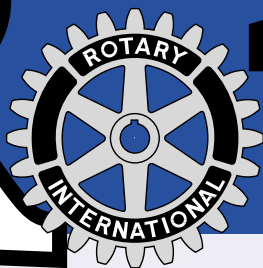


Rotary



REVIEW



The District Governor Writes

As I write this article we have completed six months of this Rotary Centenary Year. I have attended all 57 Clubs and realise what exciting and ambitious programmes you have planned.

The District Conference, the Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon, the Group Study Exchange from West Virginia, the Inner Wheel/Rotary Carol Service and 16 Club Charters have been successfully completed, providing "Happy

Memories" in a hectic six months of activity.

As the first six months of the "Celebrate Rotary" year was ending, all Clubs completed their schedule of activities for the period with great enterprise and enthusiasm, culminating with the majority of Clubs having an extremely successful fund raising Christmas period.

Everyone was "Ready for a break and a well earned rest" over the holiday period of Christmas and the New Year to recharge batteries, ready to finalise and commence the various projects for the fast approaching Centenary celebrations.

Then, without warning on Boxing Day – The South Asia Tsunami Disaster happened. What a devastating tragedy, how can nature be so cruel, to remove in minutes villages, towns and countryside and innocent citizens being engulfed in the disaster with an unbelievable number of people missing and killed.

In an instance Rotarians and Clubs were in immediate action, organising collections, completing unfilled Aquaboxes and Shelter Boxes in the pipeline with tremendous endeavour.

It was amazing how the public reacted and rallied to the disaster!

The overwhelming amount of donations being received for Aquaboxes made the demand staggering! The immediate response of the Wirksworth Club to make available Aquaboxes for filling and sending to the disaster areas as many as they possibly could, with Rotarians and

the public offering immediate support in this unforeseen crisis.

This helped the Wirksworth operational team achieve fantastic results to try and satisfy the huge demand whilst working in collaboration with their Australian colleagues to coordinate the relief programme.

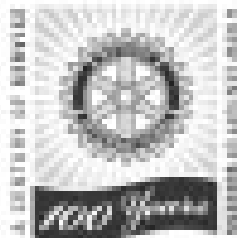
This ongoing activity is planned to allow Wirksworth to manage, orchestrate the operation with help from Clubs to provide labour as and when required on an ongoing basis, to assist to make the burden less onerous on the key Wirksworth Management Team and members who have performed heroically since the disaster occurred.

Without doubt the emphasis will be to continue supporting the Tsunami Disaster, but it is essential that we continue with our other Rotary requirements and work forward on plans and projects to ensure continuity and achieve our other priorities.

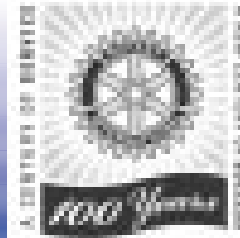
If I may suggest, following the response from the public and the interest shown by them to the Aquabox project, creates a great opportunity for them to be encouraged to join Rotary.

I wish you continued success in your endeavours and thank you everyone for the tremendous support and encouragement you are giving.

With grateful thanks.



A New Century of 1905 - 2005 Service above Self



Rotary International President 2006-07



William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, is the official nominee for president of Rotary International in 2006-07. Boyd's formal election will take place at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago this June.

A former member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, New Zealand, Boyd has served RI as District Governor, Director, Treasurer, Member and Chair of Regional and International committees, group discussion leader and moderator at the International Assembly, and RI presidential representative to local and international

conferences. As a Rotary leader, he has conducted training seminars in New Zealand, as well as Cook Islands, Fiji, and Western Samoa.

Devoting much of his time to supporting Rotary's PolioPlus program, Boyd has served as a member of the PolioPlus Task Force, coordinator in the PolioPlus Partners program, and consultant to the International PolioPlus Committee. He also chairs the management committee of "Rotary Down Under", a Rotary regional magazine. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Before his retirement in 1995, Boyd was General Manager of Gordon & Gotch (NZ), Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is a trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust.

He was an RI representative to the National Kidney Foundation and Intellectually Handicapped Society and is a former elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian Church and a warranted Scout master. He was also a rugby referee for 31 years.

Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga - R.I. News
3rd December 2004

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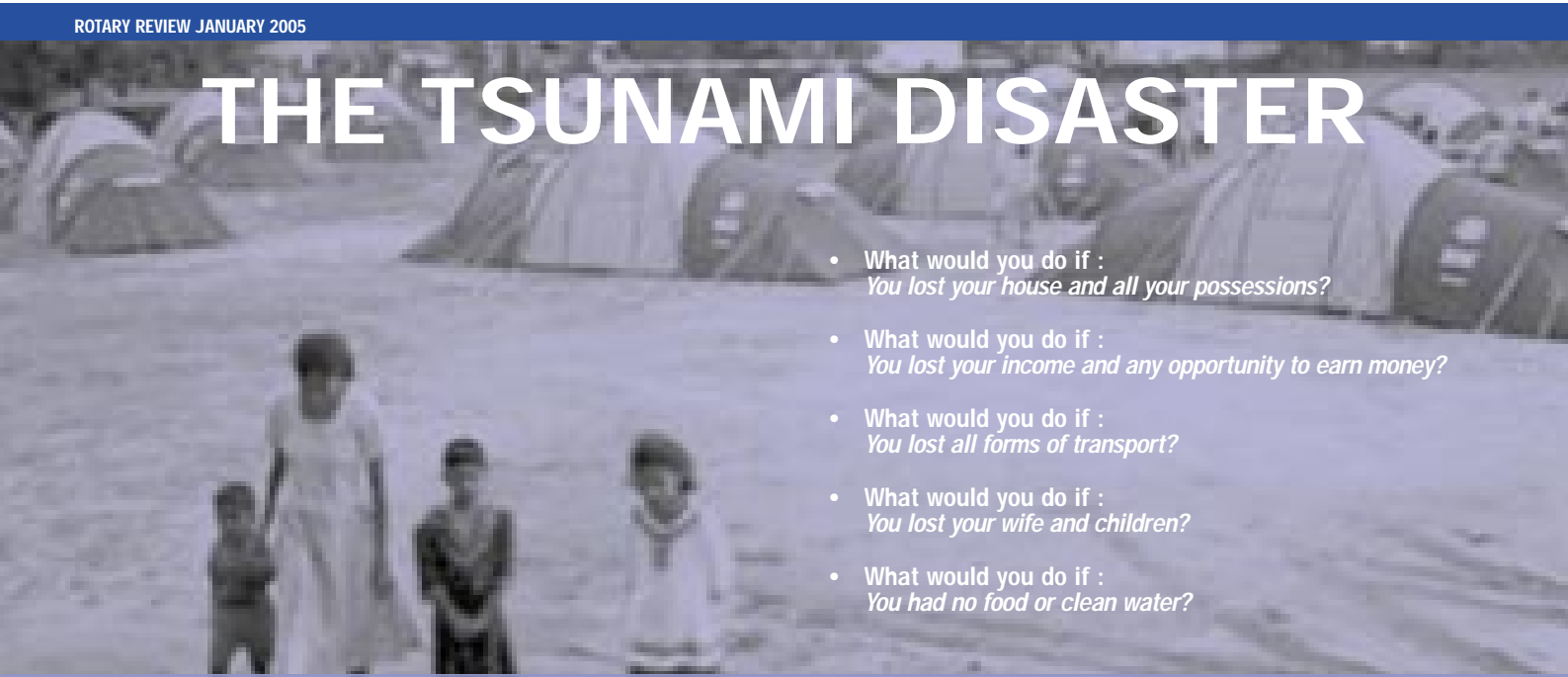
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THE TSUNAMI DISASTER



- What would you do if :
You lost your house and all your possessions?
- What would you do if :
You lost your income and any opportunity to earn money?
- What would you do if :
You lost all forms of transport?
- What would you do if :
You lost your wife and children?
- What would you do if :
You had no food or clean water?

Shelterboxes already erected in Sri Lanka - tangible evidence of Rotary's rapid response to the Tsunami Disaster

How many people in South East Asia have to answer these questions?

Did you know that Rotary has a Disaster Response plan in place? It can be viewed on the RIBI website (RIBI.org go to the information link at the top of the Home page then to the bottom of the list)

Rotary have clubs in most of the areas affected who have members on the front line and are personally involved in the immediate help for survivors. These clubs are now gearing up to the challenge of rebuilding the devastated communities in their area. They will need our assistance for months and years to come. It would be disappointing if any Rotarian felt unable to accept this responsibility and give their full support to these clubs.

Can you think of a better way to celebrate the Rotary Centenary than to make a personal commitment to join the band of Rotarians who will be committed to the long term reconstruction of the communities destroyed by this unbelievable disaster? It is up to each club to decide on the most constructive way that this can be achieved.

The District and RIBI have good Rotary contacts that are already working well. The District International Committee will pass on to the clubs the information they need to plan the most constructive way they can assist.

Lets us all play our part in making this happen rather than leaving it to the next man.

Tony Stimpson - District Disaster Response Co-ordinator and International Committee Chairman.

REPORT DIRECT FROM SRI LANKA

My younger daughter, Lindsay, runs a web site for Boutique holidays in Sri Lanka (boutiquesrilanka.com) and as a result has a detailed knowledge of Sri Lanka.

The chances of anyone going to Sri Lanka on holiday at the moment are slim although it is hoped that many of the damaged hotels will be up and running again by the end of February and the North of the Island is totally unaffected. The Island relies hugely on tourism so they are anxious to restart their tourist industry as soon as possible.

In any event, during the current slack time for her, my daughter has returned to Sri Lanka to assist with the aid effort.

The RIBI Disaster Officer was in regular touch with her before she departed as was Tony Stimpson and she is currently acting as a liaison person on the ground for both of them.

She has already established contact with the co-ordinating Club (Rotary Club of Colombo) and is due to attend their District Meeting. She is hugely impressed by their organisation and has visited their Relief and Reconstruction unit which Rotary has established in Galle, one of the areas worst hit, and was impressed by the way in which they were organising the relief and reconstruction efforts ensuring that things are being dealt with in order of priority.

She has also established contact with the President's Office in order to advise them of the rumours, which have been circulated, that the Sri Lankan Government was charging Rotary, in that Island, Customs Duty on the Emergency and other Boxes being sent there by RIBI Clubs.

She received an immediate response stating that the matter was being investigated urgently and assuring her that, if this was the case, it would be stopped forthwith.

Lionel Howard - Assistant Governor - Central Group

SWADLINCOTE A.T.C. TO THE RESCUE

The Swadlincote Air Training Corps cadets, based on Eureka Park in Swadlincote, have filled an Aquabox with basic supplies to be sent to disaster areas which the Rotary movement distributes worldwide.



The Aquabox being handed over to our members by the A.T.C. cadets

CHILDREN RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN

A cheque for £2000 was presented to our Club for them to distribute among their chosen charities of The Rainbow Hospice and Little Angels. This money was raised by the Children of the Standard 7's of Ecclesbourn School based in Duffield, cleaning cars, gardening and helping mum at home.



Peter Negus

Rotarian John Kirkland - District Governor, Caroline Hoare of the Rainbow Hospice and Rotarian Bob Carson with some of the Students of Ecclesbourn School presenting the cheque.

Centennial Celebrations

WORDS OF WISDOM



If there were within my power to live again my boyhood days, and if I could shape things to suit myself, one of the things I would wish to do would be to bring about a better understanding between myself and the grownups around me.

There would be little trouble between people if everyone understood everyone else; and every man certainly ought to get the boy viewpoint as far as he possibly can in order to be of real help to the boy.

Paul Harris

Message to a Boys' Group in Huntington Park, California, USA

SHERWOOD FOREST CENTENNIAL PROJECT



As part of Rotary Centennial celebrations we have undertaken to build a stone view-point at the top of Ollerton Pit Woods.

The stalwart team of JVP Mike Herbert, Rotarians Howard Beale, Alan Wood and Tony Pink (out of view) laid the concrete base on which the finished structure will stand.

Former Rotarian Tom Staite and his merry men will erect the actual stone view-point. When completed it will be surmounted by a metal disc, which will be engraved with pointers to places of interest as well as having the Rotary badge on the side.

As you can see from the photographs there will be a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside and it is hoped that the structure will stand for many years.

Tony Pink

Centennial Bell

Similar to the travelling Olympic torch, five Rotary Centennial bells are circulating to clubs in every Rotary country, starting at the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia, in June 2003. The bells' journeys will symbolize the internationality of Rotary as they crisscross the globe.

One bell will travel to the first 100 Clubs to join Rotary International, while the others will travel to the first Rotary Club formed in



each country of four regions, according to RI archives:

- Asia and the Pacific;
- Latin American and the Caribbean;
- Africa;
- and Europe and the Middle East.

Due to differences in shipping systems between countries in Africa, individual bells will be delivered by the District Governors to the first clubs chartered in each country.

The bells' journeys will end in Chicago in June 2005 when they ring in the start of the Centennial Rotary International Convention.

The bell travelling to the first 100 Clubs to join Rotary International will travel to the following Clubs in RIBI :-

- 18th. April 2005 - The Rotary Club of Dublin
- 25th. April 2005 - The Rotary Club of Belfast
- 2nd. May 2005 - The Rotary Club of Glasgow
- 12th. May 2005 - The Rotary Club of Edinburgh
- 23rd. May 2005 - The Rotary Club of Manchester
- 30th. May 2005 - The Rotary Club of Liverpool
- 6th. June 2005 - The Rotary Club of London

BAKEWELL AN EVENING TO REMEMBER



Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band

Organised by our Club, as part of the Centenary celebrations, an audience of over 500 at Lady Manners School, Bakewell, had the pleasure of listening to an evening of musical entertainment provided by the world famous Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band in a first ever visit to Bakewell.

Grimethorpe is probably the most famous brass band in the world and they certainly lived up to their reputation providing an evening of superb entertainment.

The commencement of the second half of the programme gave the audience the opportunity to



Lady Manners School Band

listen to the Lady Manners School Band, who thrilled the gathering with the quality of their presentation. Bakewell is delighted to have a school with such exceptional talent.

Grimethorpe completed the second half of the programme to rapturous applause and a standing ovation to the two bands. There have already been many requests for a return visit for the evening which has been described as Bakewell's finest musical event.

The surplus from the evening, over £5000, will be used towards the purchase of special equipment for the new Advanced Learning Centre under construction at Lady Manners School.

Colin Groves

Council on Legislation

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION (COL), EXTRACTS FROM A PERSONAL VIEW OF ROTARY'S OWN PARLIAMENT

COL is regarded by the Rotary International Board as the most important event in the Rotary calendar. Although I was aware of its priority, only when I took part, did I realise its bearing on the Rotary World.

The 2004 Council on Legislation meeting is part of a three yearly cycle. The previous Council took place during my year as District Governor. Past District Governor Keith Hammond was our representative on that occasion and my participation as Governor gave me a small insight into what was to come. I had good advice from Keith, and past representatives Peter Swinscoe and George Curly, but nothing can prepare you for the magnitude of the occasion itself.

With some 80% of the Council of Representatives being new, including myself, it was a quick and steep learning curve to get used to the procedures, politics and tactics used by the representatives. If you can imagine some 525 delegates within the huge ballroom of the Marriott Downtown Hotel, facing the chairman and entourage, you have a picture of the proceedings.

Some 467 pieces of proposed legislation were in fact considered, including 250 enactments. In the end the Council adopted 50 enactments and 50 resolutions. Seven pieces of legislation were sent to the R.I. Board for further study and a further 160 proposals were rejected with another 162 proposals withdrawn or considered withdrawn. 47 proposals were tabled for future consideration. All Clubs should receive a copy of the decisions together with an "Opposition to Legislation" report form.

Many Districts had a considerable number of propositions, particularly those in India, Japan and South America. I was proud to represent our District, and our three worthy propositions. The results of these are as follows :-

Sherwood Forest Rotary Club

Proposed that the Polio Plus Programme be replaced by one for wholesome water. This was rejected.

Matlock Rotary Club

Proposed the replacement of Polio Plus Project by Project to control TB. This was also rejected.

Retford Rotary Club

Proposed the replacement of the annual theme, with the perpetual mission statement of Service above Self. This was also rejected

No Club or District should consider that their proposition was a waste of time or be slighted by any rejection. That is not the ethos of the Council.

Sherwood and Matlock's proposals affect the current Polio Plus programme. Those together with other propositions on a similar theme were all either rejected, or in fact withdrawn, because it was made clear by both the Trustees of Rotary International and the R.I. Board of Directors, that Polio Plus must continue to be focused on until Polio is clear. This will probably take another few years beyond the 2005 date.

It is not practical, to report on all adopted propositions, however, the most far reaching resolution

was, resolution 04-219 from the Rotary International Board of Directors, to endorse the Strategic Plan. R.I. has worked together with Clubs and District Leaders around the World to identify the most pressing matters facing communities today. Seven teams addressed the issue of :

- eradicating Polio
- attracting and retaining members
- enhancing Rotary's public image
- refining the organisation's Governors structure
- selecting the next corporate project
- sharpening the programme focus
- improving training.

It was an exceedingly well thought out plan to reach goals, but will require time, hard work, creativity and money to implement.

Related to this and a direct consequence to Rotary Clubs, will be an increase of dues of \$4 per person per year over a period of three years, the first increase since 1995.

One surprising decision, possibly following the concerns over R.I. President Rick King's year, was that the \$250,000 honorarium paid to R.I. Presidents was scrapped. This was not a happy moment for an R.I. President particularly the incoming Presidents!

Other approved items included matters relating to attendance credit at Rotary Fellowship Meetings and Interactive E Clubs. Rotary Clubs are now allowed to merge, and not have to hand back their Charter as of course happened with Nottingham North. Other issues related to more transparency and control of R.I. expenses and this included the Foundation Annual Report.

Overall there was great variety of propositions ranging from the major to the minor, all of which will help to improve the way that Rotary is administered, and to enable the Rotarians to get the best out of Rotary.

The outcome of all this intensive activity, hard work and cost, is to ensure that Rotary International is continually monitored and improved, by the actions of the Rotarians, so that we can deliver a better service to those in need.

For more information on the Council of Legislation go to RI website at :-

<http://www.rotary.org/support/council/index.html>

For my full report on the Council of Legislation go to District 1220 website at :-

http://www.rotary1220.org/02/council_on_legislation.htm

I am available to answer any questions you may have, or even speak to the Clubs should you want to know more about the Council's operation and decisions.

Peter H. Swift

Council on Legislation Representative 2004

Past District Governor 2000-2001

ROTARACT

A Rotaract Club is a Rotary - sponsored Club for 18 to 30 year olds that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, encourages high ethical standards in business, and promotes international peace and understanding. Today, there are more than 7,088 clubs in over 150 countries worldwide.

Rotaract Clubs draw members from the community or are organised as an extra curricular activity for college students.

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CORRECTIONS - OCTOBER DISTRICT MAGAZINE

Pg 6 Hope Valley - Life Project - The editorial was written by Ron Eyley of the Hope Valley Rotary Club and not Allen Hutchinson as shown.

Pg 10 Dronfield - Praise for Argentinian Hospital Campaign - This was a joint submission with the editorial by Ron Eyley with the approval of Assistant District Governor Alan Hepworth, as Jennifer's brother and as Dronfield Rotary Club.

Ron Eyley (not Ron Eley as shown at the end of the article) is a member of the Hope Valley Rotary Club and not Dronfield Rotary Club as implied by the article.

Our apologies go to all concerned and hope that it did not detract from the articles within the magazine.

Jeff Curtis - Editor

Club Roundabout

YOU, TOO could see news of your Club's activities on these pages. Just send typescripts and photographs to me. PLEASE MARK BULLETINS WITH THE ITEM YOU WANT CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION. The next edition of Rotary Review will be published on 24th May 2005 with the final copy date 6th May 2005 - Editor

BAKEWELL BRILLIANT SPEAKER and BRILLIANT VIDEO



I to r : Brian Singleton, speaker finder with Andy Shields

Our Club were delighted to welcome Andy Shields of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as speaker at a recent lunchtime meeting. Based in Nottingham, Andy showed a superb new video graphically illustrating the illness which was followed by an excellent talk on this unwanted inherited disease.

We have subsequently sent a donation to the Trust.

BEESTON SILENT AUCTION

At our Club Assembly earlier in the year the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Gordon Brown, advised the Club that they intended to organise a Silent Auction and that they would be looking to obtain at least 200 items for the event.

Jack Willoughby, with his wife Jean, agreed to organise the event providing Club members responded by contributing sufficient items for the auction. To make the auction a success it was felt that at least 200 items would be required, on the day, with at least 100 items collected one month before the event.



As you can imagine, one month before the event, approximately 80 items were available and therefore members were approached as to the viability of the event. After considerable debate members decided that the event should go ahead and that the 200 items would be in place for the auction.

On the 11th November the Silent Auction took place at Trent Lock Golf Club with well over 200 extremely varied items provided.

For over one hour more than one hundred members and guests placed their bids for the items on display after which time a "Bangers and Mash" supper was provided. Following the supper bidding recommenced until our master of ceremonies, Geoff Bryan, called time. This was a busy time for Jack, and his helpers, collecting in all the money for the auctioned items.

The event was a great success, which everyone had thoroughly enjoyed and through the auction and the supper the money raised was over £1,976 for our charities.

BELPER CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Members of the Club were out on King Street with collecting tins during the run up to Christmas and thanks to the generosity of the town, they collected £966.

Some of this money will go towards an ongoing project of the club to purchase a special "profiling bed" for Babington Hospital and the rest will be used to support other local charities.

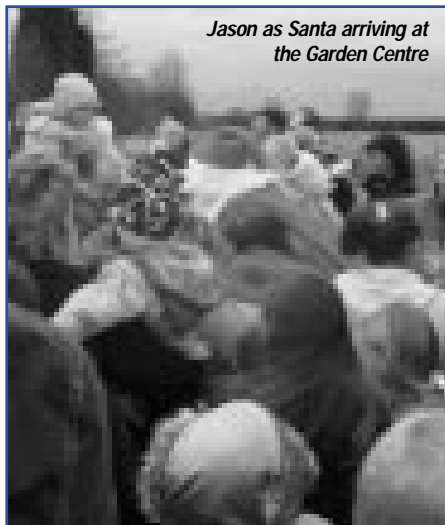
President Peter Shepherd and the club members would like to thank everybody who contributed to this Christmas Charity Collection, which they plan to make an annual event.

The Club was also involved earlier in the month in "Operation Christmas Child", run by Samaritan's Purse, when they collected 556 gift-filled shoe boxes from local schools and delivered them to Derby Eagle Centre where they were checked and packed before sending on to deprived children in Belarus.

The seven schools involved were Duffield Meadows, Fritchley C of E, Herbert Strutt, Holbrook C of E, Kilburn Junior School, St Elizabeth's RC and St John's C of E. We thank them all for helping to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world.

John Scotney

BINGHAM AND DISTRICT "WISH UPON A STAR"



Jason as Santa arriving at the Garden Centre

"We just have to keep our motivation going after having been awarded the Rotary Club 'Endeavour' shield in July". And so, Bingham and District accepted the challenge.

Within 12 days of installation of this year's President over £2,000 was raised in support of his nominated charity "Wish Upon a Star" which sends terminally ill children to Lapland to see Father Christmas. The target was £2,500 by November, but needless to say, this was more than achieved, and there is more to come!

Santa Claus arrived at the East Bridgford Garden Centre by helicopter on the 28th November. For the following weekends, Rotarians had the joyous opportunity to perpetuate the happiness and peace message to nearly 500 children... and were rewarded by a very generous donation from the Garden Centre.

Our two new members, both ladies, a first for the club joined in as Tinkerbell, as did some Inner Wheel ladies. Another new member is expected shortly to swell the group by five new members since March 2004!

Our 30th anniversary and Rotary Clubs 100 years have truly been marked with increased endeavour!

Tony Stockwood

BOLSOVER WINTER FESTIVAL 2004

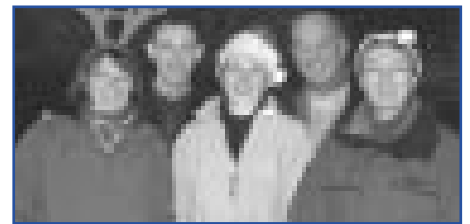
It is now absolutely standard procedure for our Club to play a leading role in the Winter Festival in Bolsover (Where did Christmas go?)

We provide Santa and gifts for the children with helpers always available and a series of gifts for children of varying ages. We also provide mulled wine for the adults to keep out the cold and indeed on the Saturday evening to lubricate the hoarse voice of the Town Crier.

The good news is that this year there were no pictures of the Town Crier and he took a low stress attitude to the job, selecting obvious visitors to the area and explaining the various activities on offer ranging from the Castle to the Church, the Library and Assembly Rooms where three high class entertainments were provided.

The Winter Festival was a two day event this year for the first time and appeared quite successful, although Saturday was the stronger day.

The weather was fine on Saturday, but cold - freezing for those who stood in the Charity market. Local cafes and shops sold or gave hot drinks to those participants who had not brought their own.



The Hawkins family helped en masse to man stalls, help Santa and serve mulled wine, with or without Amaretto.

BURTON UPON TRENT SANDWICH MARCH



Help from local Scouts. Tremendous help given by the local community including this group of young boy Scouts who volunteered to carry Sandwich Boards.

Saturday 9th October saw the 2004 Sandwich March swing into action with a record number of participants. We were joined by youngsters from local schools and by friends from near and far.

Photographs were taken by Chris Cutchey, Arthur Greenhalgh and the editor to be sent with a letter of thanks to each sponsor.

Then - to the music of bagpipes - the stewards spread out and off went the march. President John in front with a message of thanks followed by a snake of boards, interspersed with musicians, nearly a quarter of a mile long.

From the Octagon Centre the March wound through the town centre, crossing New Street - where the wind nearly caused havoc with the sandwich boards! - and into Coopers Square. Then we crossed Station Street and entered Burton Place Shopping Centre and then back to Station Street and to High Street before re-entering Coopers Square and returning to The Octagon including this journey's end.

CARLTON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BIKETHON



Our Club in conjunction with the Borough of Gedling Leukaemia Research Fund held a special presentation evening at The Vale Social Club to celebrate the results of this year's Nottinghamshire Bikeathon.

Colin Gell, the President of Carlton Rotary presented a cheque for £22,500 to Rotarian Peter Menhennet M.B.E., Chairman of the Fund, which supports research at the City Hospital Bone Marrow Unit. Another £2,500 had already been donated to the National Trust, who generously hosted the event at Clumber Park where around 500 cyclists completed either a 10 or 20 mile sponsored bike ride.

A superb mountain bike was donated by Granville Horton, owner of Olympic Cycles, and presented to Rob Andrews of Kensington Gardens, Carlton who raised the most individual sponsorship.

Peter Menhennet was highly delighted with the result stating that the £22,500 donated this year increased the amount raised since 1972 by the fund to over £700,000.

This magnificent sum could only have been achieved with the help of the Carlton Rotary Club over the past five Bikethons, which have raised over £80,000 through the brilliant efforts of all the sponsored cyclists that had participated in the Bikeathon.

Additionally, this year's Charity Duck Race on the River Trent in conjunction with Trent Bridge Rotary Club raised some £15,000 and our recent Christmas Float raised just over £9,400 during both mobile and supermarket collections.

A total of almost £50,000 raised in 12 months by our 50 members!

David Styles

DRONFIELD SCHOOLS FILL AQUABOXES



Children at both the William Levick and St Andrew's Schools in Dronfield have filled Aquaboxes with a wide variety of useful items. The boxes were handed over to President Martin Beaumont at ceremonies held on 7th December 2004. These boxes, with their water purification system which can turn 1,100 litres of contaminated water into clean drinking water was, as of the 4th January 2005, in Sri Lanka.

The children's enthusiasm and support in this enterprise is really appreciated by the members of our Club and will make a real difference to the people of Sri Lanka.



ETWALL AND HILTON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

During 2004 our club organised another Proms in the Park event, teamed up with Hilton Primary School and Hilton Primary School PTA to help to raise £50,000 to save the swimming pool at the School (the SOS project), had our most successful Christmas Tree Sale ever and responded positively to many other requests for help.

PROMS IN THE PARK

For the second year running Proms in the Park was held at Newton Park, Newton Solney the home of Kevin and Jan Cartwright on July 17th. Proms music was played by the Burton Concert Band conducted by David Haynes and in the evening we were entertained by Champion, a live sixties band. The weather was not as kind this year, but there was still a good attendance with many groups picnicking in the lovely grounds of Newton Park.

The proceeds were shared equally between the Newton Solney Church Roof Appeal and Rotary charities. The club made donations of £1,000 to Hope and Homes for Children, £1,000 to Derbyshire Children's Holiday Appeal and £1,000 to the Clubs charity account. Kevin Cartwright the Proms organiser expressed his gratitude to all the sponsors, helpers and supporters for a fine team effort.

GOOD NEWS FOR HILTON CHILDREN - SOS (SAVE OUR SWIMMING)

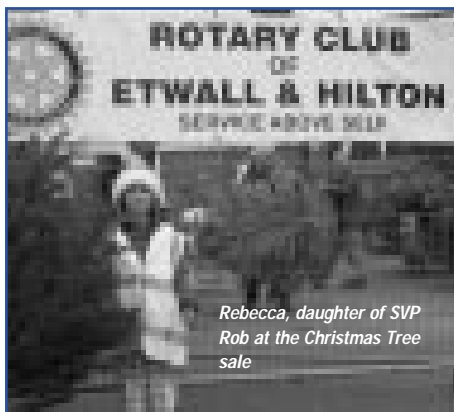
At the outset of this campaign James Hilton, Headteacher stated that for 30 years the children of Hilton have enjoyed the rare privilege of weekly swimming lessons on site at Hilton Primary School and if future generations are also to benefit the pool requires £50,000 investment over the next three years. He was pleased to announce that Hilton School, Hilton PTA and the Rotary Club of Etwall and Hilton are working together to preserve this important community facility.

The first jointly organised fund raising event was the SOS Ball held at Burton Town Hall on Saturday October 23rd. During the evening President Trevor Hathaway presented James Hilton with a cheque for £2,000 from Rotary funds. James warmly thanked Rotary for the generous donation and all the supporters and helpers of the SOS event.

Almost 200 people attended the Ball, which proved to be spectacular success raising a further £6,000 for the SOS fund. The evenings star attraction was David Copperfield, his wittiness and all round entertainment was greatly appreciated by all and the lively music provided by "This Way Up" kept the evening moving at a good pace.

A well supported charity auction and raffle helped to swell the SOS fund. Steve Alton, Chairman of the organizing committee paid tribute to all those who had helped with the arrangements and the generous donations and sponsors of the event.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Rebecca, daughter of SVP Rob at the Christmas Tree sale

The Christmas Tree Sale was held at the Kingsway Hospital, Derby on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10th to 12th December. This was the 14th consecutive sale and we now have many established customers returning year after year.

The event is organised by the Clubs Senior Vice President and his committee and this year it was the responsibility of Rob Corby who did a first class job.

Rotarians, Rotary ladies and supporters from Hilton School and the PTA manned the sale. This year every Rotarian in the club participated in the sale.

Over £7,500 was raised from the sale of trees plus the proceeds of a raffle, which will increase the total to over £8,500. £2,000 has already been pledged to the SOS save our swimming fund for Hilton School and £2,000 has been donated to the Tsunami Disaster Appeal for Aqua-boxes via the Wirksworth Club. The situation regarding further disaster fund support is being closely monitored.

In addition our club has made donations of over £3,000 to other local and international charities and good causes.

Brian Wall - Publicity Officer

HEANOR PURULIA EYE HOSPITAL VISIT

We went to India for a holiday and while we were there we visited Purulia Eye Hospital, which has been visited by many Rotarians of our district. I met Rotary President Pawan Sarawgi and a few other members of the Club. The hospital was closed for renovation but will now be open again. Our club has donated £200 towards the Eye Hospital.



We also visited The Missionaries of Charities Mother House and the Orphanage in Calcutta. We presented a cheque of £200 from our Rotary Club to the charity. My wife presented 50 premature baby clothes from the Inner Wheel Club of Heanor to the orphanage

Dr Pranab K Mukherjee

HOPE VALLEY CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM FILM PREMIERE



Ben Smith (left) presents the DVD to Wesley Darbyshire, watched by President Keith (second left) and Rotarian Sue Darbyshire.

Rotarians and their guests from four counties travelled to Hope Valley for the UK premiere of a dramatic, award-winning film telling the story of a B17 bomber's final flight during WWII

Talented young Sheffield film-maker Benjamin Smith, who wrote and directed "The Mission", attended the charity event and talked about the sophisticated digital animation techniques employed in making the film, which features a raid over Germany by the "Kalamazoo Gal".

It has been produced for the recently refurbished Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum in Michigan where it attracted rave reviews. The Mission has already won a film award in the UK.

Hope Valley Rotarian Barrie Campbell, who organised the gala event at the Maynard Arms, Grindleford, said later, "We were delighted that Ben was able to join us for the premiere. Everyone was impressed by the way in which he mixed digital animation and live actors. It was all very authentic."

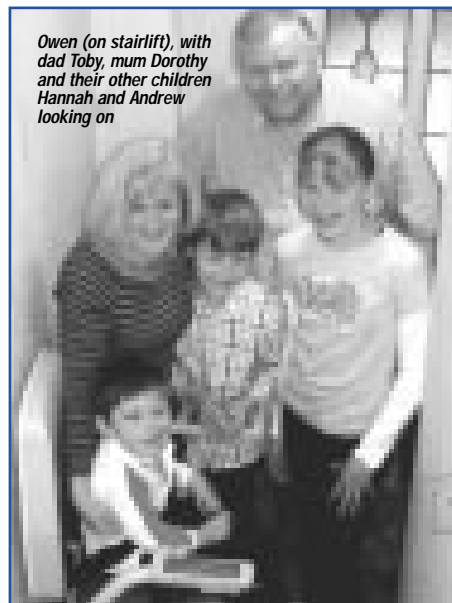
Most delighted visitor of the evening was local businessman Wesley Darbyshire who won a DVD copy of the film signed by Ben Smith.

Hope Valley President Keith Jones welcomed visitors and guests to the premiere. MC for the evening was Rotarian Ron Eyley and Rotarian David Elwood proposed a vote of thanks.

Proceeds from the gala will be used to benefit the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Hope Valley Community Responders.

Ron Eyley

HUCKNALL CARNIVAL



Owen (on stairlift), with dad Toby, mum Dorothy and their other children Hannah and Andrew looking on

From both fund raising and social viewpoints, the final months of 2004 have proved a busy time for the Club. A sponsored swim in which several local organisations participated, raised cash for their own causes and the Club's charitable work.

A stairlift (see photograph) was provided for the Jowett family of Hucknall whose five-year-old son Owen, had been left with brain damage and unable to walk unaided, when he suffered a brain tumour at 30 months.

Through the ubiquitous Rotarian Kevin Rostance (who always knows a man who does), the Club did a deal with Midland Stairlifts at Mansfield. The Club had been given a stairlift which had proved unsuitable, and the firm took it in a part exchange deal and fitted the new lift for the Jowett family. The firm will also service the lift. The Club's gift has come as a great relief for the family, as mum and dad had to carry him up and down stairs and quite naturally, each year he was getting heavier.

A duck race on the River Leen raised money towards a £35,000 First Response vehicle for the local St John Ambulance Brigade, and together with cash from a street collection during the club's carnival parade, £1,400 has been handed over.

The carnival was the Club's largest event, and about 5,000 people turned out to watch the parade of floats led by the Rotary Santa sleigh, with Jo and Twiggy from Radio Trent presenting their Christmas Road Show on the market place, supplemented by a funfair. Club President Robert Copley and the Ashfield District Council chairman performed the switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

The sleigh turned out on a number of evenings and weekends, and together with cash collected by voluntary organisations who were loaned the sleigh (with Rotary Santas and drivers) it raised £4,076.

Final event was the annual Christmas party - the largest ever held by the club - with over 80 members, partners, families and friends enjoying a traditional turkey dinner followed by entertainment and carol singing.

Vince Allen

KEYWORTH AND RUDDINGTON A BUSY TIME

A busy end to the final quarter of 2004 with the Santa float raising a record breaking £6,800 in the local communities. A number of comments were made that it was looking superb so the renovations in the summer months to the sound system and generator had clearly paid off.

In conjunction with members of its Inner Wheel, the Club hosted a Magic of Magdala concert at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth. There were 10 raffle prizes of baskets made from over two dozen individual donations. As usual the event was a sell out and the performances brilliant. Including the donation to the Magdala Opera Trust itself, the evening raised £3,500 destined for Nottingham City Hospital breast cancer and local autism charities.

The sporting theme to President Bob Child's year continued when he took part in the Keyworth Turkey half marathon up and down the local village hills. He achieved a personal best of one hour fifty nine minutes. Proceeds from personal sponsorship by Rotarians and others went to prostate cancer at Nottingham City Hospital.

There was excellent news from Nathan Dunstan who the Club assisted to attend the Youth Commonwealth Games in



Nathan at practice on the vault

Australia. He received two silver medals for floor and parallel bars and a gold medal for the vault. Over all events he achieved a bronze medal individually, contributing to the England U18 team gaining a silver medal. Obviously, a good outcome for Nathan, Rotary and SportsAid, East Midlands.

Roy Pownall

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

October 9th We held the first of our Winter Disco's. Reasonably well attended but not as good as we would have liked.

October 26th Carnival Committee Meeting to finalise plans for our Christmas Carnival. Everything going to plan, as our Chairman usually says.

October 29th We held a Curry Evening at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall. Organised by Dr. Karl White. A very pleasant evening with 75 members and friends present, also financially successful.

November 3rd Another Disco, and again not too well attended.

November 27th We had Newstead Colliery Band in the Town Centre to help publicise the Christmas Carnival.

December 3rd The big day for our 18th Carnival. Fortunately the weather was kind to us, and from mid morning all of the various items of amusement rides and forms of entertainment began to arrive, and by mid afternoon all town centre car parks were filled with one form of ride or another.

The local Festival Hall had over 40 Charity stalls, and 12 Craft Stalls. We had our own stall selling Prize Draw Tickets for the £1000 First Prize along with several other prizes. All in all a very successful day, ending up with a magnificent Fireworks display. The District Governor attended this event, and I gather was suitably impressed.

December 4th Some of our members played in the District 10 pin Bowling Comp. The least said the better.

December 6th Was our Annual Christmas Party at The Hostess at Shire brook. 65 members and friends attended and a good time was had by all. A few quizzes and a Concert by Newstead Welfare Band.

December 11th A very successful Disco with Soul and Motown Music.

December 15th Our Annual Organ Concert for the Senior Citizens from the various Residential Homes in the town. Over 140 of them. A wonderful night, with mince pies and tea and coffee at the interval and whisky for a few.

Last but not least we had one new lady member admitted, and hopefully we will have another male member in the New Year. Altogether a very busy period.

Gordon Sugg

MATLOCK GALA DINNER AT CHATSWORTH

On the 26th November 2004 we held our biannual Charity Gala Dinner in the elegant surroundings of the Carriage House Restaurant at Chatsworth House.

Two hundred and sixteen Rotarians, local business persons, families and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by a fantastic performance by the internationally known operatic singers, Jennifer Dakin, formerly of Matlock, and her husband Bonaventura Bottone, accompanied by James Holmes, Head of Music at Opera North.

The proceeds of the evening were committed to the Chesterfield Royal Hospital Breast Care Fund to assist with the purchase of a "Mammotome Biopsy Vacuum System". This important piece of equipment will be used in the fight against breast cancer. Dr Peter Sheppard, Director of North Derbyshire NHS Breast Screening Service gave a brief speech on the work of the unit.

The evening was brought to a close with Matlock Rotary President, John Shipman confirming that the event had raised in excess of £5,500.

MELBOURNE THREE MONTHS OF FELLOWSHIP

We have had a cracking three months, of service to the community, all great fellowship activities. Our traditional Harvest Supper was a great success in October, attracting nearly 100 Melbourne folk to a great meal at the Leisure Centre, followed by good entertainment, and a very profitable Auction of Produce. That evening gave us well over £500 towards our Charity Fund.



In November, our very active International Committee chased and badgered local schools and organisations to give us our best year yet, collecting parcels for Operation Christmas Child. We collected 950 shoeboxes, which will give some joy to children in countries a lot less fortunate than ourselves. What is clear is that the children who gave the parcels got a lot of joy in the giving, too.

In December, we put up the great Christmas tree, which we have provided now for many years, which is the centre piece of the decorations adorning the Melbourne Market place. Putting up the tree is a great fellowship occasion, and the volunteers always enjoy the task, because the tree gives such pleasure to so many.

On the day before Christmas Eve, we again organised our annual Carols under the Christmas tree, which this year, with the help of the Melbourne Town Band, was considered to be the best ever. The event attracted several hundred, and was tremendously enjoyable for everyone.

Also in December, the Club brought Christmas greeting to virtually every household in the town, with Santa's Sleigh ride. Santa, with his sleigh went out over four nights, much to the delight of Melbourne's younger citizens. We made a collection for the local children's hospice, which realised £1050.

We are actively promoting the Club, and the idea of Rotary. At the annual late night shopping, we showed what we do and what we stand for, with excellent displays masterminded by our first lady Rotarian, Kate Dumelow. The displays evinced a lot of interest, and some enquiries about membership.

David Bellis



**NEWARK CASTLE
SANTA'S GROTTO**



On the 28th November we returned to the big 'switch-on' night in Newark market place for the start of Santa's Grotto. I am pleased to report that despite the requirements for CRB registration and the necessity to provide risk assessments, Santa is functioning on all cylinders in 2004.

Our first visitor as usual was Debra who I guess has not missed a Rotary Santa, to the best of my knowledge, since the start and she has given the club a Christmas

card for all to enjoy. It is pinned on our notice board.

Yes we had a busy four hour session with 100+ children visiting Santa and receiving presents and photographs this year. Unfortunately, despite the upgrade to new photographic technology, the printer blew a fuse, during the first session, however, we were ready for the next session to give out the photos for those who missed out.

Despite the teething troubles, the first day was a great success as were the three remaining weekends. The money raised, in excess of £1,000, was for the benefit of Rainbow Children's Hospice who gained as a result of everybody's hard work. My thanks go to all club members involved and the Newark Advertiser for their support.

Derek.

**RETFORD
SHOOTING FOR GREAT BRITAIN**



Lee Campion from Clayworth, has received £500 from the Percy Laws fund, towards his training and travel expenses in pursuing his dream of shooting for Great Britain in the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing, China.

Lee started shooting when he was eleven, encouraged by his dad Jamie, who farms at Hayton Castle in North Nottinghamshire. Jamie, who is now sixteen and studying for his "A" levels at the Elizabethan School in Retford, has represented his county and latterly Great Britain, at Olympic trap. This form of shooting asks competitors to shoot 15 different disciplines or "traps", loosing off over 200 shots over 2 days.

Lee is presently a junior representative, not becoming a senior until he is 21 years old. At a recent session where qualification was awarded to join the GB squad for 2005, Jamie came 4th overall, won the junior category and was only 2 places behind our current Olympic representative. He will join the GB squad for next year's European competition in Cyprus and the World championships in Italy. Before that however, he faces a winter of training with his coach in Hertfordshire.

Lee thanked the Club for their support of his dream and promised to keep in touch over the coming months. The Club asked him, to bring an Olympic Gold Medal and show them in 2008.

Bob Stockdale

**SHERWOOD SUNRISERS
BASE 51.**

On behalf of all the young people and staff at Base 51 in Nottingham I would like to thank all the members of the Inner Wheel and Rotary Clubs in District 1220 who answered my request for blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothes. The response was magnificent and very well received.

If any club would like further details of the excellent work Base 51 do please ring me for a contact number.

Val Lindley



Some clients of Base 51 with Rotarian Alan Bush RC of Sherwood Sunrisers and Jane Whatley, Base 51 Administrator.

**SWADLINCOTE
SOUNDS CHRISTMAS**



Our Club held its Annual "Sounds Christmas" concert, which has now been presented for over 25 years, at Gresley Old Hall. Over 350 people attended, along with the Chair of South Derbyshire District Council Jean Mead.



President Philip Scrivens greets his guest Chair of South Derbyshire District Council Jean Mead at the Concert. Photo - TGP PHOTOGRAPHICS

The audience was spiritedly entertained by Gresley Old Hall Band, who played a selection of traditional Christmas Carols along with a medley of music, which was enthusiastically applauded by those present.

Peter Negus

**WEST ASHFIELD
ATC MEMBERS "GRAB" ROTARY
YOUTH LEADER TRAINING**



Kristopher Johnson on parade at ATC.

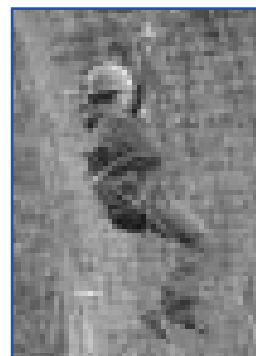
"If you get the chance - grab it!" That's the advice of two teenagers about a youth leadership course for which they were recently sponsored by a local Rotary Club.

Elisabeth Lee and Kristopher Johnson, both 16 and both members of 384 Mansfield Squadron, Air Training Corps, were funded by our Club to attend the weekend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in mid-November.

The programme aims to provide training experience for potential leaders and encourage leadership of youth by youth.

Elisabeth and Kristopher are the latest of ten young people sponsored for RYLA by our Club over the past two years. Funding from the Club has enabled, as well as members of Mansfield ATC, students from Matthew Holland School, Selston, and Tibshelf School to attend the weekend course.

Abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing and an obstacle track were among the outdoor activities experienced by the two ATC members. They also took part in leadership, initiative and team-building exercises. The course, part of an International Rotary programme, was organised at White Hall outdoor pursuits centre, Buxton. Thirty young people took part, including those



Elisabeth Lee abseiling at Buxton

of a group was new to me, so I learned how to lead, which gave me more confidence. Kristopher said "I'm an outdoor person and I enjoyed it all. It was great to learn how a team works and see the different characters and skills forming into a group". Kristopher lives in Mansfield and attends Garibaldi School.

The philosophy of the Rotary programme is to help shape the lives of future generations by taking an active role in the development of their leaders. The age range specified by Rotary is 14 - 30, but the focus is usually on the 14 - 18 age group.

Roy Smedley, a member of our Club, also serves on the Mansfield ATC's mandatory civilian committee. He said "We haven't got the resources to send members of the squadron on courses like RYLA, so the sponsorship from Rotary is very welcome and does a great deal of good for the young people".

A final comment from Elisabeth and Kristopher. When asked about the food on the Buxton RYLA weekend, they agreed "Gorgeous". And Elisabeth added, not entirely seriously, "Better than at home!".

Ron Walker

**WEST BRIDGFORD
TSUNAMI APPEAL**



r to I : President Tony Broadbent, his wife Sharon - President of Inner Wheel and Club Secretary John Walker.

Members of the Club took part in Rotary's Tsunami Fund Raising Appeal to help the victims of the disaster by arranging a bucket shake at Wheatcroft's Garden Centre in Edwalton.

Charles Tyrie

**WIRKSWORTH
ROTARIAN is 102 !!!**



Revd. Reg Dean an Honorary Member of our Club attained the grand old age of 102 on 4th November 2004.

Pictured congratulating Reg are District Governor John Kirkland together with members of our Club - Senior Vice President George Millward and Past District Governor Arnold Crosby.

Photograph : Rotarian Derrick Rice

District Foundation

Firstly I wish everyone a Happy New Year but our celebrations have been muted with the dreadful situation in SE Asia. You will appreciate that neither RI nor the Rotary Foundation has a fund to provide immediate disaster relief. However, our efforts will soon be very much needed in co- operation with local Rotarians to help rebuild the shattered infrastructure in those devastated countries. The immediate response by the public for help and funds has been unbelievable.

But where does The Rotary Foundation fit into this? We all recognise that Rotary, unless we live in the vicinity of a disaster, is not one of the front - line aid organisations : we are not geared for this. But that does not mean we sit back and do nothing. Despite the immediate and harrowing impact of the current situation, our work will be to help with the rebuilding of the infrastructure (equipping schools, hospitals, creating work opportunities and so on) once the needs have been assessed. This is what your Foundation exists to do.

We will work in full cooperation with local Rotarians to ensure that help goes where there is the highest priority and this will continue for as long it is needed.

Meanwhile we have to remember that the work of the Foundation must go on in other parts of the world where it is still so much needed. We cannot turn our backs on those who rely on our continuing help in Africa, South America and many parts of the world where Rotarians work so valiantly to help the sick and the disadvantaged. It is just that our burden has suddenly become a great deal heavier. Making choices under these circumstances is never easy. We must never forget that continuity is

vital in our work.

As time passes and the various agencies depart Rotary will play a major part as on previous occasions. There will be opportunities for many Matching Grant projects with Clubs in the affected areas. I am sure that many of you will already have Club and personal contacts in the stricken countries. I will keep you all advised about any matters relating to the role of the Rotary Foundation.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

District Governor Elect, Rex Barnett, has arranged a Group Study Exchange (GSE) visit to District 3150, Hyderabad. This is the state capital of Andhra Pradesh. The incoming team will be at our Conference in October 2005. Rotary International has reverted to a GSE taking place with the "in and out" being in the same Rotary year.

This now means that we will have two teams going out in 2006, the return team to West Virginia and the return team to India. In the near future we will be looking for two team leaders as well as eight team members.

All clubs need to begin to look for likely candidates. More information will be provided shortly.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2006 - 7

Our marketing campaign, orchestrated by Peter Pay of Newark Rotary Club, is bearing fruit and we already have a number of clubs with potential candidates. The closing date for applications to be in my hands is 31st May

2005 and the interviews will be held on Saturday 2nd July 2005.

We are still waiting for a further supply of application forms. Please contact Terry Leivers, Sherwood Sunrisers Rotary Club, if you require forms to be sent to you.

Val Lindley - Foundation Chairman

ETWALL & HILTON A UNIQUE OCCASSION



President Trevor, Sion, Deborah, and President Mike

Sion Hathaway, son of our President Trevor recently married Deborah Taylor the daughter of Mike Taylor, President of the Rotary Club of Chipping Campden (District 1100). A unique occasion as two presidents and two districts 'unite'!!!

Trevor Hathaway



Miss Charlotte Kerry
Nurse – Emergency Care Practitioner
Sponsor :
Beeston Rotary Club



Mr Stephen Wilson
Police Inspector
Sponsor :
Derby Rotary Club



Team Leader Rotarian David Hagues
From:
Derby South Rotary Club



Miss Helen Ryder
Teacher of Basic Skills and Adult Education
Sponsor :
Derby South Rotary Club

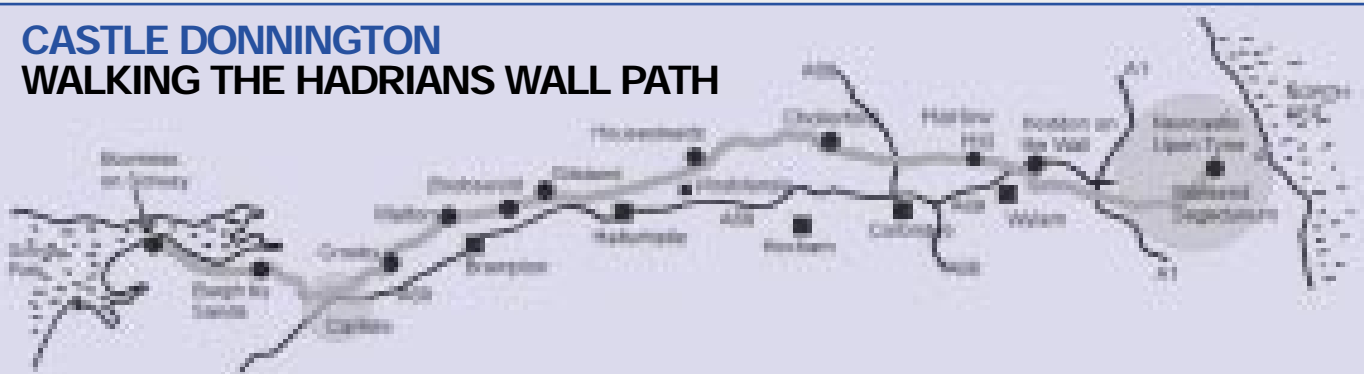


Mr Matthew Mitchell
Project Manager-Administrator,
Nottingham City Hospital
Sponsor : Sherwood Sunrisers Rotary Club

The GSE team from District 6800, Mississippi, Tennessee visited us in the autumn of 2003. The returning team to visit Mississippi from 9th.April to 7th.May 2005 are shown above

District News

CASTLE DONNINGTON WALKING THE HADRIANS WALL PATH



Quite by coincidence when Mike was starting his Great North Run, Rosemary and I together, with two non Rotarian friends from the Gliding club, were also setting off on an 86 mile journey from Wallsend to Bowness on Solway. The walk was along the newly opened National Trail following in the footsteps of the roman Soldiers that once walked these lands.

The route went through some of the most spectacular scenery in the UK - craggy highlands, romantic countryside, peaceful river valleys. The local authorities have made a superb job of way marking the route and opening up new rights of way, fences, stiles etc, English Heritage for their part have restored so much, the Forts, Mile Castles etc. Each place of interest is annotated, giving details of what it was and what it did together with excellent plaques with artists' impressions of what it probably looked like.

It really is amazing that after more than 2000 years there is so much of it left to see, particularly so when you think most of the buildings along the route of the wall are built from the stones taken from the wall.

Accommodation on our 7 day walk was quite difficult to find close to the route of the wall. Sometimes it was necessary to either get a lift or a bus from the wall to the towns/villages nearby. In fact the local bus was used by some of our group who were finding the lengths of some stages somewhat arduous. My recommendations for places to visit are Corbridge, Housesteads, Chesters and Birdoswald, in that order. My other recommendation is to walk the wall from west to east. We walked it the other way and at times it sure was hard work walking against a strong westerly wind !!!!!

Derek Abbey

p.s : During the third week in March 2005 I am intending to do a sponsored cycle ride from Workington (Cumbria) to Sunderland. I will be undertaking the event to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. I will be accompanied by one lady, who has recently recovered after major surgery for that awful disease, together with a few members from our Gliding Club.

BAKEWELL FIVE NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



President Peter Bennett - centre - with newly appointed Paul Harris Fellows l to r : Colin Groves, Malcolm Goode, John Saynor and Roger Mercer

Our Club is pleased to announce that the highest award in Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellowship, has been awarded to five Bakewell Rotarians. District Governor John Kirkland, of Sutton in Ashfield Club, visited the Club recently and presented the awards to four of the five recipients, unfortunately John Robinson was missing at the time and received his award at a later meeting.

Paul Harris Fellowship awards are presented "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

SHERWOOD SUNRISERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOW BECOMES A ROTARIAN



(l to r) Past President Janette Hopkins, Rotarian Caroline Hoare and President Noel Harrison

On 7th December 2004 Past President Janette Hopkins officially introduced Caroline Hoare, Paul Harris Fellow, at her induction as a member of the Rotary Club of Sherwood Sunrisers. Caroline is well known to many throughout the District through her work as Community Fundraiser for the Rainbows Children's Hospice.

We are pleased to say that she will be known, not as Caroline Hoare from Rainbows, but Caroline Hoare the Rotarian. Welcome Caroline, it's good to have you with us!

EXCHANGE VISIT TO KENTUCKY, USA BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE, BOURBON AND BOUNTIFUL HOSPITALITY

Your six intrepid travellers, Rotarians Jan Harding and Janet Burrows (each from Worksop Dukeries), Colin and Jo Walker (from Retford) and Lionel Howard (from Wollaton Park) and his wife Shelagh, all met for the first time (with the exception of Jan, Shelagh and Lionel) at Manchester Airport in the early hours of Tuesday, 21 September.

After allowing for time difference, we arrived, via Atlanta, at Nashville Tennessee at about 6.30 p.m. US time. We were greeted at the airport by a party led by Past District Governors Bill and Ann Robertson, both known to many in 1220.

We were transported to a nearby hotel after which we went to a restaurant for a meal and crawled into bed at about 4.00 a.m. UK time.

We were up again at the crack of dawn for a tour of Nashville, the birthplace of Country and Western. Places visited included the Ryman Auditorium where it all started and where the 'Wake' of Skeeter Davies was taking place. We also visited the amazing Opryland Complex and Belle Meade Manor, the former home of John Harding whose horse won the English Triple Crown.

A three hour drive took us to our first stop, the 'City' of Fulton (c. 30,000 ? population) where we met our individual hosts all of whom were charming and hospitable. This charm and hospitality continued throughout the whole visit.



Fulton is split in half by the State Line. One half is in Kentucky, the other in Tennessee. In the former there is high income tax but no sales tax. The opposite applies in the latter. No prizes for working out where most live and most shop.

Our Rotarian host was a Preacher but he did not allow this (and his and his wife's abstinence from alcohol) stand in the way of our enjoyment. He insisted on dropping us at the home of another host for a drinks party (the first of many consumptions of Bourbon) while he went off to conduct a mid-week church service. Incidentally his only source of personal income is a proportion of the congregations 'giving'.

On Thursday the whirlwind of activities commenced. We went on a conducted Trolley ride of

neighbouring Paduchah, including some amazing murals depicting the history of the city. Then we visited a quilt museum with examples of quilts from all over the world. Shelagh wanted to stay all day. Lunch was at a Cajun restaurant followed by a brief period of shopping. We then had a tour of the newly opened Performing Arts Theatre and the day concluded with a BBQ around a pool in a Rotarian's garden where we had the opportunity of meeting many more Rotarians.

On Friday we visited Murray University where we also lunched and were then taken on a conducted tour of a factory making small engines such as those used in lawnmowers after which we visited the beautiful Kentucky Lake. This part of Kentucky is very much involved with water activities (pleasure and commercial) as it is surrounded by four major rivers, the Mississippi, the Ohio, The Tennessee and the Cumberland. In the evening we were entertained for supper at the home of another Rotarian couple.

On Saturday we met for coffee at the home of a former member of a GSE Team who had visited 1220. We were then driven to a half way point where we had lunch and were passed on to our new hosts from Louisville.

On arrival in Louisville we had a quick tour of down town and that evening we attended a drinks and buffet party at another Rotarian's home.

Sunday was spent with our respective hosts. In the morning Shelagh and I attended our host's church which was totally different from a C of E traditional service. This was followed by lunch at Martha Sanders restaurant (the wife of Colonel Sanders of KFC fame) and with a wide range of excellent food in addition to the ubiquitous fried chicken. The evening was spent at yet another party.

Monday started with a visit to the Frazier Museum and to the English Speaking Union followed by lunch at a Bistro. In the afternoon we had a escorted tour of Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run. The day was rounded off by a pizza party at the home of one of the hosts.

On the Tuesday we were at the East Louisville Sunrise Club's breakfast meeting followed by a visit to the Indiana Falls (another State visited) and its museum. We then lunched by the riverside after which we went to Bardstown where we had a guided tour of the famous 'Old Kentucky Home'. After this we were taken to the beautiful new Bernheimforest eco forest and visitors centre. The day concluded with another lavish party at a Rotarian's home.

On Wednesday we were driven to our final stop, Frankfort, just in time to attend the Frankfort Club's lunch meeting. After this we visited the shops in down town Frankfort – two main streets off a crossroads and no more than 200 yards in any direction despite this being the city in which the State's Capital Building is



situated. We also visited the History Museum and the Old Capital Building. In the evening we were hosted at a dinner at the Country Club.

On Thursday we were driven to Johnson Down Shady Lane horse country. In particular we were shown, from a distance, the house where the Queen stays on her visits to the area, and were privileged to have a conducted tour of the Three Chimneys Stud Farm where 'Smartie Jones' (Winner of this year's Kentucky Derby and the Triple Crown) has been retired to stud - \$250,000 per time three times per day!).

After this we visited Midway Town, a small town with some lovely boutique shops. We lunched at the Wallace Station restaurant and in the afternoon visited the Switzer Covered Bridge to allow our lunch to settle before visiting the Rebecca Ruth Chocolate Bourbon Balls factory (with free samples). Fortunately the day ended with a meal at the homes of our respective hosts.

On the last day, Friday 1 October, we visited Frankfort's Vietnam Memorial and then the State Capital Building where we were given a conducted tour including a visit to the Kentucky Supreme Court which had been specially arranged by Judge John Palmore, the former Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, who is a Rotarian in the Frankfort Rotary Club.

We lunched at a sea food restaurant after which we visited the grave of Daniel Boone and then rounded off our visit by having a conducted tour of the Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery (more free tastings). The final evening was spent at a farewell party at the home of the Judge and his wife.

There is much more to tell but space prevents. To get to know more about these wonderful Hospitality Exchanges, **GO ON ONE OF THEM.**

Finally the thanks of all of us go, in particular, to Jan Harding and Tom Deiner from Kentucky for having arranged this exchange visit. We are looking forward to hosting a party from Kentucky next year.

Lionel M Howard

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



Paul Harris in founding Rotary in 1905 and Lord Baden Powell in founding Scouting in 1907 had much common ground in what they set out to achieve, even though they aimed at different sections of the communities that they lived in. Almost 100 years on as each seeks to celebrate their Centenary should the two organisations be seeking ways to assist each other?

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) seeks to do just that by bringing together former Cub Scout, Scouts and Scout leaders and those who have been involved with scouting who are now Rotarians. The aim being to provide support and encouragement to Scouting so that, like Rotary, it may continue to provide a valuable service within the world wide community. When the opportunity arises ask at a Club or other Rotary meeting just how many Rotarians have had either a direct or an indirect involvement with Scouting : the result may surprise you.

As we approach the 100th birthday celebrations the IFSR is trying to raise awareness of Scouting and at the same time to provide support for two Scouting Projects which we would ask you to consider trying to assist us with.

- The first is the refurbishment and partial rebuilding of the Scout and Guide facilities on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour. The very first "Experimental Scout Camp" was held on Brownsea Island during July and August 1907. Since then Scouts and Guides have been allowed to use the site which today is in desperate need of refurbishment in order that future generations may continue to use this unique and indeed historic site.
- The second will occur during the summer of 2007 when the World Scout Jamboree will return to England for the first time in almost fifty years. The "2007 Centenary Jamboree" will be staged in Hylands Park near Chelmsford. The aim is to have at least one Scout, or even a patrol, from everyone of the 216 countries where Scouting currently exists taking an active part in the Jamboree.

Could your Club or your district consider sponsoring a Scout from a third world country to attend the Jamboree? Or even better would you consider sponsoring a Scout from your District and a Scout from overseas and encourage them to establish contact before the event so that they can build on this before, during and after the Jamboree.

The theme of the 2007 Jamboree will be "One World One Promise" Can we help support that promise? Youth are our future and anything that we can do to promote understanding between young people of different backgrounds and different cultures must surely be a good investment for the future of Scouting, Rotary and our communities as a whole.

One further idea under consideration is the organisation and promotion of a local community service project to be organised by Scout Groups with input and encouragement from their local Rotary Club. The result of this would form the basis of a competition in which Scout Groups would be rewarded with prizes or awards that would be of use and benefit to the group.

Before this is taken any further we would like to have some input from anyone who feels they would be interested in taking part in a community or service project that could lead to an awards or prizes for participating groups.

Clearly there is some way to go, and we need to move quickly, in order to obtain appropriate agreement and to organise such an event. At this stage we are simply seeking your views and we would be grateful for any suggestions comments or views that you may have.

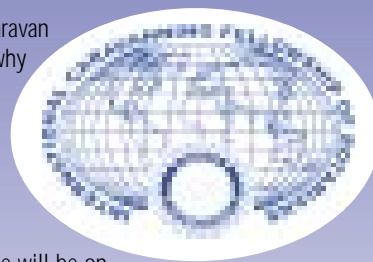
If you have any views, comments or suggestions let us know. If you require further information about IFSR, the Brownsea Island Project or the World Jamboree in 2007 please contact :

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CARAVAN WITH ROTARY

Do you have a caravan? Do you caravan with your fellow Rotarians? If not why not?

The International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR) is one of the oldest fellowships in Rotary and has 1,500 members in this country. About 50 rallies are organized each year. Some of these will be on the continent. There will be two to France and one to Spain in 2005.



Occasionally there will be extended tours to places like United States, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. A party of 40 visited New Zealand early in 2004 spending 7 weeks away. Visits were made to Rotary clubs and five days were spent with 40 New Zealand ICFR members.

When RI holds its Convention in Europe ICFR will be there in support and plans are in hand for 2006 when Copenhagen and Malmo will be the joint venue. We hope to enjoy the company of members of the same fellowship from the Netherlands and France. Pre and post convention rallies are also likely.

Our meetings allow you to do as you wish but walks, visits to Rotary Clubs and social activities are arranged with the emphasis very much on fellowship.

If you have a caravan or motor home, or are thinking of buying one, why not find out more about our fellowship which is said to be the best kept secret in Rotary. Annual subscription is a mere £10 and includes two magazines.

To find out more about the fellowship and to start enjoying new friendships contact :-

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You can also visit our Website at www.rotarycaravanning.org.uk

LINK EVENING 10th MARCH 2005

Past District Governor Brian Darlison will be inviting all members to our annual event at Ilkeston. Once again we have a packed programme with interesting speakers and it is an opportunity to meet the outgoing GSE team members, who will be travelling to Mississippi, as well as Ambassadorial Scholars.

Val Lindley - Foundation Chairman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT

This concert will be on Sunday 8th May 2005 at 6.45pm in the Darwin Suite at the Assembly Rooms, Derby. Application forms and ticket details will be available in January 2005

YOUTH SPEAKS

The District Final will be held on Saturday 5th February 2005 at the Ravenshead Village Hall at 2:00 pm prompt.

YOUNG CHEF

The District Competition will be held on Saturday 19th March 2005 at New College Nottingham. The Winner will go through to R.I.B.I. Final at Lutterworth on Saturday 30 April 2005.

Graham Wallis - Youth Services Chairman