



RotaKids come to lunch

We were delighted to welcome three RotaKids and their head teacher, from King Athelstan School to lunch on 9th March so that they could see a Rotary meeting in action and, most importantly, tell us about their work towards Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign. President Noah, Secretary Nathan and former secretary Grace—all founder members—came along with head teacher, Emily Newton. It was an apt occasion, providing the RotaKids with an opportunity to hear our members, John, Jackie, Paul and Hilary, talking about their recent trip to India where they took part in the National Polio Immunisation programme in Delhi and Amritsar.

There was also a pleasant surprise awaiting Kingston President Ramesh and President Sophie from Kingston Riverside, when RotaKids' President Noah made them honorary members—joining the Mayor who is already an honorary member! Well done to the Kids for all they do in the Community and for their dedication and enthusiasm. They are a credit to us all. The children loved the experience and Noah says he wants to be a Rotarian!

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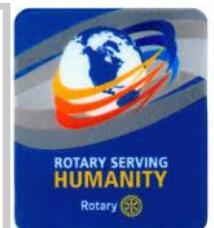
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Kingston Rotary Club meets on Thursdays at 12.45 to 2pm at the Antoinette Hotel, 26 Beaufort Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2TQ. There are occasional evening meetings. Please check the diary at the end of this newsletter.





With three outbreaks of polio this year in her near neighbours, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the need for constant vigilance to keep India polio free remains. In January, Christine, Hilary, Jackie, John and Paul, in a party of some seventy Rotarians and partners and members of Inner Wheel from Britain and Ireland, including RIBI President Eve Conway, went to India to help with this. We worked together with other large parties from Japan and wider Europe.



We were raising awareness of the need for continued immunisation of all India's children aged 5 or under (around 100 million), encouraging families to bring their children for immunisation on the National Immunisation Day, giving immunisation drops to children from the poorer communities and on the next day helping to seek out and immunise children missed in the first day. We worked with Rotarians from India and together we supported the work of local health workers and behind them the Governments of India.



On the day, we put drops of vaccine on the tongues of children who queued patiently brought by their mothers or fathers or siblings or grandparents or aunts and uncles or neighbours. At Hilary's, Jackie's and John's booth a young, self appointed helper ran constantly between us and his slum homeland to bring missed children. His reward, like all those immunised, was a ball and a cap. Before we left, we had an 'international' cricket match with him using his new ball and a stick for a bat!

Interspersed with the immunisation, were visits to various projects being undertaken by the local Rotary Clubs. We loved seeing what fellow Rotarians were doing, what they had delivered and the enormous difference they were making. In Delhi, we went to St Stephen's Hospital where Dr Matthews treats polio victims and helps them to walk again and to become independent; we visited Acharya Tulsi the Rotary Diabetes Centre built, equipped and sustained by the Club of Delhi South East, where they provide diabetes diagnosis and treatment. And we went to Nigram Pratbha Vidyalaya School for Girls, adopted by the Club of New Delhi. The club has built classrooms, paid for an English teacher and installed computers. In Amritsar we visited a health clinic and vocational project run by the Amritsar Mid Town Rotary Club; a school for the blind and Bhavan Kumar Public school where the Rotary Club provide free education to 260 children of rag pickers rickshaw drivers and daily wagers who might otherwise not receive an education.



When we visited the 24 hour kitchen at the Golden Temple in Amritsar we met a teacher from Birmingham who travels out to the Punjab for two weeks each year to make a difference to special needs children. We shared a 'Kids Out' style day with them at a Punjabi village theme park enjoying a very special occasion.



This was all a powerful experience both for Paul and Christine as old hands and Hilary, Jackie and John getting involved for the first time. We felt the power of Rotary making a difference worldwide and saw how proud the Clubs were to show their projects to visitors. We saw the needs of a society very different from our own and how the Rotary Clubs focus on meeting those needs. They celebrated the collective and individual achievements of their projects and *End Polio Now*; applauding both themselves and us for the service delivered.

Taking part reinforced the need to maintain our collective Rotary commitment for a polio free world.

Christine, Hilary, Jackie, John and Paul

New Generations updates

Young Chef



Our winner Omar took part in the District Semi Final at Merton College on Saturday 28th January. He enjoyed this although he was not placed. His mother and Hilary Pollitt from Southborough were in attendance as were Jeremy & Susan Webb. Omar received his certificate from the Mayor of Merton.

Youth Speaks



District 1145 North Senior semi-finals took place on 1st February at Ruxley Church, Ewell but sadly Coombe Boys, who were entered in place of Richard Challoner, had to drop out the day before the semi final. Old Palace of John Whitgift School goes through. (pictured).

Rotary in the Royal Borough ran the Intermediate semi-final on 7th February at the Holiday Inn, Kingston South which was won by The Matthew Arnold School, Staines. The District Final will be held at St Theresa's School, Beech Avenue, Effingham on 18th March 13.00 to 17.30 and will be a great event. (Intermediate starts at 14.00, Senior at 15.30) Do come along!

Mock Interviews

The Business Faculty at Kingston College were so pleased with what we did in January that they invited us back! John Cannon, Kes Heffer, Paul Hickson and Jeremy Webb took part in an exercise with the College (non teaching) staff to interview seventeen second year HND Business Studies students, each of whom provided a cover letter, CV and the job description they had selected for themselves on 7th March. One student found this of particular benefit as he had already secured an interview for a 12 month internship with a Multi National Car Hire company three days later. He said that the guidance and coaching he received had really helped him to polish his performance and improve his confidence.

Jeremy Webb



Congratulations to Gillian Allnutt, who received the Queen's Gold Medal for poetry last month.

Gillian is the daughter of Terry Allnutt, past Kingston Rotarian and President in 1983.

Bobby Child tells us Gillian's mother, Kit, was a member of Inner Wheel and she remembers the family well.

John Watts



Inner Wheel District 14 Annual Rally

Our very own Secretary, Mick Taviner, well-known for his photography—or so his wife says— was appointed as official photographer for the Inner Wheel Rally and was treated to a meal, he says, after complaining he had not originally been invited!

Lovely photo Mick!

Inner Wheel District 14 held their annual District Rally on Saturday 11th February at the Burhill Golf Club in the presence of Inner Wheel Association President Zena Coles. Hosts were our very own Ladies of Kingston Inner Wheel who were hosts in support of District Chairman Elizabeth Davis, herself a Kingston member. The event was supported by President Ramesh and Shweta, who brought greetings from all our Club members. It was a very successful event enjoyed by all. The photograph shows Association President Zena and District Chairman Liz surrounded by President Ramesh, members of the District 14 Executive and the Chairs of Inner Wheel Districts 12 and 25. **Mick Taviner**

SATRO Business Game

Most of you will be aware that for several years now we have had a SATRO Business Game at King Athelstan School for the combined year 6s of King Athelstan and St Johns. Some of you have taken part and will know how valuable and how much fun it is for all concerned. The schools are having this game again this year on **28th March** and, as before, I am inviting you to be involved. It runs from about 8.30 in the morning to the end of school.

The SATRO Business Game is intended to help the children learn a little about running a business, being creative and working in a team. The children are allocated to mixed school, non-friendship teams of between 6 and 8 pupils that become bookmark manufacturing companies trying to make profits. During the day they will design, manufacture and sell bookmarks, buy the raw materials, create logos and posters and run bank accounts with each child having an assigned role. The adult role is to act a “business adviser” to a team: essentially providing common sense guidance and encouragement. There are other roles such as being banker or buyer of bookmarks that we can also take on.

The game is part sponsored by Kingston Rotary Club.

If you would like to take part in this please put it in your diary and let me know so I can pass your name on to SATRO. Full instructions are given on the day but I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Other dates: **15th March**: Tolworth Juniors; **21st March**: Coombe Hill Juniors

John Cannon

A sumptuous banquet was enjoyed by 18 of us at La Orient Restaurant in Esher last month and we were especially delighted to welcome Bobby and Lilian, members of Inner Wheel, Anne from our Friends Group, Cyrus from Kingston Riverside, Will, President of Surbiton Rotary Club and our partners. The next restaurant evening is in Epsom on 10th April. Don't miss another great occasion!





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Evening family meeting, Thursday 30th March

Bring friends and family to our evening meeting on 30th March at the Hotel Antoinette at 6.30 for 7pm. The speaker will be Peter Stokes on *Holidays in Muslim Countries, 1845 to 1900*. Peter lives locally in Surbiton and attends St Andrew & St Mark's Church. He has been a tax specialist and has degrees in physics from Oxford and Law from Kingston, though he has never practiced law. Since retirement he has been keen on travel and avidly pursues his passion for trains.

Club Visioning Programme

Our future depends on you! Thursday 27th April

Following a successful introductory talk by John Watkins about the benefits of 'Visioning' to Clubs in producing meaningful forward plans, our Visioning Exercise will take place in the Coronation Room of the Antoinette Hotel on [Thursday 27th April at 9am](#) followed by lunch. Please let Mick Taviner know if you can come (if you haven't already done so).

This is a great opportunity to have your say. Please come along and help us plan for the future.

Christmas fundraising update

Kingston members attending the February Business Meeting received a briefing about the results achieved (which were published in the January Newsletter) together with some explanations for the lower take this year. More importantly members were able to provide feedback which will be taken into account when the Christmas Fundraising Team meets shortly to review 2016 and plan 2017's activities. Anyone who was not there on the day and wishes to offer feedback is asked to do so by Thursday 16th March to Jeremy or Doreen.

More help with the 2017 programme will be required to spread the workload – anyone wishing to volunteer or find out more is asked to telephone Jeremy or Doreen. **Jeremy Webb**

Invitation from Leatherhead Rotary Club



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Invitation

from the Friends of Kingston Museum

The Museum Friends are
organising a coach trip to
Beaulieu and Bucklers Hard
(with a river cruise)
on
Saturday 10th June
Cost £35

There are still a few seats
available so if you are interested
please contact Anne McCormack
on 020 8398 5245 or
anne.jeff@dial.pipex.com for a
booking form.

First come first served!



Inner Wheel

Love on the Nile

Our February meeting had the tag-line “Love on the Nile” and our speaker did not disappoint. She contrasted the lives and characters of two Queens of Egypt – Nefatari and Cleopatra. She was a truly excellent speaker and it was absolutely fascinating.

It was our Rosie Perry’s actual birthday, and we had a scrumptious chocolate cake to help her celebrate, and then we had heart shaped chocolates with our coffee, so altogether we had a great time.

We have also enjoyed our District Rally, when all the Clubs got together for a lovely lunch and to meet our Association President, Zena Coles. Zena’s nominated charity for her year is BEAT, a small charity who are very grateful for Inner Wheel’s involvement. They help people who have eating disorders—Zena’s own granddaughter had been a sufferer and was helped by the charity. It makes it very personal, doesn’t it, and we are all pleased to support BEAT this year.

We have just had our Spring Fair and although it was rainy and a very drab day, the sun did eventually come out for us and we had a lovely lunch with members from other Inner Wheel Clubs in the District as well as some friends and families. We rang the changes with some of the stalls, so it will be interesting to find out how that worked. The photos AND the result are still in the pipeline but will be in your April Newsletter.

So, too, will be a report of our March meeting, on the 14th, which is our International Service Meeting. And because of the way the dates fall, I must mention now our April meeting, on Tuesday, the 11th April, when our speaker is an award-winning gardener and garden writer, Selina Botham – the title of her talk is “A Garden for All Seasons”. Please join us if you can – just let Betty Griggs know (her number is in your Directory).

I am not sure if I’ve told you this already, but it’s worth repeating – last year the international charity for all the Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland was “School in a Bag”. Overall, the total we raised for them last year was an amazing £113,968.77. That’s quite something, isn’t it!

Yours in friendship Bobby Child



LUNCH MEETINGS

DATE	SUBJECT & MENU	SPEAKER	V.O.T.	HOSTS
MAR 16	Fellowship Meeting Chicken in black bean sauce & roast pork loin	_____	_____	MCCORMACK (note change), Rayner*
23	Why we work and what happens after Grilled turkey breast & pork cassoulet	Simon Drury	tbc	BACON, Webber*
30	Holidays in Muslim Countries Chicken & leek fricassee & chilli con carne. NB Evening Family Meeting: 6.30 for 7pm	Peter Stokes	President	WATTS, Waller*
APR 6	Club AGM Seafood ragout & sausage toad	President	_____	BUSAZI, J Webb*
13	Rotary Scholar Mediterranean chicken stew & stir fried beef	Janelle Cronk	Hilary Buzasi	MCCORMACK, M Webb*
20	Rotary Scholar Moroccan lamb tagine & pork loin	Chris Basham	Paul Hickson	MAUND, Chandler*
27	Club Visioning at 9am in the Antoinette Hotel followed by lunch at 12.45pm Lamb stew & beef lasagne	tbc	tbc	STEVENSON, Frost*
MAY 4	Club Business Meeting Menu to be advised	President	_____	STICKLAND, Gabb*
11	Refugee Action Kingston Menu to be advised	Sanja Djerie Kane	Paul Hickson	ROWLAND, Horstman*

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 may apply to cover costs**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
MAR	15	Senior Citizens Film Show at St Peter's Norbiton
	18	Regional Assembly, LONDON
	25	District Council Meeting in Reigate. More information from the Secretary
	28	SATRO Business Games, King Athelstan and St Johns Schools
APR	7-9	RIBI Conference, Manchester
	22	District Assembly at St Catherine's School, Bramley at 9am
	27	Club Visioning Antoinette Hotel at 9am
MAY	16	Paul Harris Fellows Lunch
	18	Club Assembly
JUNE	9	President's Night at the Holiday Inn

Happy Birthday

MAR
13th Phillip Holt
14th Pauline Colley
14th John Cannon
28th Helen Bellias
31st Simon Leo
APR
19th Hilary Buzasi

<p>Copy for next issue to Anne by 10th April or sooner please</p>
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