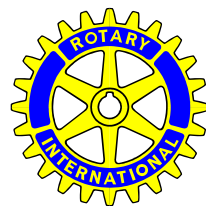




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CHEAM ROTARY'S SANTA



WISHES YOU ALL
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Is it this time of the month again already? At this rate my year will soon be a distant memory.

I have been attending the 'Sutton Six' meetings where the organising of the Rotary Centenary Celebrations are taking place – The February Events are coming on well and now more detailed planning for the May Fair & etc is advancing. It seems a long way off but in reality it is not.

I attended the Remembrance Sunday Service, which was conducted by Clive, at the Cheam War Memorial on the 14th November, the weather was kind and the service moving.

Alan Bone organised a raid to the Sutton Club on the 17th November, when there was a special three course meal and a speaker from the Japanese Embassy on London. All profits from the evening went to the Royal Marsden. It was a successful evening, even though because of the room layout of the room some had difficulty hearing the speaker.

The RIBI President, Gordon McNally and his wife Heather, came to the Club on 30th November and there were a number of visitors from the other Rotary Clubs in Sutton. He gave a good speech appreciated by all.

On 3rd December the first of our Christmas Collection events took place, it was a great success and let us hope that it is a portent of things to come.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party and having a lively evening with the pleasure of your company.

Don't forget to keep these dates free and available:

Tuesday 22 nd February 2005	No meeting – Centenary Church Service
Wednesday 23 rd February 2005	Centenary Dinner at the Holiday Inn
Friday 25 th February 2005	Centenary Reception in the Mayor of Sutton's parlour.
Saturday 5 th March 2005	District Conference at Eastbourne

Best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year.

Alec

Members' Service Report

We have had an active past few months.

Our teams have competed in the various District Sports competitions with varied success. Steve and Marcel are through to the third round of the snooker, whilst Alan and Hatim are still in the bridge and Mike Hurley and Clive in the dominoes.

In November 14 Club members and partners attended Sutton Rotary ladies night. A Consul General from the Japanese Embassy spoke about the links between our two countries and we had a good meal except poor Marcel who couldn't eat the seafood starter and the pork main course!

In December we all enjoyed Christmas Dinner at Merton Technical College. We welcomed two of our honorary members, Patti Roberts and George Powers, with their partners, Steve and Edin. In total of 47 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a fun evening thanks to our master of ceremonies Gordon Drane and Father Christmas and Quiz Master Mike Hurley. After Father Christmas' festive quiz he handed out presents to everyone present.

A large group of us also attended Reigate and Redhill club's Christmas Meal on the 15th December. Again we enjoyed a very pleasant meal and their splendid hospitality.

Jean is entertaining our Rotary Widows to tea thanks to a generous donation from another of our honorary members Glynn Jenkins.

On the 2nd January 2004 a large party of Rotarians and their families and their friends are going to the pantomime at Wimbledon Theatre. We are also hosting a party of young carers from the Sutton Carers Centre.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my hard working team and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Finally an important date for your diary, Saturday April 8th 2006, when Cheam Rotary will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary with a gala dinner at the Queen's Stand at Epsom.

Jill Whitlock.

A debut visit to another Rotary Club

Helena and I decided to spend a short vacation in Freeport in Maine at the beginning of December. From previous visits I knew that the local Rotary Club met for breakfast (another 7.00 am start, but a 5 hour time difference helps) in the hotel we were staying in, so attendance at their meeting seemed almost mandatory. I decided to e-mail them to make sure I would be welcome, but two e-mails resulted in no reply. It is strange how many people either don't read e-mail regularly or don't think that they need replies. So I took their contact number from the Rotary International web site to contact them when I got to the USA. This turned out to be out of date. It was last year's president's number! Anyhow I was told I would be very welcome.

I duly turned up at the meeting place at 6.55am to find the place deserted. However I knew it was the right place because all the regalia plus a large American flag was already in place. At 7.00am on the dot everyone appeared as if by magic. The meeting was in the Hotel Tavern which houses the bar main bar and casual dining area, breakfast (note \$7 only!) was collected from the buffet in the main dining room just along the corridor, pretty similar to The Holiday Inn except for the price.

Freeport is a pretty small town (1800 inhabitants) in the middle of a very rural area, probably equidistant from the two largest towns in the area, Portland and Bath (both about 18 miles away). Their only claim to fame is that they are a "Factory Outlet" town with about 100 outlets on Main Street and in the surrounding area. Shoppers come from all over New England. Hence the club is very used to having visitors attending meetings. There was another visitor when I attended, from the Jonesboro club in North Carolina (about 1000 miles away from Freeport). We were both made very welcome, particularly in my case because Americans still seem to have a fascination with us Brits and our accents. A Cheam accent seemed to go down very well.

The meeting proper started after breakfast with a prayer and the oath of allegiance to the flag, and then pretty much followed the form of one of our meetings. Their club membership is 28 and includes people from a pretty large area around the town. They have 6 lady members, and had a 100% turn out on this day, but that may have been because it was the last formal meeting before the holidays. Their biggest activity at this time of year seems to be selling Christmas Trees, profuse apologies and fines were received from those members who had not turned up to unload trees on the previous Saturday. One of the members is the local Fire and Rescue Chief who turned up in full regalia (lots of brass and shiny badges). He reported that he had received a call from a lady whose son had been in serious accident in New York City and was unable to travel home for Christmas. He hadn't any insurance and the family any money to bring him home, could the local Fire and Rescue help? The Chief was asking the club if they could raise the cost of sending an off duty rescue vehicle to bring the young man home. The cost was \$250, normal charge \$1800 (reclaimable on Insurance). A quick whip-round raised \$150 there and then with pledges for the rest! The clubs major project for next year is to provide water purification plant for 4 villages in Guatemala, cost \$36000, half to be raised by the club and half from Foundation.

The meeting finished just after 8.00 am. I really enjoyed it and am itching to visit other clubs now I've broken the ice.

Ron Daniels

DO YOU FEEL OLD

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 60's, 70's and early 80's probably shouldn't have survived, because our baby cots were covered with brightly coloured lead-based paint, which was promptly chewed and licked. We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, or latches on doors or cabinets and it was fine to play with pans.

When we rode our bikes, we wore no helmets, just flip-flops and fluorescent 'spokey dokey's' on our wheels. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags - riding in the passenger-seat was a treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle and it tasted the same. We ate chips, bread and butter pudding and drank fizzy juice with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle or can and no one actually died from this. We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then went top speed down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes.

After running into stinging nettles a few times, we learned to solve the problem. (Doc leaves)

We would leave home in the morning and could play all day, as long as we were back before it got dark. No one was able to reach us and no one minded. We did not have Play-stations or X-Boxes, no video games at all. No 99 channels on TV, no videotape movies, no surround sound, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no DVDs, no Internet chat rooms. We had friends - we went outside and found them.

We played elastics and rounders, and sometimes that ball really hurt!

We fell out of trees, got cut, and broke bones but there were no lawsuits. We had full on fist-fights, but no prosecution followed from other parents. We played knock-on-the-door-and-run-away and were actually afraid of the owners catching us.

We walked to friends' homes. We also, believe it or not, WALKED to school; we didn't rely on mummy or daddy to drive us to school, which was just round the corner.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls. We rode bikes in packs of 7 and wore our coats by only the hood.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of...They actually sided with the law.

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them.

Congratulations!

Pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow as real kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good.

For those of you who aren't old enough thought you might like to read about us. This my friends, is surprisingly frightening, and it might put a smile on your face:

The majority of students in universities today were born in 1986. They are called youth.

They have never heard of "Band Aid", "Feed the World", and the Uptown Girl they know is by West life not Billy Joel. They have never heard of Rick Astley, Bananarama, Nena Cherry or Belinda Carlisle.

For them, there has always been only one Germany and one Vietnam.

AIDS has existed since they were born. CD's have existed since they were born

To them John Travolta has always been round in shape and they can't imagine how this fat guy could be a god of dance. . And Michael Jackson has always been white.

They'll never have pretended to be the A Team, Red-Hand Gang, the Famous Five, or He-man and She-ra! They'll never have applied to be on "Jim'll Fix It" or "Why Don't You". They believe that Charlie's Angels and Mission Impossible are Films from last year.

They can never imagine life before computers.

They can't believe a black and white television ever existed. And they will never understand how we could leave the house without a mobile phone.

Now let's check if we're getting old...

You understand what was written above and you smile.

You need to sleep more, usually until the afternoon, after a night out.

Your friends are getting married/already married/separated/already divorced

You are always surprised to see small children playing comfortably with computers. When you see teenagers with mobile phones, you shake your head.

You remember watching Dirty Den in East-Enders the first time around.

You meet your friends from time to time, talking about the good old days, repeating again all the funny things you have experienced together.

Having read this article, you are thinking of forwarding it to some other friends because you think they will like it too...

ADMIT IT YOUR GETTING OLD!!!



THE RETURN OF CHEZ SUMO

TURKEY WITH A TWIST SCALLOPINA DI TACCHINO CON MARSALA

SERVES 4

4 turkey escalopes
flour
1 wine glass of Marsala
1 cup of stock
1 tablespoon of lemon juice
salt and freshly ground pepper
olive oil and butter

Beat the escalopes gently with a meat basher between 2 sheets of greaseproof paper to make them larger and thinner.

Dip the escalopes in flour and shake off any excess.

Heat a little oil and butter in a frying pan and when frothing put in the escalopes; brown them quickly on both sides. Season with salt and pepper and add the lemon juice.

Add the Marsala wine and let it bubble, then pour in the stock. Stir the sauce so the wine and stock are well amalgamated. Reduce the heat and let the contents of the pan simmer a minute or two, or until the sauce begins to turn syrupy.

Serve with mashed potatoes and an orange and chicory salad.

INTERNATONAL SERVICE REPORT

An e-mail has been sent to Lal Hussian about the Sultan Haider Trust. He has been invited to come and speak to the club about his project and I await his response.

The situation regarding the relationship between our club and Denain Bouchain continues to give concern. Although President Dominique mentioned in an e-mail the New Year's Gala Dinner on Saturday 8th January, he has not responded at all to the expression of interest which I sent in reply. There has been no mention of our club in any of their subsequent club meeting minutes.

The International Committee at its meeting on Friday 26th November concluded that the Club should try to send a delegation to this event even if it is a very small group of four or five people with spouses. There are several reasons for this:

- It is possibly the only twinning event that is likely to take place in Alec's year, given the obvious change in priorities under the existing presidency.
- There is an opportunity to explore widening our links with the clubs of Conde St Amand and Terre de Hainaut-Denain as those clubs seem to bolster numbers at our twinning events anyway and have good connections with Denain-Bouchain. This would not only increase numbers at events but overcome some of the dilemma we face when offering hospitality when hosting incoming events.
- It would enable the Rotary Club of Cheam to "show willing" despite the apparent lack of interest in France.
- In the event of a luke-warm response from our French counterparts, it would pave the way for Cheam to investigate other steps in order to maintain a French partnership if so desired.

In the worst case scenario, the International Committee would recommend to the Club that they should come clean on their long-term intentions and that we should be prepared to examine other options if the Denain link appears to be in danger of extinction.

One option would be to look at the Sutton's Twin Towns avenue and try and engage in a dialogue with Rotarians there. Gagny does not have a club but the neighbouring Villemomble does and, according to the website, it is not linked internationally yet.

On the subject of the Centenary visit to France, it is clear that nothing will happen there unless we do it ourselves. As interest continues to be expressed by surrounding clubs here, it would be a pity to let it drop altogether. After discussion, we recommended that:

- A group should travel on a convenient date
- Other clubs should be invited to join us
- Other clubs in the Lille area should be fully briefed and invited to join us if they see fit.
- Other French twins should be kept in the picture and be able to join us there if they wish
- Other clubs travelling with us should issue a similar invitation to their associated clubs
- We investigate a theme such as "war walks" and invite a local historian to travel as our guide.
(Head of Horley Comprehensive)

All this has to be ratified by the Club

Gordon Drane

MAYOR HONOURS GORDON FOR TWENTY YEARS AT TRUST

Gordon Drane has scooped a community award as he celebrates twenty years as a volunteer worker for The Children's Trust.

Gordon's commitment to the trust has won him the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead's annual community award for outstanding achievement.

Despite the hectic demands place on him as head at Cheam Park farm Junior School and fulfilling his commitments as International Chairman of this Rotary Club, Gordon still manages to find time in the evenings and the weekends to carry out a wide range of activities to support the Tadworth based charity.

These include driving duties, public speaking on behalf of the trust and helping with various fund raising activities.

He is also chairman of the trust's school's panel set up in 1997 to encourage and support local schools to raise funds for the charity.

Local schools have raised more than £68,000 in the last year through a variety of events, including the annual school's concert, organised by the schools panel, in conjunction with the community fundraiser Lizzie Cook.

Rachel Turner, voluntary services manager at The Children's Trust, described Gordon as "a great inspiration".

He obviously really enjoys his work with the trust and is quote as saying "I would strongly urge anyone who has ever considered undertaking voluntary work to contact the trust to find out more about the many ways in which help can be given. In a hectic world, it's a place where simple things have a huge impact and the gratitude of the staff and children is overwhelming".

Everyone who knows just how much time and effort Gordon puts into support will agree that Gordon's reward is richly deserved and for all at the trust for Gordon to be honoured when the trust is celebrating its twentieth anniversary of becoming an independent charity must make it all the more special.

In addition to Gordon, past Cheam Rotarian Edward Trevor as been to Buckingham Place to collected his MBE for his services to charity. In addition to his fund raising for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and for orthopaedic research, Edward has established a trust fund that make annual donations to several Children's Charities.

GYLN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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22.11.04

Dear President Alec

Many thanks for the two copies of cuttings and the current directory. Alan Lewis promised to arrange supply when he visited us last April.

I was glad to see that club membership numbers are holding, with intake just exceeding losses. I note that Mike Goldiman has resigned. I trust he remains in good health.

Since seeing Alan and Molly I have had four weeks in hospital with heart problems. This with the old balance problem now means that I am confined to the house to the greater extent. However, despite this I am glad to say that, as long as I take it easy, I still have a chance of reaching the hundred. Come to think of it Manohar should get there first. Those who really know me will know that taking it easy is second nature to me..

I enclose a cheque for £100 for the charity fund. It seems appropriate for Rotary centenary year. Please pass it on to Treasurer Stephen.

Clarice joins me in sending our regards and good wishes for the future to you and all members. (Time has gone by and some do not even know me).

Sincerely

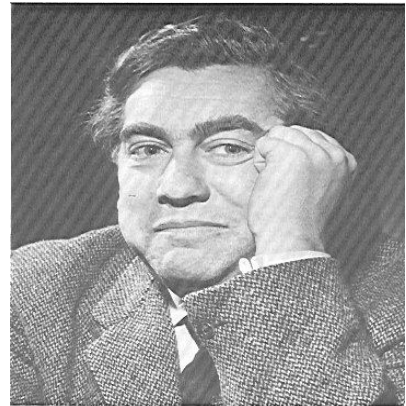
Glyn

I have paid Glyn's cheque into the charity fund and allocated his donation into the benevolent fund, so that we have sufficient funds to take the widows out for a treat this Christmas.

Stephen

TONY ON

WEATHER WORRIES



So what is really happening to your weather? The reports I am getting back talk of a long hot summer lasting through September, a lack of rain and no real snow for years. How is this affecting you?

In the fifties and sixties weather was certainly different. Yes we had some summers that were memorably warm but temperatures never hit the heights that were reached on 10th August 2003. We also had some weather that was very different. Thick fogs, for example, in London, when you couldn't see people on the pavement walking towards you until they had nearly picked your pocket. "Pea soupers" we called them. Nowadays you lot seem to get a bit of mist and that's all – yet all the time air quality is monitored carefully.

Well, I suppose that's a good thing – there is a link between pollution and health and the more we can make life better for all of us, the better. Those pea soupers used to get us down, I can tell you.

So.....you lot should be as cheerful as pigs in mud what with all the hot weather you have had. You didn't need to jet off to foreign parts and that must have saved you a fortune. But I get the distinct impression that its been the old story of too much of a good thing for you pampered people of the new millennium. I suppose many people spent the time covering themselves up from the warm rays and hogging the shade.

Well autumn is here and winter is round the corner. Global warming means you lot will probably never enjoy the crisp feel of snow beneath the feet, log fires or snowmen. Maybe weather in your brave new world has its downsides!

TONY

ATTENDANCE REPORT (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2004)

Membership No.	Name	Total Possible	Attendance at Club	Plus Make-ups	Percentage Attendance
3	Richard Evans	13	9		69
4	Julian Bridge	13	11		85
5	Marcel Markan	13	9	2	85
6	John Haizelden	13	12		92
7	Alan Bone	13	13		100
8	Mike Hurley	13	13		100
11	Stephen Cunningham	13	13		100
12	Mike Thorn	13	11	2	100
13	Alec Thomas	13	13		100
14	Alan Lewis	13	13		100
15	Deborah Kalms	2	2		100
16	Jill Whitlock	13	12	1	100
21	Clive French	13	11		85
22	Jean Fox	13	11		85
24	Peter Heywood	13	13		100
25	Suzan Walsh	0	0		100
26	Dhiren Rathod	10	6	1	70
27	Gordon Drane	13	11		85
28	Christine Long	13	10	1	85
29	Howard Smith	8	5		63
31	Ron Daniels	13	8		62
32	Geoff Coupe	13	11		85

Members Excused Attendance (Article VII Section 3b – RIBI Standard Club Constitution)

10	Ian Kirby	13	11		85
17	Gerry Nash	13	8		62
19	Hatim Hatimi	9	8		89
43	Manohar Hosangady	13	8		62

(of 26 Members – 10 have 100% attendance)

Honorary Members 2003/2004

1	Tom Goodliffe				
2	Stan Bowles				
9	George Powers				
18	Patti Roberts				
20	Glyn Jenkins				
23	Joan Dennett				

SUMMARY

	September	October	November
Active Membership	21	21	22
Percentage attendance at own club	87.5	80	80
Plus make-ups at other clubs	0	3	7
Percentage including make-ups	87.5	83	87
Visiting Rotarians	3	1	18
Visitors and Guests	2	9	1
Visits to other clubs	0	7	16

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

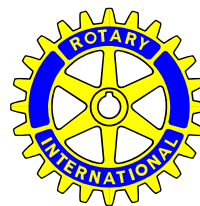
SO WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT 2004, ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND YOU COULD WIN A BOTTLE OR TWO:

1. Who signed off after 2,869 weekly letters
2. Put \$25 million of his own money into a passionate script in Latin, Hebrew and Aramaic
3. Who said about whom "she's not a legend, she's a beginner. She can't be a legend at whatever age she is".
4. Why were all our thoughts on Venus for six hours on 9th June
5. How was a Van Gogh shot in Amsterdam
6. Who deliberately fouled Thatcher after being injured
7. Who died, but in 1959 asked blindly what he had said
8. Who is on the trail of the Munty Flumple
9. What record did John Peel consider to be the perfect pop record
10. Who said "Don't be economic girlie-men"
11. How did Ms England appal the world by posing for a photograph with a prisoner on a lead
12. Why did a beached-up boy have a happy smile after nearly 40 years
13. Why did flaming means of transport drive Londoners around the bend
14. Who left us being more than a footnote to the British press
15. Who said "What's wrong with everyone nowadays? What is it that makes everyone seem to think that they can all be pop stars, high court judges, brilliant TV personalities or evenheads of state?"

ANSWERS TO STEPHEN BY 4th JANUARY 2004



DIARY OF EVENTS



	Event	Venue	Steward	Regalia
DECEMBER 2004				
28 th December 2004	NO MEETING			
JANUARY 2005				
2 nd January 2005	Christmas Pantomime	Wimbledon Theatre		
4 th January 2005	Business Meeting	Holiday Inn	Peter Heyward	Gordon Drane
8 th /9 th January 2005	Trip to Denain			
11 th January 2005	Club Meeting	Holiday Inn	Richard Evans	Hatim Hatimi
12 th January 2005	District IT Meeting			
18 th January 2005	Club Meeting	Holiday Inn	Ron Daniels	Howard Smith
19 th January 2005	Club Council Meeting	Sutton United FC		
25 th January 2005	Club Meeting	Holiday Inn	Stephen Cunningham	Ian Kirby
FEBRUARY 2005				
1 st February 2005	Business Meeting	Holiday Inn	Alan Bone	Jean Fox
8 th February 2005	Club Meeting	Holiday Inn	Alan Lewis	Jill Whitlock
15 th February 2005	Club Meeting	Holiday Inn	Clive French	John Haizelden
16 th February 2005	Club Council Meeting	Sutton United FC		
22 nd February 2005	NO MEETING			
22 nd February 2005	Centenary Multi Faith Service			
23 rd February 2005	Sutton Club's Centenary Dinner	Holiday Inn		
25 th February 2005	Mayor's Reception	Mayor's Palour		
MARCH 2005				
1 st March 2005	Business Meeting	Holiday Inn	Dhiren Rathod	Julien Bridge
5 th March 2005	District Conference	Eastbourne		