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Our Business Partners

- helping with our unavoidable costs.

Parkeon

Poole Audi

Bright Blue Day

Hale & Murray

Rainbow Day Nursery School

Select World Travel

Smallglen Ltd (Developments)

Our Community Partner

- involved with our youth projects.

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Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

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An Honorable Member



Ken Sims, who has been a member for the past thirty years and is now an Honorary Member, was presented last month with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

During his time with the Club he took an active part in the Plant a Tree Project persuading local schools to plant 4000 saplings supplied by Rotary, was involved with Mock Interviews at local schools and being a frustrated artisan was delighted when the Club obtained a float and he could apply his DIY skills to its refurbishment and occasionally tow it for the annual Toddlethon. He organised many of the annual overseas weekend breaks, assisted with the start of the Business Partner Scheme and was Club President in 1999/2000.

The presentation was made by President Stewart and Ken, who is currently a patient in Poole Hospital, was delighted to receive the award.

President's Message



Firstly I hope that you have enjoyed the first three months of this Rotary year as much as I have. It was interesting to note that between January and July more than 75% of members still exceeded what used to be the minimum attendance requirement of 60% despite the many other distractions and calls upon our time. Even though most members are retired or semi-retired we all keep amazingly busy! So a good result. Alun and Dimpee have been working hard on PR and the new website and now these strategies need to be turned into five or six new members within the next six months. That really would be an achievement.

As always in the first few months of the club year we have had no fund raising activities but through Peter Taylor we were again closely involved in the community by supporting Poole Carnival.

Much is going on in the background with the float being repaired in readiness for our fund raising at Christmas and planning for the Lions Swimathon. As ever we have had some excellent speakers and look forward to more. Our Christmas party will remain at the Riviera and arrangements are already in hand for celebrating 30 years of our links with Ancenis at President's night on Saturday 14 May when our French friends will be here for a long weekend.

Finally one of the most pleasant duties of the year was to present our former and Honorary Member Ken Sims with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Despite Ken's ill health it was extremely touching to witness how much it meant to him.

Stewart Greaves, Club President .

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District



At our first meeting after the summer break, my first duty was to induct two new members, Ellen Lenz and Penny Lightfoot, and to welcome two visitors who hope to become members. We had an interesting talk from Carol who runs the garden centre at Victoria School. In September a very successful afternoon tea in aid of Jaipur Limbs was held with about fifty people attending and £350 was raised.

Mary Smith, IWC President.

Restaurant Evening



The first Restaurant Evening of the current Rotary Year organised by Alun Williams was held at Casa Pepe in Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth. Although numbers were low because of holiday commitments, an evening of good food and drink was enjoyed by those present; some of whom were introduced to an establishment they had not previously visited.



Compliance

All members are reminded of the need for the Club and themselves to comply with Rotary Great Britain and Ireland's policy documents on Health and Safety (H&S), Equality and Diversity (E&D) and Safeguarding and Data Protection (DP). All relevant information is available on the RIBI website.

President Stewart

Club Speakers

9th June: Dorset Opera by Roderick Kennedy

General and Artistic Director Roderick Kennedy told us of his earlier career when he sang with many of the world's most famous opera singers and also of his challenging summer each year latterly, when as Director of Dorset Opera, he brings together its many participants at The Coade Theatre, Bryanston, where over the course of just 15 days or so they work up the annual production. Established as a charity in 1974 and made a fully fledged festival in 2011; the 2015 festival features two productions and at least five performances in just a few weeks of -

L'elisir d'amore: July 21, 23, 25(m) and *Un ballo in maschera*: July 22, 24, 25(eve).

He evidently helps to introduce many people to opera through his work and described an intense yet enjoyable experience each year during the festival. (Don Nutt)

14th July: An Innocent at Sea by Robert Readman

Having passed all the written examinations at 15 years of age, Robert was refused entry to train for a career in the Royal Navy owing to him wearing glasses. Not to be deterred from his desire to pursue a career at sea, he applied to the British India Steam Navigation Co. (part of the P&O organisation) and was ultimately signed on the SS Uganda on his 16th birthday as Junior Assistant Purser. Becoming somewhat disillusioned with life at sea he joined the Army only to buy himself out in pretty quick time to rejoin BI as Assistant Purser - Catering.

Following a number of exciting and amusing years where he worked on troop ships which were converted to school ships, cargo ships and then tankers mostly on the West Indian and East African coasts he took an assisted £10 passage to Australia. Here he worked both onshore and at sea eventually ending up (illegally) in San Francisco as a Restaurateur, part time steel worker and travel agent. Having travelled the world, he has come to rest in sleepy Canford Cliffs managing Select World Travel where his many amusing and sometimes scary innocent seagoing experiences might well be the basis of useful advice to his many clients. His life story was interesting, highly amusing and, if written down, would be a very readable book. (David Hudson)

28th July: Preventing Blindness in the Amazon Jungle by Dave Goldsmith

In 2011 Dave Goldsmith, a professional ophthalmologist, set up a programme to provide eye care services in the Amazon region of Bolivia. He was born in Bolivia so was well placed to deal with the bureaucracy, insects, diseases and jungle conditions. Bolivia is the poorest country in South America where about 5% of babies die in childbirth. So far they have screened over 3,000 patients, including 500 cataract operations. About 3.8% of the population are blind. They now have 10 volunteers and are setting up 6 centres in the 18 villages they are covering out of the 130 in the region. He is training 2 men to be ophthalmologists. They provide free glasses to children and others to adults for £1. His annual budget is over £50,000. (Terry Stewart)

4th August: Navitus Bay Wind Farm by Roy Pointer

Roy (previously CEO of Anglian Water) came along to share his personal views on the planning application which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change regarding the proposed development of a major off-shore wind farm in Poole Bay.

His concerns, and those of the Poole and Bournemouth Bays' Association which includes over 50 local residents' groups from Purbeck to Milford-on-Sea, are that it is too big, too close and in the wrong location. The original proposal was for 194 turbines some 200 metres tall, although a "Plan B" option submitted during the enquiry talks about 76 or 105, at a reduced height of 177 metres. The turbines will be 9 miles from Swanage and may threaten the status of Britain's only "natural" world heritage site, as well as tourism locally (according to the NDBL's own research). A decision by the Government is due by 11 September 2015. (*Subsequent to this talk the Government has turned down the proposed development*) (Alun Williams)

11th August: Strokes—What, Why & Who by Amy Spencer

The Stroke Association is 20 years old and was rebranded 5 years ago. It is the leading charity that deals with the condition and has a national helpline, organises stroke clubs for social and rehabilitation purposes, arranges post hospital support and gives out "Life after Stroke" grants to those needing financial assistance. It supports £40m of ongoing research into prevention and cure.

Although over the past few years the number of people dying has halved, strokes attack all ages and in many situations high blood pressure is a major cause; in the young it is important to recognise the condition early so that they get the correct treatment and in all people TIAs (Transient Ischaemic Attacks) need to be checked so the FAST campaign (Face-Arms-Speech-Time) for the layman to recognise the condition was developed and has been taken up by and is now promoted by the NHS.

Amy, who deals with fundraising for the whole of the SW region, is responsible for raising an annual £250k and organises events and coordinates local committees/individuals doing their own fundraising. Overall the Royal Mail has pledged £2m to assist with the nationwide growth of the Stroke Association's services. She has volunteered to supply trained staff for the Rotary BP Awareness Days that are usually held in the Dolphin Centre. (John Walker)

Birthdays

Eddie Newcomb on 2nd October
Pamela Ogg on 9th October
Alun Williams on 16th October
Stewart Greaves on 3rd November
Nigel Wrigley on 13th November
Roger Allen on 15th November
John Walker on 15th November
Terry Stewart on 17th November

Wedding Anniversaries

Brian & Gillian Finch on 24th October
Don & Katherine Nutt on 7th November

Programme & Duties

October 2015

6th CLIC Sargent—Supporting Children & Young people with Cancer

Joy Morley

Duties: Gillian Finch

5.30 pm Council Meeting

9/11th District Conference, Bristol

13th Whinchelsea School Defibrillator

Rachel Weldon

Duties: Peter Dawes

19th(Mon) Group 2 Meeting

20th Service Committee Meetings and/or Business Meeting

Duties: Brian Finch

27th Cervical Cancer Project

Assoc. Prof Edd James

Duties: Tony Ford

31st(Sat) District Council, Romsey

November 2015

3rd Shoe Box Evening

10th Poole Park Life Project

Bob Lister

Duties: Peter Hambly

5.30 pm Council Meeting

17th SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING & Business Meeting

Duties: David Hudson

Note: DUTIES include Introduction, Visitors & Vote of Thanks where appropriate.

November continued

24th NO MEETING AT HOTEL

**26th (Thur) Tri-Club Meeting by Parkstone RC
6.00 pm at RNLI**

December 2015

1st Poole Quays Forum

Bill Constance, Forum Chairman

Duties: Don Nutt

5.30 pm Council Meeting

8th Hearing Matters

Susie McCallum

Duties: Tony Ogg

15th Pre - Christmas Dinner

7.00 for 7.30 pm with Partners

Duties: Eddie Newcomb

14th to 23rd Street Collection Nights.
Dates to be confirmed.

**22nd Street Collection Night.
NO MEETING AT HOTEL**

22nd to 24th Collection at Tesco, Lindsay Road.
Dates to be confirmed.

29th NO MEETING

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.