



Welcome to our friends

Once again we had the pleasure of welcoming a party of 14 from Bad Bergzabern Rotary Club on the weekend of 23rd to 26th September for a mixed variety of events with beautiful sunny weather throughout!

As always, this was a great visit, enabling old friendships to be renewed and new ones made. We found time to discuss the future of the Youth Exchange Camps, a possible joint project regarding the refugee children that have been taken in by the local children's home and, of course, our return visit to Germany in 2017. President Ramesh thanks all who took part in a brilliant weekend, with a special thank you to the hosts who opened their houses for parties and provided home hosting for our visitors. **John Watts**

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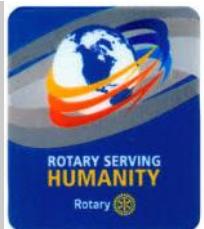
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Kingston Rotary Club meets on Thursdays at 12.45 to 2pm at the Antoinette Hotel, 26 Beaufort Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2TQ. There are occasional evening meetings. Please check the diary at the end of this newsletter.





First Impressions

This was my first experience of meeting Rotarians from elsewhere and I decided we should just go along on the Saturday which was spent in London. We met in glorious autumn sunshine outside the Globe Theatre on the South Bank and were given the most fascinating tour of the building. We were extremely fortunate as some musicians were rehearsing so that we were treated to a real insight into the current production (*Macbeth*). I was anxious in case our visitors found the guide difficult to follow but they assured me that they could keep up. We then wandered off to Borough Market for lunch. It was busy, vibrant and full of tempting delicacies and I felt was a wonderful example of London at its best. In the afternoon we enjoyed a visit to the new Tate Modern extension from which we enjoyed an excellent view of London. We then had a great meal at Pizza Express before making our way home. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and incredibly well thought through and organised. Our visitors were charming, friendly and interested in everything that went on and they were so full of energy! I can't wait to meet them again. **Marion Webb**

On Friday, the party was collected from Heathrow and taken to a Welcome Reception at Anne and Jeff McCormack's house and garden, where President Ramesh and Vice President Phillip helped to make our friends very welcome. In the evening we all descended on Jeremy and Susan Webb's for a BBQ and the 'formal' welcome.

Our weekend with Bad Bergzabern

On Sunday, a typical autumnal day, our visitors were taken by their hosts to Windsor to enjoy a short river trip and then a visit to Windsor Castle for a recorded guided tour around part of the Castle and grounds, including an exhibition of the Queen's dresses. After, the remainder of the afternoon was free with hosts before the formal 3-course dinner held at The Black Swan in Ockham. This was a most enjoyable evening with several more Kingston Members joining us, culminating in speeches by Presidents Ramesh and Michael. The weekend ended all too soon as we wished our friends *bon voyage* next day. **John Watts**

Commended!



Competition was fierce at the Business Awards Ceremony and we were delighted to receive a 'Commended' Award. Congratulations to the winners, *Momentum*, a most deserving winner.

Thank you to John Cannon, Hilary and Brian and all who helped in putting the application together. **Anne**

New Generations

What are we up to with Schools?

School students are fun, enthusiastic and full of energy and curiosity. Matching that with our own expertise and interest in their futures is a great way to

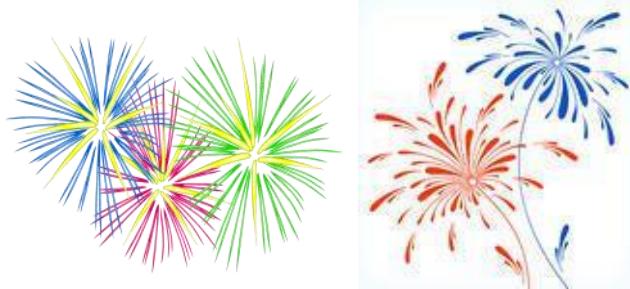
- ◆ **P**lant the seeds of Rotary in the minds future generations of potential Rotarians
- ◆ **S**how Rotary in action; and
- ◆ **E**njoy being a Rotarian.

In *New Generations* this year we will be doing mock interviews and business games, running competitions in speaking, writing and cooking. We will be speaking at school assemblies, building up our RotaKids and finding youngsters to take part in RYLA. Elsewhere we will be involved in Kids Out, Dictionaries for Life, reading in schools and promoting Youth Exchange, commissioning support for the Christmas Concert, being Santa and judging Young Enterprise.

A rich programme to make a difference for many youngsters where we can all find some way to take part. **John Cannon**



Community Firework Display Please help



Dear fellow Rotarians and Friends

This event, organised in conjunction with Kingston Round Table, will be the 16th in the series. It is now well-established in the Borough calendar and looked forward to by thousands of local people who come with their families to enjoy the spectacular fireworks and all the fun of the fair. From our perspective, not only do we organise an enjoyable family event, but at the same time we normally raise in the region of £10,000 for local charities with just 3 hours work. (last year £16,000). We have established an excellent safety record but this will only continue if we have sufficient helpers at the Kingsmeadow athletic ground on the night.

We need stewards, cash collectors and ticket checkers between 5.45pm and 9pm on Friday 4th November. Additionally, we need some help with setting up barriers on the field and at the entrance gate between 3pm and 5.30pm.

We really do need as many helpers as we can get, so please try and persuade partners, relatives and friends to lend a hand. For most, there is the reward of seeing a fantastic firework display and having played a part in what is a fantastic job of Rotary service.

I appreciate that the event is still some 3 weeks away, but please let me know as soon as possible if and when you are able to help and how many additional persons you can bring. I can then send you a detailed safety information sheet and site plan nearer the time. With many thanks in anticipation of your help. **Keith Maund**



A thank you from our departing Rotary Scholar



Dear Mick

Thank you very much for the kind note. It means a great deal to me that you would take the time to send me off with such a nice gesture. I am honored to have met such extraordinary gentlemen and ladies from the Kingston Rotary Club. I am also very grateful to have been hosted by your club during my stay in the U.K. This has been a very special year for me and I will cherish my memories with you and the team.

I do hope that we cross paths again soon. If you happen to swing by the Pinehurst No. 2 golf course in North Carolina for some world class golf, (or anywhere else along the east coast) I would love to spend more time with you in my neck of the woods. Thanks again for all and I wish you all of the best, sir.

Best regards Eric Morgan

Polio Awareness Day October 24th

Polio Eradication Progress 1988 - 2016



Presentations to: Southborough High School 19th, 20th & 21st October and King Athelstan Primary School 10th November

Paul's work and our iron lung model

John Cannon and Paul Hickson are putting together a presentation on End Polio Now to deliver to students during their Assemblies in October and November. Not only will they be using slide shows but also physical props such as a wheelchair and a model iron lung that John has made himself.

This is a wonderful way of telling the Polio story to young people across the Borough and will make Rotary's success towards eradication even more graphic. Thank you to them both for their hard work.

Who are our Friends?

Are you organising a Rotary event and are short of manpower, if so consider asking our Friends. Some years ago the Membership Committee set up a list of Rotary Friends. There are at least 40 people on the list consisting of ex- Rotarians, people who have helped out at events such as Young Chef, Youth Speaks, Business Game, Dragon Boats, Fireworks. How can you access this list? Write a brief email headed 'Rotary needs your help' or similar and then a few words addressed to our Friends describing the event and the help you need. Anne McCormack has kindly agreed to circulate it to the list of Friends as a blind copy. I am happy to be the conduit if needs be.

Alan Stevenson, Membership Committee



We had a great restaurant evening at the Orpheus Taverna in Twickenham with some authentic Greek food last month. We received a very warm welcome from the owners who have been there for 45 years—and the helpings were enormous! A place very much to be recommended.

Thank you to Helen Bellias for organising the whole evening for us.

Recent Donations

During September the Community & Vocational Committee has donated three sums to worthwhile local causes.

In conjunction with the three other Royal Borough Rotary Clubs, we have been able to contribute towards specialist transport facilities for a severely disabled young boy, which will make his life, and that of his parents and carers, so much better.

Sadly, 'Yorda Adventures' run by Laura Smyth, our Paul Harris Fellow, were flooded out yet again but we were able to assist with a donation to help restore equipment and repair some of the damage to the building.

We are also supporting the Thames River Boat Project (right) which provides learning, therapeutic and respite cruises for the local community. We are hoping to join forces with the other Royal Borough Rotary Clubs in giving further assistance in the future. Louise Sibley will be giving our Club a talk on the Project on [Thursday 10th November](#) so do come along and hear more about it.

Phillip Holt



Kids Out 100 Club Draw

The autumn draw was held at Surbiton Rotary Club on 11th October. The First prize of £400 was won by S. Blaney (a friend of New Malden Rotary Club) and the second prize went to our very own Alan Stevenson. Congratulations to both of them!

Invitation

The President of Surbiton Rotary Club,
Will Stevens invites you to Surbiton's
80th Charter Celebration
on Saturday 29th October at 7.30pm
at the Holiday Inn

Cost £28 per head

Tickets may be obtained from the
President at
wjtstevens@googlemail.com



Inner Wheel

Fish & chips and shoe boxes

I went into my local fish and chip shop recently – the “Kingfish” at the Triangle, New Malden/Kingston; I wanted to say a huge “thank you” to the bossman there who had provided such terrific fish and chips (and 1 sausages and chips) for our September meeting which was held at my house. The food was piping hot, excellent quality – both fish AND chips (not always the case) – and a generous size of fish and portion of chips. Everyone remarked how good it was, so I am very happy to give them a “plug” – if you’re ever in that locality, try them! I suppose the only criticism would be that he didn’t mark the meal that was different, so we had to “hunt the sausage”! But that was good fun.

After we’d cleared everything away, the girls got down to business. I retreated to the kitchen because seeing the tables piled high with all sorts of items to put in the shoe boxes with lots of ladies standing around, looked very daunting, but in no time at all there was an “assembly line” set up, with sorting, putting items into the appropriate boxes, filling in forms and at the end, wrapping the boxes and sticking on the £2 to cover the cost of delivery. We ended up with 28 shoe boxes and our President Valerie taking some surplus items home to fill a few more. It was very satisfying as we not only enjoyed ourselves, working and chatting, we had something worthwhile to show for it at the end. The 28 boxes looked a lot in the boot of the car of the chap who came to collect them – but then he said he had seen the warehouse where all such contributions are collected before being sent off: he’d seen 39,000 shoe boxes piled high! Something I don’t think I can quite imagine.

Our November meeting is on **Tuesday 8th November** and will be a “Magazine” Meeting with a few different contributions from both Members and guests. Very much a mixed bag, but it will be interesting, so if any Rotarian or member of their family would like to join us, please do so – we just need you to let Betty Griggs know by the morning of Monday, 7th November.

And a reminder about the Graham Child Christmas Carols on **Wednesday 30th November**, 7.45 p.m. at New Malden Methodist Church; I’ve got so much into putting the programme together that I’m now in the mood to write my Christmas Cards! Oh dear. Hope to see you soon.

Yours in friendship Bobby Child





Kingston Riverside

Caring, Coffee and Christmas

At our meeting on the 28th of September we welcomed Diane White from Kingston Carers, who provided a very informative insight into the work of this organisation. She explained that each year 250k is needed to keep them up and running, and 86% of this comes from donations and fundraising. A Christmas Party for the children is being organised on the 17th of December, and Riverside have offered to build Santa's Grotto. Apparently where the event is held, there is never a Christmas Tree, so if anyone has a fake one we can borrow on the day, that would be great. Who knows we might be able to have trees all around the Grotto.

Kingston Carers are also holding a Christmas-themed craft session on [28th of October](#). so if you have any Christmas craft bits and pieces, baubles, tinsel, etc., gathering dust, then if you can bring them along to a Rotary meeting, I will collect them and drop off to Diane. Also if you live locally I could pop round and collect.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported our coffee morning on the 1st of October, on behalf of the Macular Society. Despite the awful weather, and a few 'soggy bottoms' (this did not apply to the delicious cakes), just over £200 was raised. It was lovely to hear members of the Macular Society, discussing how this would be used towards a social event.

On [11th December](#) we will be helping out alongside members of the YMCA, on the Rotary Christmas Tree. This will be a collection day with a difference. Like a good Elf, I am sworn not to disclose too many details at this stage, but can reveal that it will be involve, fun, fitness and fruit!!! Please tell your friends and family to come along and support us, as all monies raised goes to good causes, including a YMCA Christmas Lunch project.

Yours In Rotary Alison

Kingston Riverside Rotary Club presents 'Inspire Sport' with a cheque for £115 collected at Dragon Boats. Maggie North, head coach, said 'thank you for inviting us to sell cherries and strawberries at the Dragon Boat race. It was a fantastic event and this money is much needed. It will go towards paying for the sessions this term at St Phillips and some new sports kit'.



LUNCH MEETINGS

DATE	SUBJECT & MENU	SPEAKER	V.O.T.	HOSTS
20	2008: Could it Happen Again? Fisherrnan's pie & chicken, pork & chorizo stew	Phil Wise	President	BUSAZI , Rayner*
27	The Rose Theatre Creamy chicken pesto & Italian meat balls	Robert O'Dowd	Alan Stevenson	JETHWA , Rowland*
NOV 3	Club Business Meeting No speaker Roast chicken & sweet & sour pork	_____	_____	MCCORMACK , J Webb*
10	River Thames Boat Project Turkey escalope & steak & Ale pie	Louise Sibley	Phillip Holt	BACON , Chandler*
17	Maize Mill, Malawi-update Chicken in black bean sauce & pork loin	Heather Palmer	Hilary Busazi	ROWLAND , Gabb*
24	SGM/Fellowship meeting Turkey breast & pork & bean cassoulet	_____	_____	BACON , Horstman *
DEC 1	Club Business Meeting Chicken & leek fricassee & chilli com carne	_____	_____	MAUND (note change), Jethwa*
8	Talk to be confirmed Seafood ragout & sausage toad	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	KINGHAM , Johnston*

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		
NOV 1	Youth Speaks senior competition Holiday Inn	J Webb
4	Fireworks	Maund
12	Young Chef Southborough School, provisional date	Watts
17	Film Show	Waller
19	Christmas Tree switch on	Watts/J Webb
24	Christmas Concert at All Saints Kingston	John Gower
29	Youth Speaks Intermediate New Malden Methodist Church	J Webb
30	Graham Child Christmas Carols at Methodist Church New Malden	Bobby Child
26	Santa Challenge Run	Webber
DEC 1 & 2 3-24	Santa Sleigh at Cobham Services Christmas collecting	J Webb
DEC 6 16	Inner Wheel Christmas Party at Imber Court Christmas Party , Churchgate House	Child Kingham

Happy Birthday

OCT
17th Denis Nichols
NOV
2nd Stan Moss
3rd Peter Gray
DEC
5th Janet Bacon
6th Jeremy Webb
14th Michael Kingham
14th Kesh Jethwa

Copy for next issue to Anne by 10th Nov or sooner please
