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Congratulations Dougie & Peter



We were all delighted to hear that the status of Honorary Alderman of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames has been conferred on two of our longstanding members, Peter Gray (top left) and Dougie Reynolds.

Dougie and Peter were two of thirteen former mayors given the honour. All received a framed illuminated scroll by the current Mayor, Councillor Roy Arora on the occasion of their installation. Both have given so much to our Club, the Community and to Kingston Council over many years.

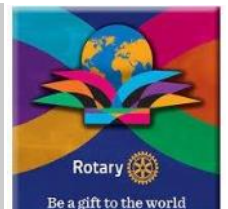
Congratulations to them both.

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Kingston Rotary Club meets on Thursdays at 12.45 to 2pm at the Antoinette Hotel, 26 Beaufort Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2TQ. There are occasional evening meetings. Please check the diary at the end of this newsletter.



Christmas thanks

to all our supporters and sponsors

The Rotary Club of Kingston wish to thank The Mayor, Councillors and staff of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Kingston First, Elmbridge Borough Council, the Metropolitan Police, the staff and students of Kingston College, The Berkeley Group and their contractors working in the Borough, our other business sponsors and, not least, the volunteers, residents and visitors for their support, assistance and generous contributions of time, person-power and donations, ensuring yet another successful year for the Annual Christmas Appeal for Local Charities.



This year the collections in Clarence Street, the 'Carol of Carols' Concert at All Saints Church and the House to House and Cobham Service Station Santa Sleigh collections, including Gift Aid which can be claimed on some of the donations, raised an amazing £18,470 for the Rotary Club of Kingston's Trust Fund from which monies will be distributed, not only to those charities who took part, in not always very kind weather, but also to charitable causes and events during the year ahead. The full account of the charity awards from the 2015 Annual Appeal, the work that the Rotary Club does locally and internationally and how you can engage with us, can be found at www.kingstonrotaryclub.org.uk. **President John Cannon, copied to the Surrey Comet**

Collections & donations

ABF The Soldiers' Charity £381.52	Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness, £299.61	Richmond Homes & Lifestyle Trust £440.66
All Saints Church, Kingston £553.48	Kingston Hospital Dementia Unit £209.29	Shelterbox £697.91
Anstee Bridge £77.39	Kingston Inner Wheel £378.08	Silverlining Charity £224.57
Creative Youth £431.22	Kingston United Reformed Church £91.56	South London Military Wives Choir £553.58
Express CIC £361.62	Kingston Young Carers £246.42	Spring Grove Morris £100
Fircroft Trust £88.83	Love Kingston £231.05	St Peter's Church, Norbiton £142.75
Friends of Dysart School £238.02	Mayor's Charity £1,066.93	Trussell Trust £557.84
Hanbeet Korean Church £100	Mercury Phoenix Trust £84.09	YMCA London SW £399.82
Joel Community Trust £166.34	Missing People £57.81	Rotary Club of Kingston Trust Fund £8,153.90
Kids Out £527.43	Momentum £204.27	
Kingston Centre for Independent Living £202.77	RC Kingston Riverside £244.76	TOTAL £18,470.10
	Refugee Action Kingston £463.90	
	Royal Star & Garter £135.99	

A letter of thanks from the vicar of St Andrew's and St Mark's, Surbiton

thanking us for our contribution—through our Community and Vocational Committee—towards their annual Christmas Party. It is great to know that they had a successful party for so many people in the community.

On behalf of everyone at St Andrew's and St Mark's, and many people in the local community, I would like to thank you for your generosity in making our Christmas lunch such a success—yet again.

We had about eighty people again this year, in spite of the building work that was taking place. Those who attended or helped for the first time, were really struck by what a difference the lunch makes to the lives of people who live alone and might otherwise have a very lonely Christmas.

Your generous contribution, which seemed to increase each time I spoke to you, made a huge difference. Thanks for all that you do both at Christmas and throughout the year. You all perform an invaluable service to the local community. **Robert Stanier, Vicar**

Happy 2016 from Rolf and Eike

Rolf & Eike, whom we all have known for many years through Bad Bergzabern Rotary Club, have sent us this delightful family picture from Germany with this message:

*Dear Friends in Rotary
We are back from the Spring Winter in Oberstdorf and wish you a wonderful, exciting, lucky and healthy 2016 and we hope to see you soon in the real Spring in GB.*



RotaKids Roll On

The King Athelstan *RotaKids* have been busy this half term. To help their school community, they have had a notice board put up so all the children know what is going on in the school. And for the overseas community they have been collecting plastic milk bottle tops to convert into wheelchairs for wheelchair users in developing countries.

John Cannon



Bad Bergzabern, 23rd to 25th September 2016

The International Committee is in the process of making arrangements for this year's incoming visit from our link club of Bad Bergzabern and it would be useful to know which members will be interested in participating. There are no itineraries or costings yet. These will be firmed-up when we have a better idea of numbers.

Bad Bergzabern's incoming President has requested that we include a visit to a show (musical) and to Windsor. Our preliminary thought for a musical is *The Lion King*. As you will appreciate, to get a block booking for a London based show, the booking has to be made sooner rather than later, hence the call for numbers. Nearer the time, we will also be calling for hosts.

These visits are always great fun, interesting and a great way to expand your Rotary friendships so please do all join in! Once we have a better idea of numbers, the Committee can start to put further ideas together to formulate a full itinerary.

John Watts, International Committee

ERIN “LITTLE DYNAMO”

These were the words used by The Clink Founder, Alberto Crisci MBE, to describe our contestant Erin Woodley-Nash at the District Semi final of the Young Chef competition.

Everybody present including the Judges were amazed at Erin`s ability and confidence especially as she had only very recently celebrated her 12th Birthday. The Judges gave her lots of praise and encouraged her to continue with her cooking. They did make a few recommendations to Erin, noted also by her very supportive Grandmother, and they all felt in no doubt that she will come back soon and win.

ERIN’S MENU

Roasted Parmesan Mushrooms

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Apple Roses

This competition had only three contestants so you can imagine that the pressure was pretty intense with three Judges closely scrutinising the dishes. But Erin coped magnificently, in spite of the fact that her Grandma didn’t bring the little box which Erin usually stands on to see if the water for her spaghetti is boiling!

As Erin came 3rd she received a trophy and a certificate from The Mayor of Merton and was able to choose a cookery book to go with it. There was also the possibility she may be eligible for a place in the District final under the category of highest loser. We wait and see. The competition was won by the contestant sponsored by Fleet Rotary Club. A big “Thank You” to Erin for representing our club and also to her family for the help and support they gave her throughout the competitions. **Hilary Buzasi**



Photos (above) courtesy of John Watts) and (below and left) Anthony Beevor).



Double Success!

Wednesday 3rd February turned out to be a very exciting evening for all three Rotary clubs in the Royal Borough and two local schools. We were all attending the District semi-final of the *Youth Speaks* competition at Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane. This is a very modern church with good facilities, offering space in which to run the Intermediate and Senior Competitions. The Intermediate competition took place in the hall of worship which did not provide the best acoustics. The Senior competition took place in a room downstairs in which the speakers were far more audible.

The draw took place and after some confusion it was established that both our Schools were to speak first. Lady Eleanor Holles School in the Senior competition and Hinchley Wood in the Intermediate competition. So between all three clubs we were able to cover both competitions.

The team from Lady Eleanor Holles (photo, top right) chose the theme “A toast to your Health Service” and the speaker, Isla Hutchinson, spoke very passionately about why she considered it necessary to support our National Health Service. Her commitment to this cause came over very passionately—she is hoping to become a Doctor—and this shone through in her excellent presentation. It is no surprise then that she also collected the award for Best Speaker. Chairperson Leila Legris, also won Best Chairperson, Anya Robinson, proposer of the vote of thanks completed the team. A very professional and polished presentation.

Meanwhile in the main body of the church the team from Hinchley Wood (bottom right) spoke on “Is space exploration a waste of money.” The speaker was Aishani Parkash and as she strode across the room, her opening remarks were.... “one small step for man a giant leap for mankind”. The Judges were also impressed as she also won the prize for Best Speaker. This team has really improved since we last saw and heard them at our local competition on 24 November. The Chairperson Jessica Higgins and Proposer of the vote of thanks, Maya Fernandes all helped to showcase good team work.

The results were announced in the main church so everyone gathered there with huge anticipation and expectation. Following their deliberations, the Judges announced that the winners of the Senior competition was our team from Lady Eleanor Holles School, sponsored by “Rotary in the Royal Borough”—all three clubs working together to expand the competition Borough wide. As you can imagine we were all thrilled!

Next up was the result for the Intermediate competition. The Judges had chosen Hinchley Wood School as the winners. Again one of our sponsored Schools. We leapt up and applauded and cheered the young team as they collected their prizes. We could hardly believe the results, both teams through to the District Final. Both teams picking up the award for Best Speaker. Is this a first?

We were all immensely proud of our two teams, their Schools and Tutors. Thanks also to parents and grandparents for their support on the night. This is a good example of Kingston, Surbiton and New Malden Clubs working together on a Youth project that benefits the whole community. Thanks to Jeremy and representatives of Surbiton and New Malden for all the work they did in establishing these links. Let’s hope they continue.

The District Final will be held at Lady Teresa’s School, Effingham, on 12 March. Time to be confirmed. **Hilary Buzasi**



RIBI Election Results

The results of the RIBI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland) elections have been announced and Debbie Hodge of the Rotary Club of Ware, has been elected President for the Rotary year 2018/19.

Commenting on her election, Debbie said: "I am delighted and honoured to have the opportunity to serve as President in 2018/19, and will seek to share my enthusiasm for Rotary Service with our members and the wider community as we continue to put Service above Self."



Brian Stoyel (pictured above right) of the **Rotary Club of Saltash**, has been elected as the Rotary International Director (Zone 18a) for 2017-19.

On his election, Brian said: "It is a great pleasure and privilege to have been elected for 2017-19. My lasting interest and joy in Rotary stems from seeing at first hand the wonderful work the organisation contributes to across the globe, and the role of Director will afford me a wider opportunity to meet and listen to the thoughts and ideas of people for the continued well-being of Rotary."

Debbie and Brian first joined Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland in 2001 and 1981 respectively, and have been involved with the organisation in a wide variety of capacities throughout their time as members.

Niall Blair (pictured bottom right), of the **Rotary Club of Marlow**, has also been elected as the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Hon. Treasurer for 2017/18 (unopposed). **Paul Hickson**

District Governor, 2018-19

The District Governor for 2018/9 will be David Easton of the RC of Chichester Priory, who has recently relocated to Sussex transferring up from the RC of Roborough Plymouth, where he was President in 2011-12.

David served with the Metropolitan Police Special Branch, is a qualified school teacher and now runs a training company with his wife. He was Chair of Governors at an inner city school in Plymouth during 2014/5.



David has served on District 1290 and is currently on the District 1145 Visioning team. He was a facilitator for the *Rotary Go* seminars during 2014/5, is on the RIBI Community and Events Committee for 2016/7 and has also been selected for appointment as RI Assistant Coordinator 18A for 2016.

We congratulate David on his appointment and look forward to meeting him in the future.
Paul Hickson

Save the Date

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Annual Conference

The RIBI Annual Conference takes place in Bournemouth from **Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd April 2016**. There is an exciting programme of speakers and activities which promises to make the week-end one to remember. Conference gives us all the opportunity to come together from all around Great Britain and Ireland to celebrate Rotary, to be informed, motivated and entertained (Peter Davey, President RIBI). Visit the RIBI website for more information and to register.

www.rotarygbi.org



I am delighted to announce that Patricia Parker MBE has agreed to be our speaker at lunch on **Thursday 26th May**. Patricia will be updating us on the wonderful work her charity **Kids for Kids** is doing for the poor children in Darfur. Anyone who has heard Patricia speak knows that we will be in for a treat – this lady is inspiring, please be there.
Pauline Colley, International Committee

The Mayor's Big Sing at the Rose Theatre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm Sunday 21st February 2016

Come to a two-hour audience participation singing session led by a team of experienced vocal leaders who will have everyone singing in glorious harmony in no time, with a special guest appearance and opening performance from the South London Military Wives Choir.

Learn some fun, uplifting *a cappella* songs from scratch and experience the joy that singing with others can bring. Open to all ages regardless of musical experience.

In aid of the Mayor of Kingston's Charitable Trust 2015/16

Tickets are: £10 adults; £6 child/concession
Rose Theatre Box Office: 020 81740090
<http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org/whats-on>





Inner Wheel

Celebrating Chinese style

We have just had our February Meeting, celebrating the Chinese New Year at the same time, and this was at my house. I was asked a question: “How many people are here?” the answer was 29. Next question: “and what’s the most people you’ve ever had here?” Answer: “29” ! We did manage to all squeeze in (and we even dealt with Health & Safety (I opened the back door), and we had a lovely time. Most of the organising was done by our member from Hong Kong, Miranda, and her husband Billy, and they did a fantastic job. We were all shown how to make wontons, and then made them, cooked them, and ate them. We also had prawn dumplings and duck, and a lovely Chinese meal from my local take-away. We had Chinese nibbles, fortune cookies and tea, and then Billy gave us a presentation explaining about Chinese New Year and the traditions. The evening was rounded off with our oldest member, Betty, handing every one of us “youngsters” a traditional red envelope (not with the traditional money in it, of course.) It was really nice to do something a little bit different, and we might well do it again some time – although if it’s at mine, you’ll have to book in early, as I don’t think I can fit in many more than the magic 29!

Some of us were “on duty” at our annual District Rally earlier in the month, and this was because the District Chairman is from our Club. Liz was able to be there, even though she hasn’t yet finished her course of treatment, and was looking good and enjoyed herself—as we all did. Being on duty is not exactly onerous, but gave us a chance to mingle and meet with Inner Wheelers from other Clubs. It was a very good lunch and our National Association President, Trish Douglas, gave us a very stirring address; she is quite a personality and very engaging.

Our next meeting is on [Tuesday, 8th March](#) (back at the Antoinette) when we have a speaker from WaterAid. It’s a pity we can’t bottle up all this rain



Inner Wheel District 14 Rally on Saturday 5th February. District Chairman, Liz Davis with Association President Trish Douglas and members of the Inner Wheel Club of Kingston upon Thames.

we’re having, isn’t it, and send it to the parts of the world where children regularly die through lack of water or clean water? It will be good to have an update on their work.

The day after, the [9th March](#), is our Spring Fair. This was so successful last year and we’re looking forward to it. For £10 you get the fair and a lovely lunch – and we will have our usual stalls of cakes, preserves, gifts and toiletries, jewellery, tombola and raffle. It’s at the Kingston Lodge and there is an upper limit on numbers – it’s more than 29! – so if you’d like to come, please book in as soon as you can (via Andrea Gabb – or me or Lynda). The money we raise will be divided between local charities. And we’re looking forward to beating Rotary at quoits on the [20th March](#). So see you then if not before.

Yours in friendship Bobby Child



This means Good Luck—so good luck with the Year of the Monkey!



Kingston Riverside

Attracting a new generation

During the month of January, Riverside Rotary have welcomed some potential new members, whom, whilst they are deciding if they would like to join, we are calling 'friends'. This idea which has already been implemented by some clubs, gives people the opportunity to experience the ideas and values of Rotary and help out at events, without feeling an immediate need to make a formal commitment.

It can also be of great benefit, as these 'friends' can bring new skills, for example, Chris Burchell who came along to our last meeting, has volunteered to help us set up a website and look at ways our Facebook page can be improved.

Last year a number of our members took part in the Great River Race, raising funds for Kingston Carers, and it is hoped that this year, our association with them will continue. The idea is to host a party for a group of the children, probably in the Summer. So if anybody has any connections with possible venues, entertainers, etc., please contact us on our email address kingstonriversiderotary@gmail.com.

On the 19th March, a training session will be taking place at the Joel Project, which will enable members to provide assistance on shifts, at this night shelter.

Recently, I watched a video on membership in the 21st Century, which I found extremely interesting. One of the items mentioned was the need to re-position, and an example was given of trying to attract a generation of natural networkers, who are technically savvy, and who have a sense of civic duty. Whilst they may question the format of Rotary and its' traditions, Paul Harris used the expression 'evolutionary always, sometimes revolutionary'

So whilst Riverside Rotary is not planning on starting a revolution, if any Rotarians have friends or family, who may be interested in attending one of our meetings, to see how Rotary is evolving, then please do send us an e-mail.

Alison Webb
President

LUNCH MEETINGS

DATE	SUBJECT & MENU	SPEAKER	V.O.T.	HOSTS
FEB 18	Current Magistrates Guidelines Seafood ragout & sausage toad	Trevor Strong	Douglas Reynolds	BUZASI , Kapadia*
25	The History of Tolworth Mediterranean chicken & stir fried beef	Bob Phillips	Anne McCormack	BACON , Johnston*
MAR 3	Project feedback No speaker Moroccan lamb & pork loin	_____	_____	HOLT , Horstman*
10	Climate Change Lamb stew & beef lasagne	Andree Frieze	John Watts	JETHWA , Lifford*
17	Business Meeting Braised chicken & pork & leek sausages	VP Ramesh Kapadia in chair	_____	ROWLAND , Chandler*
24	KSparks: Entertainment & the Community Shepherd's pie & Asian beef stir fry	Moni	The President	McCORMACK , Colley*
31	Scattering reports Lamb hotpot & Beef Stroganoff	Nominees from each group	_____	WEBBER , Frost*
APRIL 7	Our Member of Parliament Menu tbc	James Berry MP	The President	KINGHAM , Gabb*

Please note that there are now **TWO** hosts only on duty per week. The person named in CAPS is the 'Cash Host' responsible for the money. The asterisk denotes 'Microphone and greeting Host'. Lunches should be paid for in cash to help reduce the Hotel's bank charges but if you need to pay by cheque it should be made payable to 'The Rotary Club of Kingston upon Thames'. To apologise or book in guests, contact June Kingham on 01372 376665 or junekingam@aol.com by 12 noon on the Wednesday before. **NB Please would hosts be available by 12.30pm or arrange for a deputy. Please would members apologise if unable to attend, otherwise, regrettably, fines will apply to cover costs.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
FEB 21	Sing with the Military Wives at the Rose Theatre	J Webb
MAR 2&3	Satro Junior Business Games at Coombe Junior School (2nd) and Tolworth Junior School (3rd)	Cannon
8	Inner Wheel Meeting	Bobby Child
MAR 9	Inner Wheel Spring Fair, Kingston Lodge Hotel +lunch Senior Citizens Film Show, Town House, Kingston University	Rowland Waller
20	Inner Wheel/Rotary Quoits Challenge and afternoon tea at Malden Wanderers	
12	Youth Speaks District Finals, St Teresa's School, Effingham	J Webb/ Buzasi
APR 1-3	RIBI Conference, Bournemouth	Kapadia
3-8	RYLA—YMCA/Southborough	
9	District Assembly/Peps2	Kapadia
11-13	Inner Wheel Conference in Glasgow	
JUNE 24	President's Night	Kingham
NEW PRESIDENTIAL YEAR		
6	Junior Business Game at King Athelstan & St Johns Schools	Cannon
7	Lunchtime visit to our Club by new District Governor, Frank West	Secretary
17	Dragon Boats	Leo

Happy Birthday

FEB

25th Neville Coleman
28th Keith Waller

MARCH

8th Adrienne Rinsche
13th Phillip Holt
14th Pauline Colley
14th John Cannon
28th Helen Bellias
31st Simon Leo

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