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Christmas Shoeboxes



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Valediction

It is sad to report that two of the Club's past members died recently.

Ray Coakes, who was a Founder member and the Club's second President in the 1985/1986 Rotary year, died early in October after a very long illness.

Ken Sims, who joined the Club in its first year 1984/1985 and was President in the 1999/2000 Rotary Year, died on 20 November in Poole Hospital.

Our heartfelt condolences go to both of their wives.

President's Message



It was fantastic that the trust accounts that were presented at the Club's recent SGM showed that we had raised just shy of £20,000 in the 2014/2015 club year. A great achievement and as we continue through this Club year my hope is that we will achieve a similar result as the plans for the Christmas collections and other future fund raising events are in their various planning stages. It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the Club year and that Santa and his helpers will shortly be hitting the streets of Poole and Tesco's store in Branksome. Let us also engage where we can with those that might express an interest in what we are doing.

Despite many other organisations now collecting shoeboxes we still collected almost 400 through the efforts of local schools, Inner Wheel, and Condor Ferries. Boxes were checked and sorted and subsequently despatched for delivery to many deserving children overseas. It certainly appears to be an initiative that we should strive to continue.

It was also such a pleasure to award a Paul Harris Fellowship to David Way on behalf of the Club. Apart from a short break, David has been a member since shortly after the Club was founded and has served and worked tirelessly. Like so many Rotarians his commitment has been and is still not just limited to Rotary but other deserving organisations and initiatives.

Although difficult to measure, and though the future structure is currently still somewhat unclear, the concept of there being one Rotary in Poole and the advantages that this could offer does seem to be gaining ground within the three Poole clubs. With a further tri club meeting on 26 November and another on 23 February our hopes should be high. It is important that we make the most of these meetings to enable us to make progress and that they do not just become talking shops!

However irrespective of whether we are one club or an amalgamation, members need to put themselves forward for office if Rotary is to be sustained. We are all extremely busy so we are actually all perfectly suited to do more! - to quote Benjamin Franklin 'if you want something done ask a busy person to do it'. As we edge towards 2016/2017 without a senior or junior vice president please consider doing yet more. Rotary's procedures are well proven, we support each other and as many of you know taking on a role does not need to be onerous.

Finally Ellen and I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Stewart Greaves, Club President.

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District



We started the month with a skittles match against Swanage at Bere Regis that we won by the skin of our teeth. Later in the month some of our members had supper at Bear Cross; I was unable to attend as I was on a cruise with my granddaughter but Reg, my husband, went along.

Past District Governor Don Short gave a very interesting and enlightening talk at our meeting about Jaipur Limb as this is our Overseas Charity for this year. Bath Travel had a cake stall in the Dolphin Centre and raised £100 for my charity, Victoria Education.

We held our 42nd Charter Anniversary Lunch on Saturday 21st November at Canford Magna Golf Club and the guest speaker was Ann Dunmore who spoke about the Minack Theatre in Cornwall.

Myself and five members have been invited to the Mayor's Parlour in Bournemouth on the 25th November and we are having our Christmas Lunch at the Hermitage Hotel Bournemouth on the 10th December. With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Mary Smith, IWC President.

Christmas Shoebox Scheme

The shoebox scheme run by Rotary District 1110 produces boxes full of new or nearly new toys, educational materials, small items of clothing such as socks, hats, gloves etc. and hygiene items such as soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste. These are all packed into the brightly coloured boxes and sent to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines.

This year the Club contributed 381 shoeboxes that were checked, refilled and packed into packing cases to be despatched to the District warehouse in Andover. Part of the 26,957 boxes full of Christmas presents that District has collected. 5,935 have already been sent to the Philippines, the remainder will be shared between Albania (two loads), Montenegro and Moldova in time for Christmas. Our contribution came from many sources including the Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole, Lytchett Minster School, from which six students came and helped us with the sorting, Mrs Barbara De Costa and St Luke's CE Primary School.



Over the past 21 years the Club has contributed approximately 7800 filled boxes to the scheme. Initially in the 1990's it was in the 200s per year. By 2010 the figure had grown to almost 800 but then fell away probably as other organisations took up the idea and it became more difficult to source the voluntary supplies. However numbers appear to be rising again, as this year's total beat last year's by 42 boxes.

Paul Harris Presentation



President Stewart presented Hon. Secretary David Way with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his services to the Club. He was Club Treasurer from 1985 to 1989 when the Club was in its infancy, then Secretary in 1997 to 1999 and again in more recent times, as well as being Club President twice, once in the 1995/96 Rotary year and then again in the Club's 25th anniversary year of 2008/09.

Club Speakers

25th August: Wessex Cancer Trust by Rachel Rawlings

First set up under the auspices of Southampton General Hospital in 1981, Wessex Cancer Trust gives support to patients and their families in Hampshire (and Isle of Wight), Wiltshire, Dorset and the Channel Islands. Administratively, it is tightly organised with only nine people in its main office and has a staff of two hundred volunteers. Within this structure, work therapists, counsellors, drivers and helpers all dedicated to a wide variety of free services for the benefit of six thousand patients. Annual income is more than £1 million and this is raised through a number traditional sources of which legacies, contributions from corporate partners and the profits of five charity shops form a significant part. This was a interesting talk, competently delivered, which gave a good impression of the invaluable work carried out by this admirable charity. (Bernard Burgess)

6th October: CLIC Sargent by Joy Morley

CLIC Sargent was formed in 2005 after a successful merger between CLIC and Sargent Cancer Care for Children. Sargent Cancer Care for Children was founded in 1968 by Sylvia Darley OBE as a lasting memory to the late Sir Malcolm Sargent and CLIC, Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood, was founded in 1976 in the south west by Bob Woodward following the diagnosis of his young son Robert with cancer two years before. Sadly, Robert died in 1977 aged 11 years, and Bob went on to dedicate his life to charity work.

Everyday 10 children and young people in the UK will hear the shocking news that they have cancer, there are 74 registered with the charity from Dorset, 19 from Poole. Treatment normally starts immediately, is often given many miles from home and can last for up to three years. CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families. They provide clinical, practical, financial and emotional support to help them cope with cancer and get the most out of life. They are there from diagnosis onwards and aim to help the whole family deal with the impact of cancer and its treatment, life after treatment and, in some cases, bereavement. Financial support including grants and benefits information to children and young people with cancer is provided to help deal with the financial impact of cancer and free 'Home from Home' accommodation close to specialist hospitals so that families can be near their children during treatment. The charity also offer free holidays and short breaks so that families can spend time together, with the support of care professionals, away from the everyday challenges of childhood cancer. A wide range of valuable information on childhood cancer and its impact is also provided plus the charity campaign and influence others to raise awareness of the needs of children and young people with cancer and aim to improve the support they receive. (Gillian Finch)

13th October: Winchelsea School Defibrillator by Tim Parker-Smith, Assistant Head Teacher

Tim gave us a lively talk, assisted by an absorbing power point/video presentation which was mostly given through the eyes of his adopted son Jage, a pupil at the school. It is on occasions like this that the vast majority of us, who consider ourselves to be 'mainstream' or 'normal', can easily be humbled by being reminded that there are in our midst a significant number of individuals who, through no fault of their own, are afflicted by severe handicaps. More importantly, perhaps, we are reminded that there are many people who, although being salaried staff, go well beyond the call of duty to teach, care for and generally encourage those individuals. The celebration of academic achievement may not be in the same category as for mainstream schools but it is nevertheless at least as equally prized. Tim had come especially to thank us for the gift of a defibrillator and he explained how such equipment has ultimately the capability of saving lives in the environment of Winchelsea School. Janice Gosby, Vice Chair of Governors, also attended. (Peter Dawes)

27th October: Cervical Cancer Project by Assoc. Prof. Edd James BSc. PhD.

Once again Southampton University did us proud in the form of Edd James an Associate Professor in Cancer Immunology who spoke primarily on Cervical Cancer. The main thrust of his work was to find a less intrusive cure for this condition than that in use at the present time and in due course the hope that all cancers could be cured by immunisation. A step in this direction has already been started by the immunisation of 13/14 year old girls against this condition, though the reality is that boys of this age should be included in this programme for it to be fully effective. We look forward with hope for the future. (Tony Ford)

10th November: Poole Park Life Project by Toni Powell & Michael Collins

Toni Powell from Poole Borough Council gave a speedy and brief history of the development of Poole Park. Michael Collins completed their joint presentation by describing the role and aspirations of "The Friends of Poole Park". In 1872 a dyke or embankment was built to carry the railway line into Poole thus forming a lagoon between the harbour and Lower Parkstone. This lagoon was incorporated into the designs completed by John Elford, the Borough Surveyor, for the development of "The Park". The plans were based on the two winning entries of an open competition held in 1886 for the establishment of a park. The value of the 1st prize was £20 and the 2nd was £5.

Today a sum of £285,000 has been granted to the Borough for the development of plans and specifications to upgrade and modernise the park to meet the needs of today's community and the many visitors attracted to Poole each year. The completed designs will take account of the recent consultation survey of Poole residents.

"The Friends of Poole Park" are what they say they are and support the Council in their endeavours to bring the park to life. So far their fundraising activities have raised £20,000 of the targeted £50,000 and are helping the with the lottery bid for a further £2.7 million. This money will fund the proposed upgrading of the park over a period of 4 years. It is expected that the work will commence in 2017 following plan and specification approval towards the end of 2016. The level of questions posed by Club members indicated a keen interest in the ambitious plans discussed—we wish them well. (David Hudson)

District Conference – Bristol, October 2015

by Alun Williams

Twelve of us spent a very enjoyable weekend in Bristol – part of a 520 strong Rotary contingent. For the first time for many years the Conference was staged totally within one location - the Marriott City Centre Hotel.

Friday night we took ourselves off to La Grotta, an Italian restaurant within walking distance. The generous portions (of food & wine!) ensured that we all went home well fed and watered.

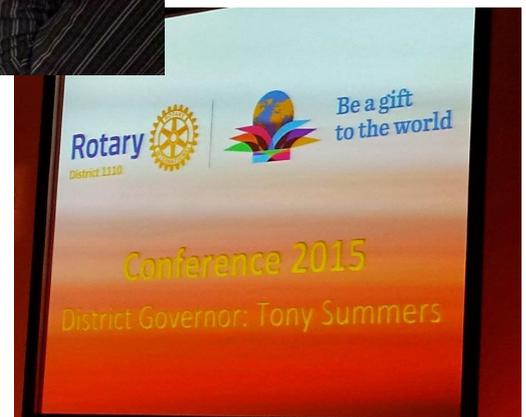
The first session on Saturday morning saw some excellent presentations on RYLA (from a 20 year old one-time participant turned facilitator), Hope & Homes (Leonie Macaulay, their Community Partnerships Executive), Flat Spaces (accessible holiday bungalows - by Tom Yendell who lost his arms and hands to Thalidomide) and Life Lab (a project aimed at helping children better understand how diet and exercise can improve their health, albeit at as cost of £30-£50 per student per visit)

After coffee we heard two of the Young Musician winners, before Jonathon Porritt gave a very well argued presentation on why the world needs to adopt “intelligent, non-coercive, compassionate family planning”. Geoff Mackey finished off the morning with a very humorous talk, which was also meant to convey an underlying message that Rotary needs to change.

Saturday afternoon was free for us to relax and/or explore Bristol. Four of us went off to visit the SS Great Britain – well worth the money, especially as a gift aided ticket is valid for up to a year. Saturday night’s dinner (350 guests) and musical entertainment took place in the hotel. With no space for dancing, some of us retired to the slightly quieter environment of the bar, to continue our conversations over another drink (or two).

The Sunday morning highlights (for me) were Winchester Rotaractor Luke Addison (did you know Rotaract has changed its logo to better position themselves as part of the family of Rotary?), Dean Beadle (suffers from Asperger’s Disease and spoke about the autism spectrum) and Michael Portillo, a very polished performance, poking fun at himself and politicians before talking about his railway journeys.

With visits to National Trust properties at Tyntesfield and Stourhead on Friday and Sunday, Sue and I thoroughly enjoyed our weekend away with its combination of leisure, pleasure and Rotary.



Birthdays

Penny Pierpoint on 19th November
Wilf Fox on 1st December
Tony Ogg on 22nd December
Anita Dawes on 30th December
Gillian Finch on 14th January
David Hudson on 16th January
Bernard Burgess on 18th January

Dimpee Kalita-Smith on 23rd January
Barbara Taylor on 26th January
Jenny Way on 27th January

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Jenny Way on 31st December

Programme & Duties

December 2015

1st Tba.
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



8th to 23rd Street Collection Nights.

22nd Street Collection Night.
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

21st to 23rd Collection at Tesco, Lindsay Road.

29th NO MEETING

January 2016

1st New Year Lunch at Vesuvio, Alum Chine
11.45 am for 12.00 noon.

January 2016 continued

5th Lytchett Minster School
Andrew Mead, Headmaster
Duties: Terry Stewart
5.30 pm Council Meeting

12th Transformation from the Ground Up
Sam Parkin
Duties: Peter Taylor

19th Cinema Night at Westbourne Arcade
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

26th Business Meeting
Duties: David Way

February 2016

1st Group 2 Meeting

2nd Speaker tbc
Duties: John Walker
5.30 pm Council Meeting

6/7th Swim Fun Relay

9th Youth Speaks
NO MEETING AT HOTEL

16th Speaker tbc
Duties: Alun Williams

The Club wishes all Readers a Happy & Peaceful Christmas

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.