contacts.

On his centenary, our Club presented Tommy with The Thomas Knight 'Service above Self' Award. His will be a hard act to follow.

Peter Lardi

Reflections from Nepal by Mark Donno



In 2017, the Rotary club embarked on the adventure of a lifetime to Nepal. They would experience the bustle and excitement of Thamel markets, trek from Lukla to the base of Everest and complete two days of painting and decorating at an orphanage in Kathmandu. Few would have realised how their trip continued to change the lives of the children till this day.

Chatting to members following the trip, it was heart-warming to hear the pleasure they felt when supporting the children at the orphanage. I wasn't surprised, as I know from experience how much joy the children give. What did surprise me, was the dedication and commitment The Rotary Club continues to show four years on.

Christmas shoeboxes were the first on the list. I was lucky enough to be 'Santa Claus' on the first delivery of the boxes. Which were completely unexpected by the children. After seeing the boxes opened, it was evident how much thought had been given to every box. I am amazed how this was managed through a very challenging year of Covid lockdowns, a truly wonderful commitment.

Shoeboxes were surpassed with support for studies. Kabita, who at the time stayed at the orphanage, was the eldest and therefore first to attend a college. Her dream was to pursue a career in medicine as a nurse. I began a Facebook page to raise funds and asked The Rotary Club if they could support. The answer was emphatic as donations poured in and we surpassed our total. She completed her nursing qualifications, and now has a promising career ahead of her thanks to your efforts.

Following this appeal, the orphanage requested further support; they created a wish list. Once more Rotary went to work providing gas for the children alleviating walks to the forests to find firewood. With your generous donations, a large metal barrier was constructed to the rear of the property. This secured the property allowing the children to sleep safely as previously the earthquake had left the exterior of the building open to the elements.

We have also seen birthday cards; a swing and the latest request was to support Pabin; a smart, energetic boy with a passion to follow a career in engineering. In similar form, The Rotary Club provided the answer. The Rotary Club and its members haven't faltered even through a pandemic when naturally we may be more concerned with worries closer to home. But you and your members still have the passion to support people thousands of miles away, incredible!

Reflections from Nepal

I don't know many of the names or faces that have been there to support the children at the orphanage over the past four years, but I am immensely grateful for all the help you provide. You receive very little recognition for the time, money and care you offer people in your local community and across the world.

So, on behalf of a few of those people thank you Hoddesdon Rotary Club.

Mark Donno



200 Club

The 200 Club is simplicity itself and easy to join. Each participant has a chance in the quarterly draw. Many prizes are awarded from 50% of proceeds. Remaining funds are donated to Rotary charitable causes.

Winners of the March Draw

Family Parkinson £200 Mike Skelton £100 Peter Lardi £75 Sheila Fitzpatrick £50
Kathryn Grafton £25 Jo Fisher £25 Tony Pomfrett £25 Jeff Ryan £25
Sandra Haynes £25 Joan Duley £25

Winners of the June Draw

Ken Ayling £200 G A Badland £100 Triish Waddington £75 Alan Wiffin £50
Olive Knight £25 Pat Fisher £25 Howard Connor £25 Ron Mayhew £25
Carol Beard £25 Peter Walker £25 Hilary Marsh £25

Support for Dinant Flooding 2021

Twinning ties between the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon and the Rotary Club of Dinant extend back a long time with many trips and visits between the two clubs. Dinant, to the south east of Brussels, was amongst the worst hit areas in Belgium in July 2021 after thunderstorms and heavy summer rain reached the country.

*Dear Stéphane,
The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon was shocked to hear about the devastating floods, which Dinant suffered on Saturday night, but relieved to receive an update from Marc Snoeck, via Martin Lynas, that only one of your members has been directly affected, and that the main part of Dinant has not been affected. It was also good to hear that your Club is helping in the clear up. Be assured that the Rotary Club and town of Dinant are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time for you, and please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help.
Yours in Rotary, Mike Marsh President Rotary Club of Hoddesdon*

*Dear Mike,
Dear friend and President of the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon,
Dear all Friends of the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon,
I would like to thank you for the warm and deeply touching message of support. A movement of great solidarity has settled between the Dinant citizens and Belgian countrywide people, through clearing and cleaning interventions of the streets and the houses.
Almost nobody could forecast this exceptional catastrophe due to extreme weather elements, and nobody ever saw such a situation in the past. Our Club and the Rotarian Districts are currently quite active in working out an aid plan to help the most affected victims and the most deprived among us. We are collecting gifts as much as possible and will soon release funds there where necessary.
No doubt, next Thursday, I will share your message to the members of our Club. Thanks again, Mike, and give my regards to all the friends of Rotary Club Hoddesdon Stéphane KOENIG*

*Dear Stéphane,
We note from your reply that you will be 'releasing funds' as part of the Dinant Club Flood Relief aid plan. At our Club meeting today, Members unanimously agreed to donate £1,000 to the Dinant Club, to help with your Flood Relief plan. Normally, formal approval is required at our next Club Council meeting, which is scheduled for 13th September 2021. However, if this donation would be of more use, if received earlier, then there are means of expediting it. Please let me know if you require this donation to be made as soon as possible and we will take the necessary steps to expedite it. Either way, do you have a preferred method by which the money can be transferred to the Dinant Club? With all good wishes to you, your Members and the people of Dinant. Mike Marsh President Rotary Club of Hoddesdon*

*Dear Mike,
It is a real great pleasure reading from you. We warmly thank you for your assistance regarding the floodings of Dinant.
The easiest way to transfer the donation would be via our bank account.
Again let me thank the Hoddesdon Rotary Club for its proactivity and swift decision regarding the financial support. Dinant's region recently suffered from a tornado devastating a complete street in Beauraing (we support them also) and now, Dinant suffered from severe and very rapid floods. Thanks to your support, we are stronger together! Hoping to see you all soon, we send you all our sincere regards and warm thanks. Yours Stéphane KOENIG*

*Dear President Mike, Dear Tony, Dear friends,
We have received your donation for the benefit of our flood victims last July. This generous gesture filled with Rotarian friendship touches us deeply. This money will obviously be used for a cause that we will define very soon in order to help those affected by this tragedy. With all the thanks from the Dinant club which sends you all its best regards! We are looking forward to seeing you soon again. Sincerely, Stéphane KOENIG*



In Dinant heavy rainfall washed away cars, leaving them strewn across the town.

WHO'S WHO IN HODDESDON ROTARY CLUB 2021-22

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Mike Marsh
 President Elect: Lawrence Bone
 Immediate Past President: Lawrence Bone
 Secretary: John Neighbour
 Assistant Secretary: John Glover
 Treasurer: Tony Pomfret
 Assistant Treasurer: Howard Connor

ELECTED MEMBERS OF CLUB COUNCIL

Roger Abraham
 Ken Ayling
 Terry Fisher
 Roger Lee
 Martin Lynas
 Roger Merton
 Chris Waddington

CHAIR OF CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEES

Community Service: Arnold Granat
 Foundation: Meirion Morris
 International: John Glover
 Vocational: Chris Waddington
 Ways & Means: Peter Haynes

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Howard Connor
 John Glover
 John Hiscock

HODDESDON ROTARY 200 CLUB

Be a Winner in our Prize Draw with up to £5,000 in prizes!

The 200 Club is simplicity itself, and so easy to join. Each entrant has a chance in the quarterly draw.

There are many prizes in each draw, from 50% of proceeds, the balance is paid into the Club's Benevolent Fund to meet needs of charitable work near and far.

Payment of £1 per week
by quarterly standing order or
cheque for an annual payment.

To join just email: rjaabraham.aol.com
 For further details ring: 01992 447354

OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS

Auditor: Roger Abraham
 Bulletin: Jean Legg
 Chase the Ace: Terry Fisher
 Code of Practice: John Hiscock
 Evening Drives: Roger Lee
 Friends of Rotary: Ken Ayling
 George Fuller Club: Arnold Granat
 Membership: Howard Connor
 Sergeant at Arms: Barry Fitzpatrick
 Speakers: Lawrence Bone
 200 Club: Roger Abraham

The Object of Rotary



is to encourage and foster the ideal of service
as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular:

Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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