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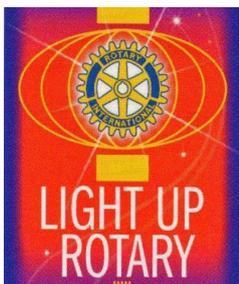
Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

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Toddling Toddlers

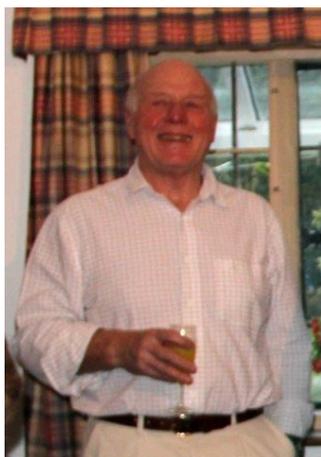


The 14th Annual Toddlethon in Poole Park took place on Wednesday 20 May.

The children toddled around the cycle track and were sponsored to raise funds for Polio Eradication and the purchase of equipment for Montacute School.



President Pete's Page



As everyone is aware my Rotary involvement over the last three months has been somewhat curtailed, so as my Rotary year approaches its end (where did it go?), I feel I can add little in this article to my report to the AGM, which is attached to this edition of Bay Views, other than to say again thank you to all of you for your contributions and fellowship during the year.

Thanks to the support of your Service Committee Chairman and Club Officers, it has been an enjoyable year as your President, although I wish I could have left a larger number of members for Stewart's coming year in the chair.

I look forward to seeing those who can make it to President's Night on 13 June where, weather permitting, a dramatic sunset viewed from the Royal Motor YC will herald a new dawn under Stewart's presidency. Stewart has promised me good weather so I'm sure it will happen!

My thanks to John Walker for maintaining the high standard of Bay Views for yet another year.

Peter Taylor, Club President.

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District

Homestart was our Association President's charity for 2014/15 and at our annual Conference they received a cheque for £8,000 to be added to the £10,000 already donated, with more promised before the end of the IW year. Seventeen members of our Club attended this year's Conference which was held in Bournemouth and was deemed to be one of the best ever. The £9,000 collection from our Service was donated to Music and The Deaf. We had interesting and varied speakers - the final one being Ann Widdicombe. The entertainment on all three evenings was excellent.

June sees us again holding our annual Beach Day and we hope the weather will be good. The final District event will be a District Meeting followed by the installation of our new District Chairman.

I am grateful to Gillian and Brian for raising some funds for my Charity.

I am up in Hertfordshire at the moment and will envisage spending a lot more time here now that my daughter has returned from China. I wish you all a lovely summer and success in all your ventures.

Mary Lewis, IWC President.

Reports from The Club's AGM

President's Report:

I have been blessed this Rotary year with an excellent team of Service Committee leaders and Club Officers and before I say any more I would like to thank them all for their efforts, enthusiasm and contribution to my year in the chair. The strength of the team was particularly helpful for me at a personal level during the first quarter of 2015 when I was not able to devote as much attention to my Rotary duties as I would have liked. My thanks also to Roger Allen and Stewart Greaves for standing in for me at various functions I was unable to attend.

Not wishing to repeat the reports of the many successes and achievements outlined by our committee chairmen, there are some things I would like to highlight as significant achievements worthy of extra comment.

With the total YTD income at nearly £15,000 and the Toddlethon and revenue from the Swimathon still to come, it has been a good year from a fund raising aspect. My thanks to Gillian Finch for all her efforts. The Christmas collections, one of our major projects, continues to be the subject of some major rethinking as membership numbers fall.

It was sad that the golf day did not attract the required support despite the efforts of David Way and David Hudson. I think the conclusion we may draw from that (and the dropping swimathon numbers) is that we are suffering from "sponsorship overload".



On the International front, in addition to raising over £3000 for overseas charities, we had a very memorable trip to Ancenis, meticulously organised by them and Brian Finch. It was good to see that their club is flourishing, and interesting to hear how they are changing to meet the challenge of keeping Rotary fresh and modern.



Nigel Wrigley's Community, Vocational and Youth Committee have produced some great results this year, and I would place our growing relationship with Lytchett Minster School high on the list of achievements. Under the stewardship of Tony Ogg and Eddie Newcomb we have seen a real increase in cooperation, culminating in their agreement to becoming a Community Partner of the Club.

Stewart's and Eddie's efforts in driving Rotary in Poole and the Tri-club initiative have produced a leap forward in inter-club cooperation and shared vision and I am sure significant (and essential) developments will take place over the coming two years.

Thanks to Peter Dawes, we have had some superb, high quality speakers this year. His will be a difficult act to follow! Don Nutt has continued to push the Poole Bay Walk and it is to be hoped this year we will see him rewarded with good attendance levels. He deserves it!

We are going to say goodbye to two valued members as Stewart's year starts. Brian Martin, whose contribution to the club over the years has been massive, and John Wootton, a newer member but a significant contributor, particularly in his running of our website, are both leaving us and will leave a big hole. The trouble is, as each person leaves and we do not seem to be able to replace them easily, it renders the Club less attractive to any potential new members. Our Satellite Group, despite the enthusiasm of Dimpsey, Penny and Beverley, has not attracted new members this year, but we must strive to find new ways of trying to generate interest. Alun Williams has been a superb Treasurer this year (would we expect anything less?) and my thanks to him and to our Secretary David Way for their excellent service. I would like to express special thanks to Stewart for his hard work, support and dedication this year, he has been an exceptional Vice President and I'm sure he will be an exceptional President next year. Finally thank you to you all for the fun and fellowship we have shared this past year.

Peter Taylor, Club President 2014/2015.

Club Administration Committee Report:

At Club Assembly President Peter identified the following as his prime objectives:

- Fellowship
- Fun
- Service to others
- Rotary in Poole
- Poole Bay Satellite Club

So.....Have we delivered?

Thanks to Peter Dawes the Club has had a full programme of interesting speakers which with John Walker's unfailing dedication has been co-ordinated and communicated to members regularly. Thanks also go to John with input from members for preparing and publishing Bay Views.

Restaurant evenings have continued to be well attended with thanks to Alun Williams for organising these and the Fellowship Cup was dusted off with a dinner party hosted by Eddie and Barri Newcomb; the mantle has now been passed to Bernard and Pauline Burgess.

Although a 'weekend away' did not materialise a group of members and partners visited Ancenis for what was a fantastic long weekend.

There was strong support from members for the District Conference which was held in Bournemouth as well as representation at District Council, District Assembly and other District Seminars.



A tri-club meeting between Poole, Parkstone and Poole Bay and facilitated by Caroline Millman proved extremely enjoyable but it will only be possible to judge its success in bringing the three clubs closer together in the months to come. As a part of this, Rotary in Poole committee meetings have continued to be held regularly. The main disappointment is that we have not been able to attract any new members to the evening Club or the satellite group.

With all of the other activities and projects with which the individual committees have been involved there is no doubt that the prime objectives have to a significant degree been achieved. I would wish to thank not only the members of the Club Administration committee but all Members for their enthusiasm and the part that they have played in making a success of the Club during the past year.

Stewart Greaves, President Elect.

International & Foundation Committee Report:

International

District 1110 Shoeboxes. This year we collected, checked, re-packed and delivered 306 shoeboxes for onward distribution to Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines. Boxes were provided by, Lytchett Minster, St Luke's Winton, Primary and Infants and Inner Wheel, together with contributions from friends. Our grateful thanks to AG Richard Burnett who stored and arranged delivery of the cases to the Southampton warehouse, to Alun Williams for transporting the boxes to Richard's house and all otherwise concerned. The Club contributed £61.00 towards the costs. The number of boxes was slightly higher than last year but considerably down on earlier years.

Shelter Box. Due to a number of major disasters around the world, including a typhoon in Vanuatu and more recently a huge earthquake in Nepal, we have contributed or been in receipt of funds enabling us to forward monies to Shelter Box on three occasions; £600 from money available from last year and £1159 due to a collection at Lytchett Minster School plus an anonymous donation. Thank you to Tony Ogg for his liaison work at Lytchett School. Also £295 due to an initiative with the Rotary Clubs of Poole and Parkstone who forwarded £295 and £590 respectively.

Other Supported International Organisations. Funds have been forwarded to Hope and Homes for Children, where our contribution was matched by UK Aid, to Micro Finance – Opportunity International, Seeds for Development, to DentAid and to Filter Straws. Brian and Gillian attended a Rotary Hope and Homes conference in Salisbury.

Mary's Meals. Club Members contributed in excess of £100 towards this charity, where £12.20 buys food for a child at school for one year, thereby ensuring that the child receives both education and food. Thank you for this support.

Ancenis. In September of last year thirteen members and partners enjoyed a visit to our twinned Club the RC Ancenis. A full report is in the November/December edition of Bay Views.

International Speaker. Ben Parkin, an eye surgeon from Bournemouth Hospital, spoke to us about his visit to South Sudan and his current charity work for Vision 20/20. We hope to provide funds for Ben in the future when he has established his base, possibly in Uganda or Kenya.

Foundation

Polio Eradication. As in previous years we will fund our support for Polio Eradication from funds raised at the Toddlethon, this year to be held on the 20th May.

Foundation Funding. Payment for our giving to the Rotary Foundation Trust was provided from our normal £25 annual contribution plus fund raising and the Christmas collection in lieu of Christmas cards. A total in excess of £1000 has been given to Rotary Foundation UK.

Areas of Focus. For both International and Foundation the **Areas of Focus** are:

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Water and Sanitation

Maternal, Child Health and Alleviation of Hunger

Basic Education and Literacy

Economic and Community Development

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Most of the above activities fall within these categories.

Brian Finch, International & Foundation Committee Chairman.

Fundraising Committee Report:



Christmas Street Collection - Once again we were reliant on Peter Taylor to tow the Tank Engine Float around the streets of Poole. We received help from the Rotary Clubs of Poole and Parkstone plus we offered other service organisations and charities the use of the float for their own collections. We raised £2685 for our own charity account and £2277 was raised by the other groups.

Christmas - Sainsbury's Talbot Heath Supermarket Collection. The float was positioned in the car park and played festive music over a three day period, 19 to 21 December. In total £1126 was collected.

Christmas - Tesco Branksome Supermarket Collection. We had an excellent return from Tesco's collection on Wednesday & Thursday 17 & 18 December, the use of the float created a great feel-good factor for both the customers and those collecting. In total £855 was collected.

Lions' Fun, Swim Relay 7 & 8 February 2015. The Club and Soroptimists help the Poole Lions with this event. This year our allocation of 20% of the total sponsored money will go to Montacute School for specialised equipment.

A combined team from the Club and Inner Wheel raised over £650 in sponsored donations. The total sponsor money hasn't been collected by Lions as yet so no money has been allocated this year.

The Swimathon Presentation Evening was held at Barclay House on Tuesday 5 May, cheques were presented to HomeStart South East Dorset and Poole Young Carers, this was from the Gift Aid claimed from the previous three years donation to the two charities supported by the Club.



Easter – Sainsbury's Talbot Heath Supermarket Collection. We arranged for the float to be closer to the entrance and collection area, this was better but still difficult to associate the float with our collection buckets! We collected on Good Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday, the Bank holiday collection was a little disappointing. It was decided to invite members from the RC's of Poole and Parkstone to help and we shared the proceeds according to the number of collectors, many thanks to all those who offered their help. Total collected was £726.00 over the three days.

Big Breakfast for Autism Wessex Tuesday 7 April. Members and partners met for an English breakfast and many refills of good coffee at the "The Library" in Parkstone Road, Poole. As a result £100 was raised for Autism Wessex.

Golf Day Friday 15 May 2015. Sadly cancelled due to lack of interest but thank you to all those who offered their help. We need to reconsider it's viability in future. Thirteen friends from the Club and Diverse Abilities played in Society (format) with a tee off time from 1200 to 1300. The highest points score, nearest pin and longest drive received a token prize and of course the Club Golf Cup. Money will be donated to Diverse Ability amounting to £300 plus Gift Aid.

Rainbow Fun Run for Naomi's House Sunday 10 May. This is the first time the event has been held in this area, it took place at Baiter Park along the inner harbour. Registration was £15.00 and 1800 registered to run; they then raised individual sponsor money. Seven members from the Club volunteered to man the Registration tables and act as Marshals for the run. There were four paint stations set up along the route and the runners were bombarded with powder paint as they ran through these areas! They emerged covered in Rainbow colours and obviously very excited with squeals of laughter and excitement! It was an extremely well organised event by the fundraising staff at Naomi's House.

Rotary Toddlethon Wednesday 20 May 2015. To date I have 225 names of children taking part in the Sponsored Toddlethon; we are raising funds for Polio Eradication and for specialised table and chairs for the new premises at Montacute School, Poole. We have been invited to the school for a tour of the new premises on the 22 May.

Poole Bay Walk Sunday 5 July 2015. Walkers will register with the Club who will facilitate the event; all of the sponsorship money will then go directly to the individual's chosen charity. This year the event is being extended to "Sponsored Walks & Family Fun Day". Massive planning has been taking place for the walks to start and finish at Baiter Park with arrangements for stall holders, fun activities for children, marching bands and choirs to add to the fun atmosphere. Most of the charities approached have accepted an invitation to bring their stall and promote their charity.

Ashley Road Trader's Carnival - Parkstone Sunday 2 August. We have volunteered to be Marshals for this event, helping with the car parking; last year we walked with the Club float and collected with buckets for the Carnival Fund.

Business Partners. We have two Service Partners and six Business Partners; further Partners are being sought as they help to pay our necessary expenses i.e. maintaining and running the float etc. The money received from our Partners enables us to hand every penny we raise to charity.

Gillian Finch, Fundraising Committee Chairman.

Club Speakers

24 March: The Teachers Building Society by James Bawa

The Teachers' Building Society is a mutual society founded in 1966 by the National Union of Teachers which has its headquarters in Wimborne where it employs forty people. There are no branch offices. It offers a range of savings products to the public at large and provides mortgage loans for house purchase to borrowers working in education and, more widely, to anyone living in Dorset. In 2011, it declared assets of £224 million. James Bawa has been Chief Executive since 2002 and previously held senior appointments with Liverpool Victoria, Friends' Provident, Schroders and Scottish Legal Life. He came over as an enthusiastic and dynamic manager with a strong wish to maintain customer service at the highest level. Indeed, he encourages the members of the Society to deal with the office staff on a personal basis and maintains office procedures which essentially eliminate demarcation in the workplace. If a member calls, by whatever means, the person answering deals with the problem. It was all reminiscent of small bank branches which I remember from my earliest days and it must go down well with the members who are able to make comparison with the attitudes prevailing in the offices of the non-mutuals. For the sake of those members, let us hope that James continues to succeed but only so far as he remains unnoticed by the predators that always lurk in his market place.

(Bernard Burgess pp Eddie Newcomb)

14 April: Future of Police Governance by Martyn Underhill

Appointed as Dorset's first Police Crime Commissioner having been a Detective Chief Inspector with the Sussex Police Force for 30 years and retired in 2009. He values his present role as police commissioner, being independent of the police but able to represent all sections of the community in discussions with them. He described his main objectives as reducing the number of victims of crime, working to protect the public from serious threats and harm, reducing re-offending, to supporting neighbourhood policing and increasing public satisfaction with policing. Although crime is gradually reducing overall in Europe, it is changing in nature. Child protection, cyber crime and increased awareness of terrorist threats are of major importance. There is pressure to reduce policing costs by as much as 20% per year resulting in a reduction in the number of police stations and in the future the current number of Police Community Support Officers will become unaffordable. Martyn can see a trend towards combining Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Forces into a merged South West Force in the not too distant future.

(Tony Ogg)

21 April: Montacute School

We had two fascinating views of life at Montacute School from Dave as a teacher and Ginnie as a parent and Governor. These gave us a much better understanding of the challenges and rewards for all involved. It was obvious from both, the love and individual care that students at the school enjoy. Kids Out was highlighted several times as a wonderful opportunity for students, and Paultons Park acknowledged as providing facilities for all. Our donation of tables and chairs for the new school buildings was recognised and appreciated. We look forward to the invitation to see them in place and in use.

(Alun Williams)

Charity Golf Competition

7 May 2015 will be remembered if not for the Club Charity Golf Competition but for a far more important national event which may have stolen some of our thunder in just a small way. Despite the election (and The Sturgeon) thirteen members and friends entered the competition - a disappointing number by past experience and other perhaps more active fund raising events.

The event, an individual Stapleford competition played at Bulbury Woods Golf Course was a fun and enjoyable competition, which was won by the stalwart Rotarian from Poole Bay, Dick Bazalgette. David Austin of Diverse Abilities came second and a member of Wareham GC, Derek Penny, was third. The course was in good condition although the greens were a bit woolly having been heavily scarified and reseeded in keeping with the annual maintenance programme. The weather on the Thursday was better than we had been experiencing although in line with the forecast, so all in all a good day which was satisfactorily completed with the provision of a healthy Chef's pie and vegetables.



Despite the lack of numbers we were able to raise a total of £300 which has been donated to Diverse Abilities. A goodly sum came from the (Dutch) Auction of a bottle of champagne which was won by a bid of £8 - a rather novel way of raising money and buying a good bottle of champagne at a reasonable price.

David Austin of Diverse Abilities enthusiastically thanked the players, Bulbury Woods GC and the event organisers for staging the event and recommended that we 'do it again' next year and 'why not bring along a friend'. So again let's watch this space.

(David Hudson)

A Large Breakfast!

The Big Brekkie - The morning of Tuesday 7 April saw thirteen or so Rotarians and their partners gathering at a rather early hour, at least for Rotarians of a certain age, at the Library Cafe Bar (Parkstone Road) for a Big Brekkie. The idea of David Way, who by misfortune was taking an Easter break in Dubai, was a great success in raising £100 for Autism Wessex.

8.30 am was a little early not only for Club members and their partners but also, it seemed, for the staff (and the coffee machine) who were a little startled by the gathering hungry hoard. Appetite was however fully satisfied when chef quickly produced platefuls of piping hot bacon, scrambled eggs, beans, hash browns, tomatoes, mushrooms and toast washed down with tasty coffee from a now fully functioning machine. For the more hungry among us there were seconds which were not wasted!!

Sadly another new experience for the members of Poole Bay came to an end about 10am as we went our separate ways promising to go back when the opportunity arose. David Way has asked that we repeat the exercise so that he and Jenny can enjoy the experience - so watch this space. (David Hudson)

President's Dinner

Saturday 13 June 2015

Royal Motor Yacht Club

54 Panorama Road, Sandbanks

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Welcome drink

Three course dinner & Coffee

Music by "The Jazz Set"

Black tie or Lounge Suits for Gentlemen

Elegant Evening wear for Ladies

Guest Tickets £35 per head

The Poole Bay

Sponsored Walks

&

**Family Fun Day in
Baiter Park**

Sunday 5 July 2015

11 am to 4 pm

Support your own charity

Register to walk & specify

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Wedding Anniversaries

Dick & Bidy Bazalgette on 1st June
Brian & Susan Martin 16th on June
Peter & Anita Dawes on 2nd July
John & Elizabeth Walker on 2nd July
Terry & Elizabeth Stewart on 20th July
Eddie & Barri Newcomb on 30 July
Peter & Lynda Hambly on 16th August

Birthdays

Barri Newcomb on 13 June
David Way on 3rd August
Katherine Nutt on 18th August

Programme & Duties

A one course Buffet Meal will be served at all meetings held at the hotel from 7th July 2015

June 2015

- 2nd** **Buffet Night**
New Committees
Intro: David Hudson
Visitors Book: Peter Hambly
5.30 pm Club Council
- 6/9th RI Convention Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 9th** **Dorset Opera** by Rod Kennedy
Intro: Eddie Newcomb
Visitors Book: Brian Martin
Vote of Thanks: Don Nutt
- 10th(Wed) Kids Out, Paultons Park
- 16th** **Buffet Night**
Club Assembly
Intro: Tony Ogg
Visitors Book: Terry Stewart
- 13th(Sat) President's Night at Royal Motor YC**
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
- 21st(Sun) Rotary Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer
- 23rd** **Insurance for the over 55s** by Peter Corfield
Intro: John Walker
Visitors Book: Alun Williams
Vote of Thanks: Nigel Wrigley
- 30th** **Handover Evening with Partners**
Intro: Roger Allen
Visitors Book: Peter Dawes

July 2015

- 7th** **Supporting Older People in Poole**
by Dave Leighton, Age UK
Intro: Bernard Burgess
Visitors Book: Brian Finch
Vote of Thanks: Gillian Finch
5.30 pm Club Council
- 9th Lytchett Minster Music Festival
- 14th** **An Innocent at Sea** by Robert Readman
Intro: Tony Ford
Visitors Book: Peter Hambly
Vote of Thanks: David Hudson
- 21st** **Business Meeting**
Intro: Don Nutt
Visitors Book: Eddie Newcomb
- 28th** **Preventing Blindness in the Amazon Jungle**
by Dave Goldsmith
Intro: Peter Taylor
Visitors Book: Tony Ogg
Vote of Thanks: Terry Stewart

August 2015

- 2nd (Sun) Poole Carnival, Ashley Road.
- 4th** **"Meet the President" - An Interview with Stewart**
Intro: Alun Williams
Visitors Book: John Walker
Vote of Thanks: David Way
5.30 pm Club Council

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Please give apologies for absence to the Registrar, Bernard Burgess, by 11 am on the Monday before the Club Meeting.

With Meeting format changes some duties may not be required, nevertheless Members are reminded that they must find substitutes for their duties when they cannot attend.