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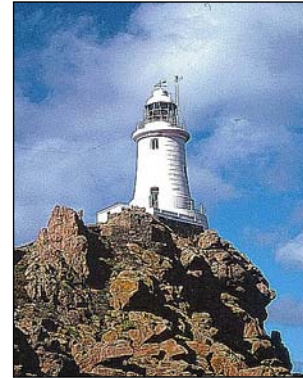
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The Magazine of Cheam Rotary Club



Our other marathon man

Jersey Jottings – Spring 2005



Since the last ramblings punched out on my computer the most memorable thing to happen in Jersey, as far as I am concerned, is the opening on Maundy Thursday, of Shopmobility, St Helier. The States have given us the lower ground floor of the most central car park. They have built an office and chair store and constructed a ramp for the scooters and wheelchairs. All fine but by opening day we had electrical wires hanging all over the place with temporary wiring because there were not enough fittings in the Island and it took time for them to come from the UK. As we can all fly here in well under an hour it seems strange that it took weeks for a few electrical sockets to travel the long distance of 125 miles from London. We opened and have been quite successful.

A couple saw SSH on the internet, they drove straight from the ferry, borrowed a scooter and came back 3 or 4 hours later and asked if we could direct them to their hotel as they had not yet booked in.

They were here for their 40th wedding anniversary. Another couple were here for their 50th. They had been here some years ago and came to the car park to park and were surprised and delighted to find SSH. They took two chairs and it was the only way in which they could have gone shopping.

To help with tourist events we are going to take the chairs and scooters to various events around the Island so that disabled people can visit the Gorey Fair, take part in the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of the Channel Islands on 9th May and various other events.

The second noteworthy event was 8 Rotarians from Cheam who came to Rotary Club de la Manche on the 12th April. It was unfortunate that fog stopped the first plane leaving Gatwick and that Mike Hurley was not offered a seat until after the meeting would have concluded. De la Manche enjoyed the company of Cheam and hopefully, Cheam enjoyed the evening. The Christmas Charity Auction (only a small part of the Christmas Appeal) is now on the local commercial radio station and the presenter came and spoke. He is a super chap and it made the evening much more interesting than just business or committees.

Since my fingers last travelled the keys we have had variable weather but fortunately not as cold as in Cheam. We did have snow but it didn't settle and by 9 am it had gone from the roofs.

The Jersey Royals are wonderful at the moment and we have found a farm which grows them organically and I have them boiled without any butter. Much better for my middle which has





expanded into a beer gut even though I don't drink! We pay £1.50 a lb at the moment and they are well worth it.

Jersey has just launched a new political party. The first for 50 years. It is organised by a Jerseyman, a senator. He was in Australian politics and came back here and shouts about everything. He opposes almost every proposal made to the States and it is alleged by many that he is economical with the truth. I was invited to go to the launch but it is not for me. I have done 38 years so far and that is enough for any sane person. Some may say that I am not sane but I leave it to you to judge!!

For me, it is quite odd not to be in the thick of a General Election when one is about to take place. I will vote as an overseas elector and keep up my record of never having missed an election at any level of public elections.

As ever I will come to Cheam on the morning after Council Meetings and see you all and until then my ramblings cease.

**From De La Manche
Newsletter**

The Rotary Club of Cheam was represented by six members and Edward Trevor was proud to introduce his friends from Cheam to his Jersey friends. David's limerick was extremely well received and will prompt several replies from Cheam....



I offer to publish any printable replies.

e.g.

*M.H. booked a cheap plane for Jersey
But fog put his flight at God's mercy
So he arrived very late
Said: "I've no food on my plate
And I fear for the same - vice versey"*



Rotary International
in Great Britain and Ireland



Nan McCreddie

District Governor 2005 - 2006

Rotary District 1140 - Assembly 2005

DGE Nan extended a warm invitation to all Rotarians in the District to the 2005 Assembly held:
At Longford School, Feltham on Saturday May 7th.

This event was particularly designed to provide all incoming Club Officers and Chairmen with the necessary information and tools to enable them to make the 2005-6 year more enjoyable and effective. As many of your officers turned up no doubt we have much to look forward to. We all really benefited from the exchange of ideas with our fellow new centurians.

The programme for the morning was as follows:

- 09.00 – 10.00 Continental breakfast and fellowship
- 10.05 – 10.50 First Plenary Session
- 11.00 – 12.30 Service Avenue Breakout Sessions
- 12.40 – 13.00 Final Plenary Session

We saw a presentation from our new world chief. His main themes were the importance of continuity in Rotary programmes. Hence he has re-cycled the original motto : Service above self and used as his icon the familiar rotary wheel. In years gone by we have as he said gone south one year gone north the next and it can be confusing.

He also emphasised the importance of Rotary being inclusive. He has appointed several women to key positions and hopes that the first woman president will come from this.

Our new District governor Nan McCreddie spoke well and with great humour. Worthy of note was the presentation of new Assistant Governor Mike from our own club.

The Service Avenue Breakout Sessions with points for discussion consisted of :

Presidents-Elect

- RIBI Preferred Projects – Mercy Ships & Hearing Dogs for Deaf People,
- RI emphases,
- Items held over from PETS,
- Discussion time on your issues.

International Service:

- Keynote presentation on Mercy Ships by an outside speaker;
- Club successes in 2003/4 in particular tsunami success
- Lessons learned on sending aid to specific areas,
- Open forum club plans, need for a half yearly meeting?



INCOMING District Governor : Nan

Membership Service

- Success stories from 3 clubs,
- Planning an Event",
- Retention – the key to Club success?
- Question and answer session.

Foundation – The Rotary Charity

- Goals, achievements and grants sessions.

Treasurer

- Latest issues inc. Insurance

Secretary's session

- Good practice for Club Secretaries,
- Changes to the constitution,
- Insurance and the Protection Policy.
- General forum and dealing with the unexpected.

Communications

- IT Website, workshops
- District Magazine, Club bulletins
- What's the Verdict – Research results - MORI
 - Rotary – Marketing for the future

Youth Opportunities

- Youth programmes including RYLA, Youth Speaks, Young Chef.
- Future Projects: Youth Exchange, Camps & Tours, Interact, RYLA for Young Carers, Youth makes Music
- Open Forum and questions.

Community & Vocational Service

- Hearing Dogs for Deaf People presentation
- RIBI awards scheme
- Club successes



FOUNDATION

Our main focus for this year has been future planning for our Golden anniversary and Rotary centennial. We have managed to fill several aqua boxes and my thanks to Hatim for his help. Ist Cheam Scouts have also been involved as the younger boys have collected suitable items and in turn learned about the need for aqua boxes and their use. This has counted toward their badge work. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising initiatives. We will end the year with a fairly healthy balance. **John Haizelden**

Fellow Rotarians

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your President, but now my term is coming to its end and a new man is champing at the bit. All Presidents seem to say how quickly the year has gone, but I must say that my inauguration last year seems a long, long time ago.



This year has of course been very important, because it is the Centenary of the founding of Rotary in that far off city of Chicago. The celebrations in February, the Church Service, the joint meeting of the six Rotary Clubs in the Borough of Sutton and the Mayors Reception went off very smoothly, and we now look forward to the Rotary Carnival in Manor Park and Sutton Town Centre over the weekend of the 6th – 8th May.

You will all be reading about the activities of the club in the Committee Chairs' reports, so I will not steal their thunder here, however I want to thank them all for their support and efforts throughout the year which have contributed so much to the Club and community.

I also want to say a big thank you to all of you at the Club who have given me an easy and enjoyable ride when chairing the various meetings. There may have been a hiccup, or even two, but I cannot remember them now. There is a great atmosphere in the our Club, with no factions or hidden agenda, and we must all make sure that we keep it that way so that we can continue to grow, and not only serve our community as a whole, but enjoy ourselves in the process.

Looking forward to the next Rotary Year, our Golden Jubilee, I wish Alan Lewis, together with the excellent team that he is assembling, good luck and success, which I am sure with the support of you all will be a year to remember.

Dates for your diaries

- Friday 6th – Sunday 8th May Sutton 6 Rotary Centenary Fair
- Saturday 14th May Cheam Charter Fair
- Wednesday 18th May Club Council
- Monday 30th May Cheam Fair
- Wednesday 8th June Kids Out
- Sunday 12th June Chucking Out Party
- Wednesday 15th June Club Council

Best wishes to you all

Alec



To All Fellow Rotarians in District 1140
WELCOME TO THE CENTENARY YEAR
2004-2005



Those attending the RIBI Conference at Manchester will surely have been impressed with the content, if perhaps not so much the venue!

Over the four days in the MEN Arena - a vast and rather over-powering auditorium, RIBI President Gordon McInally introduced a variety of eminent speakers, including Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Rotary International President Glenn Estess.

The business session held in the nearby - and more comfortable, Bridgewater Hall, was ably chaired by PDG Peter King. This proved both lively and passionate. A resolution proposed by the Rotary Club of Norwich to abolish child slavery throughout the world, was overwhelmingly approved. It was further resolved that General Council take this forward to the 2007 Council on Legislation to seek the support of Rotary International.

Treasurer Sydney Parker outlined the budget for 2005/06, emphasising the need for a £1 increase in the annual subscription, partly due to falling membership. This was agreed, raising the RIBI subscription to £39.00. Next year, the RIBI Conference will be held in Belfast.

The Rotary International Centennial Convention will take place in Chicago 18th - 22nd July.

This will be the culmination of a year of commemoration, service and fellowship when Rotarians from all parts of the world gather together in Rotary's birthplace. You still have time to register for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope to see you there.

In my last Newsletter I mentioned the urgent need for funds by the newly-merged Croydon & Surrey Life Education Centres. This prompted a request from the North East Hants. area for funds for their first newly acquired classroom. These are fine examples of Rotary at work in the community, particularly with young folk, which I believe deserve your charitable attention.

Since writing, Ian Wray - Treasurer for Croydon & Surrey LECs has changed his e-mail address to ian@wray85.fsnet.co.uk and Owen Durrett - Trustee of the Hampshire LEC Trust can be contacted at owen.durrett@ntlworld.com. They will be more than pleased to hear from you.

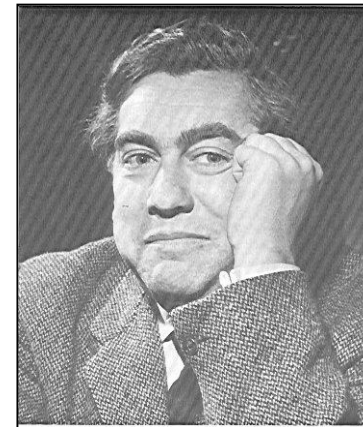
If classic cars are your passion, I have good news for you! P.P. Colin Weeks (Ripley & Send) has organised 14 cars to participate in Rotary's Pan European Centennial Rally to Monte Carlo. This will provide at least 2 wheelchairs for the Woking Hospice, where some participants will be leaving the Hospice Fayre at Princess Alexander School, Woking on the afternoon of the 6th June. If you wish to purchase a chair for a polio affected child, please contact colinweeks@coxhill-group.co.uk.

With barely two months before the end of this Rotary Year, DGE Nan and her team are working hard towards the start of Rotary's New Century. High on the list is the District Assembly due to

take place at the Longford School, Feltham, Middlesex on Saturday 7th May, commencing with a light breakfast at 9.00am, where incidentally, members from Woking District will have further details of their wheel-chair project. Please give Nan your full support for this most important event. I look forward to seeing you there.

'Nuf said for April. Enjoy your Rotary.

Denis.



There was a time when taking a photograph was a highly valued skill. Measuring distances, checking aperture settings, brandishing light meters, and, for me, checking that my finger wasn't over the lens.

These days, you in the pampered 21st century seem to be able to just click a button and the whole image is magnificently captured, processed and available. Even then, if you don't like what you see, you can take the photo again.

Where's the effort I say? Where's the artistic dimension? Mention the words "Box Brownie" these days and you are likely to be hauled away by the police and questioned about your relationship with the uniformed younger generation.

We used to say that the camera never lied, but now it tells fib after fib after fib. What's more, individuals can be abused by the lens. With your fancy computers, you can graft the head of someone on to the body of someone else. Tony Blair can have Maggie Thatcher's body, for example.

I wont mention other combinations, as you feisty Rotarians will have several already in mind. It just goes to show that even with all the reality tv programmes you lot are fascinated by the odd bit of escapism.

Nevertheless, the true artistry shown by me, in the world of entertainment, and David Bailey behind the camera lives on. Some photographers still have principles and use black and white photography with no gizmos or gimmicks. I never mimed or relied on prompts.

So enjoy your new toys and then edit to your hearts content. Just remember to take the lens cap off and keep your fingers and thumbs well away.



Community and Vocational Service Committee Report AGM April 2005

One of the many weird things about Rotary is that the AGM is held before the year has ended. This means that many of the things we do as a committee come in after the event yet much of our work through the year is spent organizing them. For that I have had the support of 5 magnificent people. They kept the committee going while I was away, suffering from the long term effects of changing a light bulb.

The bare facts are that, with the support of the whole club and cooperation from Round Table, we raised over £3000 for the Christmas collections. Which was a tremendous figure considering we lost a favourite pitch.

Prior to that we had a fund raiser at the Hawelli restaurant for Young Carers and we raised over £300. With this and other funds we shall be sending young carers away to their annual jamboree.

Through the year Jean has been attending meetings with other clubs to organise Kids Out and she has now handed over the baton to Julian. At a district level I am aware of the enormous amount of work Mike Hurley puts in to arranging this event.

Stroke awareness was a major success with nearly 300 people having their Blood pressure taken in Sutton. There were several people who may now owe their survival to this intervention. My special thanks to Peter, Jill and Dirham who took BP's on the day.

The Charter Fayre is almost upon us and this year we are selling cakes and plants and I hear Dirham is making a curry. We are not sure whether to put it on the cake stall or with the plants.

The Fete in the park has seen many hours of work from the fete committee and there are more stall holders coming than ever.

This has been the best committee I have ever chaired. Every member is extremely hard working. My thanks go to Ian who while not being able to come to meetings has often supported us with donations that make our raffles a success. Jean for kids out. Gerry with Peter, for supporting stroke awareness. And I cry Thank God For Marcel, Gerry and Saint Geoff.

There tireless work at everything has been fantastic. I think the club particularly owes Geoff a big thank you for the work he has done for the Cheam Fair over many years.

The Good News: Mike Thorne is now our assistant Governor. We commiserate with him on the relegation of Crystal Palace.

SPORTS REPORT

The final of the District Tenpin Bowling competition took place at Charrington Bowl on Sunday 24th April 2005.

Our team the Cheam Hotshots (Alan, Alan, Geoff and Steve) came 9th, despite practicing before.

The result was as follows:

1. Croydon East B	1158
2. Croydon East A	1127
3. Rushmoor A	1119
4. New Malden A	1069
5. Coulsdon	1060
6. Wallington	1009
7. Odiham	1002
8. Epsom A	999
9. Cheam Hotshots	990
10. Surbiton	951
11. Farnborough A	950
12. Kingston upon Thames	Did not appear

District Governor, Denis Avins presented the Shield and individual winner trophies to Croydon East B. Thank you to all who participated in this year's competition, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

I have the entry form for the summer sports, bowls and boule. If anyone wants to take part can they let me know

Stephen Cunningham



STEVE AND MARIA

NEED

YOUR OLD JARS

FOR

THE CHEAM VILLAGE FAIR

**IF YOU CAN FILL THEM WITH SWEETS THEN THAT
WOULD BE EVEN BETTER**

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE



THE RETURN OF CHEZ SUMO

FOUR NUT CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

MAKES FIFTEEN

Ingredients

25g/1oz macadamia nuts
 25g/1oz Brazil nuts
 25g/1oz pecan nuts
 25g/1oz hazelnuts
 50g/2oz dark chocolate (75 per cent cocoa solids)
 110g/4oz butter
 2 eggs, beaten
 225g/8oz granulated sugar
 50g/2oz plain flour
 1 level tsp baking powder
 ¼ level teaspoon salt

You will also need a well greased oblong tin measuring 18x28cm/7x11in, lined with baking parchment, allowing the paper to come 2.5cm/1in above the tin.

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

Begin by chopping the nuts roughly, not too small, then place them on a baking sheet and toast them in a preheated oven for 8 minutes exactly. Please use a timer here otherwise you'll be throwing burned nuts away all day!

While the nuts are cooking, put the chocolate and butter together in a large mixing bowl fitted over a saucepan of barely simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water.

Allow the chocolate to melt, then beat it until smooth, remove it from the heat and simply stir in all the other ingredients until thoroughly blended.

Now spread the mixture evenly into the prepared tin and bake on the centre shelf of the oven for 30 minutes or until it's slightly springy in the centre.

Remove the tin from the oven and leave it to cool for 10 minutes before cutting into roughly 15 squares. Then, using a palette knife, transfer the squares on to a wire rack to finish cooling.

SUNDAY DUTY at ST. HELIER HOSPITAL

Sunday 22nd May : Jill, Dirham & Alan

ROTARY CLUB OF CHEAM STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 18th APRIL 2005

Changes since 4th April 2005

Admin Account	1,999.12	Rent for garage (-£20)
50 Club	1,235.00	Payment of monthly prizes (-£100)
Benevolent Fund	144.72	70p transferred from Motor Neurone
Cheam Priory Day Centre	53.00	
Community Services	297.56	Refreshments for stroke awareness day (-£17.55)
Contact Club Expenses	928.00	
District Governors Charity	0.00	
Golden Jubilee Fund	-269.67	
International & Foundation Projects	673.14	
International Service Account	277.56	
Kids Out	216.87	Surplus breakfasts £63.13 (5/4/05, 12/4/05) £35.73 (interest COIF)
Motor Neurone Disease	0.00	Donation to charity (-£425.00), 70p transferred to Benevolent Fund
Rotary Foundation	2.94	Payment to Rotary Foundation (-£2,000)
Youth Activities	64.63	
Cheam Fair Reserve Fund	124.50	
Golf Day	0.00	
Young Carer's	1,299.42	
Xmas Meal	0.00	
Xmas collections	0.00	
Tsunami Appeal	0.00	
Day Centre Ambulance Appeal	1,100.00	
Tadworth Court	1,300.20	
Eastbourne Conference	0.00	
Mercy Ships	45.00	

BALANCE £ 9,491.99

Club Meetings April 2005

	Event	Steward	Regalia
4th	Business	Kirby	Daniels
12 th	Club Meeting	Fox	Cunningham
19th	Club Meeting	Whitlock	Bone
26 th	AGM	Haizelden	Lewis