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A New Year—A New President

The first of July saw the start of a new Rotary year and I was privileged to be inducted as president for a second time, having first served some nineteen years ago. I was very conscious, as I took office, that so little has changed since then. In 2000-01 we were worried about an aging club and the difficulty finding and retaining new members. No change there! But we were a vibrant club with a full programme and several big projects which were the envy of many a club in district. We still are!



I should like to thank Martin for his year as president and for handing over the reins of a club which remains as busy as ever continuing to serve the community, locally and worldwide, in many diverse ways. Only a few weeks ago in June we held our annual technology tournament with the hall at the Spotlight filled with numerous students from local secondary schools working in teams on a challenging project. A fantastic achievement again.

Although sadly we haven't increased our total number of members our enhanced membership committee has been very busy with many new approaches and I believe we will reap the benefit in the coming months.

July and August are traditionally the quiet months in the Rotary calendar but in the Hoddesdon Club only relatively so. We have already held our first big social event, the summer lunch in the grounds of Roger and Jane Lee's garden. In the shade of the club's new marquees we enjoyed a buffet lunch, wine and locally brewed beer, and music from "Harmonise". With a well supported raffle, although not the primary aim, we even managed to raise about £500 for club charities and projects. In less than three months we will be holding our main fundraising event, the Celebrity Evening. Planning is well advanced and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at, what promises to be, a great evening of entertainment.

This year's motto from RI president Mark Daniel Maloney is "Rotary Connects the World". Already we are making connections with our local community and internationally through visits and speakers at our weekly meetings.

We have heard about the Ministry Aviation Fellowship which provides vital air links to poor isolated communities around the globe. At our evening meeting Jake Cox, a young canoeist and Olympic hopeful whom we support with an annual sponsorship, returned to speak to the club. Sadly he has recently had major surgery for a shoulder injury but we hope for a speedy recovery and wish him well in his endeavours to reach the top in his sport.

Only a month into the year and we have already had two interesting visits arranged by our vocational committee, the first to a birds of prey display at Westmill and the second to our new local crematorium.

And finally we were one of the first clubs in District 1260 to welcome to our latest meeting district governor Mary Whitehead who, after her inspirational talk, was so eager to learn the views of all of the club members she "speed dated" around the tables. A first for the club, and a fitting start as we look forward to another action packed Rotary year!

District 1260 Conference 21-23 June

A delegation from Hoddesdon Rotary Club attended the annual Beds Bucks & Herts District Conference in June, held at Chesford Grange in Warwickshire.

District Governor David Ford welcomed Rotarians and partners to what was an informative and entertaining weekend, with speakers from various charities including Shelterbus, Essex and Herts Air Ambulance, Medical Detection Dogs, 'Just One Click Away/Mental Health' and others.



The programme included entertainment from former cricketer Geoff Miller (Dusty) with some very amusing recollections from the cricket pitches of the world, and Steve Nallan actor and voice artist, famous for his impressions on Spitting Images in the eighties. There were also musical performances from teenage harpist Lucy Howitt and Rotary Young Musicians winner Alice Martin with an incredible recital, names to look out for in the future.

We also heard from RIBI President Debbie Hodge with some inspirational words regarding the work of Rotary and our ability to connect providers with those in need around the world. A great weekend, our next Spring Expo Conference on 29th February 2020 in Harpenden.

Hoddesdon Round Tablers

In Hoddesdon we have been pleased to work closely with Hoddesdon Round Table, and when they decided to raise funds for Herts Young Homeless charity we agreed to support them.

We had the easy bit in taking seven of their members to Leagrave Park in Luton, the starting point for the River Lea, where they commenced a 58 mile walk to the Thames. With a 7.30am start on a Saturday in July they walked to the Fish and Eels at Dobbs Weir, stopping overnight and completing the route on the Sunday.



With very sore legs and feet and with some casualties along the way (!) four of the members were pleased to arrive at Bow Creek and to collapse before heading for the train home. We were pleased to sponsor the team with £250 and so far they have raised £1200 towards this excellent local charity. If you would like to assist, donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hoddesdonroundtable

Round Tablers above : Andrew Waddington, Mark Gradosielski, Mark Cox, Dave Fillery (Chairman), Paul Martin, James and Enzo Giardina

Technology Tournament 2019

The five local Rotary Clubs of Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Shires, Hoddesdon and Ware staged the 25th annual challenge to local schools at the Spotlight Hoddesdon on Tuesday 18th June. Seven schools entered 23 teams of four between them, from Year 7 up to the Sixth Form. The participants learned of their task only on the day of the tournament.

There were three grades of team - Foundation for KS3, Intermediate (KS4) and Advanced (KS5). Each grade had its own specification but teams were judged by a panel of judges on their skills and inventiveness in planning, design options and decision making, the practical development of their project, their project record and the final demonstration of their models under video screening above the Spotlight stage. All competitors received a certificate of participation. The winners each received a medal and book token and their school was awarded an engraved shield.



This year the task was based on a train carrying 'hazardous chemicals' which had been derailed. The Task was to design, build and test an electrically operated crane so that the chemical container might be recovered from a safe working distance. The container was positioned in a cylindrical open topped derailed 'rail truck'. From a distance of 800mm, with a magnetic hook attached, the crane had to be pushed into position and the container lifted up by the crane. The crane had to lift the container clear of the truck and then reverse away from the site of the accident before lowering the container to the track.

The degree of complexity of the task increased from the Foundation level through the Intermediate level (where a bridge had to be negotiated) and further for the Advanced level, when the magnetic hook had to be detached automatically.

The winners were:

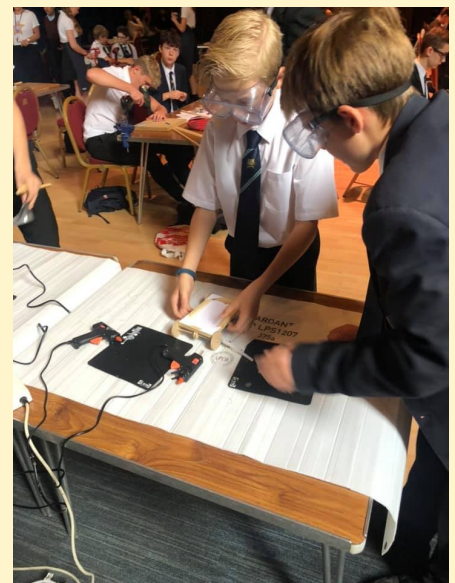
FOUNDATION: Chauncey 3

INTERMEDIATE: Broxbourne 4

ADVANCED: Haileybury 4

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Broxbourne 3 (Intermediate).

The other four schools which entered teams were: John Warner, Hailey Hall, Richard Hale, & St. Mary's.



Woolensbrook - the Crematorium

On a warm day in July a group from Hoddesdon Rotary Club were invited to visit the local crematorium at Woolensbrook to see the facilities. Built in 2017 the new site increased capacity in the area adding to existing sites at Enfield and Parndon Wood in Harlow.



Manager Jason King explained that owners Westerleigh Group have thirty three crematoriums across the country managing 15% of the population that pass away each year— national numbers ranging between 550,000 and 600,000 annually.

Woolensbrook offers one hour between services with a modern music system, visual tributes, webcasting (which enables services to be transmitted across the world to relatives not able to attend), disabled facilities and witnessed cremations. In some religions there are special arrangements, as with Hindus, where the cremation needs to be observed.

Crematoriums have to abide by strict legislation which governs the way in which they operate and are covered by the Environmental Protection Act with a Code of Cremation practice. Jason explained that myths have always suggested that the deceased's ashes are sometimes mixed, but in fact 100% of the remains are returned to relatives. Equally the bits of metal that we have in us are collected after the cremation and sold each year with the proceeds passed on to charity, amounting to £4,000 last year.



All exhaust fumes from the gas cremators are filtered under continuous monitoring with each cremation taking around ninety minutes. There is no smoke or odour despite misconceptions from the public. The ovens can cater for many sizes and accommodate widths up to forty inches. This not always the case with older crematoriums.

Woolensbrook also has gardens for the bereaved and whilst the majority of funerals are cremations they do have burials in the grounds. There are also mausoleums in the entrance to the crematorium, sometimes requested by the Italian community. There are occasionally requests for pets to be cremated, and Jason advised that pre birth cremations are arranged without charge. The average cost of a cremation amounts to £930, this in addition to all other funeral costs.



The delegates thanked Jason for an interesting tour and informative afternoon (Jason seen left with past president Martin Lynas). www.woollensbrookcrematorium.co.uk

Spring Variety Show

In May we were pleased to arrange for the annual Spring Variety Show at the Spotlight Hoddesdon, with over 175 guests invited to share in an evening of entertainment and buffet food.

The event is always popular and inevitably there are many more elderly people that would like to attend but numbers are limited by cost and the size of The Spotlight hall. Most of the guests are invited from the local area and identified as people that would benefit from an evening out. Various local groups are included with members from The George Fuller Club, Nazeingberries, The Evergreens, as well as residents from Belmont, Belvedere Court, Cliff Richard Court and Emmanuel Lodge in Cheshunt. Additionally individuals are invited and provided with transport where needed.



The evening's entertainment commenced with choral pieces from talented teenagers led by Catherine Wild and followed in the second half with an Abba tribute group leading to some energetic audience participation with singing and dancing from those taken back to days gone by particularly during the seventies.

During the interval Hoddesdon Rotarian Tony Pomfret (right) entertained the guests with a number of popular musical pieces on the piano, Tony is an accomplished pianist. Boys from Hailey Hall School assisted with the serving of food to the tables.



We were pleased to be joined by new Broxbourne Mayor Steve Wortley and he circulated amongst the guests making himself known during the evening.

During the year Rotary hold a number of fund raising events, particularly the Celebrity Night in October, and these help to pay for the costs of the Spring Variety Show as well as other similar functions arranged to support both old and young people in various ways. These events are organised by both our Community Services committee and the Vocational Committee and we are always looking for new ways to provide entertainment and support where benefit might be gained.



Whilst evenings such as The Spring Variety Show reach a good number of people we also support individuals including local teenage athletes and musicians aiming to assist them as they develop their talents and careers.

If you would like to know more about what we do at Rotary please see our website www.hoddesdonrotary.org or our Facebook page.

Rotary Birds of Prey Outing

Seven Club members and their partners visited the Westmill falconry centre on Tuesday 16th July where Charlotte Hill spoke passionately and in a highly informed way of her babies – the owls, falcons, hawks and eagles of CJs Birds of Prey Experience.

We were encouraged not to smoke, stroke the birds or stand close behind (within projection range) – all for very practical reasons.

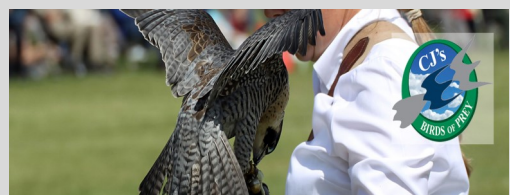
Over a couple of fascinating hours we heard anecdotes from Charlotte's immense experience of a large variety of raptors from eating and other habits, to temperament signals, interaction with other creatures and lots more. There was humour, personality trait comparison and many questions - the sort of engagement you only get when people are enjoying themselves. Each of us in turn donned a glove and various birds came to hand for food. Our president Chris Waddington seen here right 'en-raptored'..... with a bird of prey—Jura The African Hawk eagle. The consensus seems to be a worthwhile adventure, teaching us all new things and bringing into contact with some beautiful creatures (our partners of course) and birds!

Ted Grad seen below right making a date with a bird.



www.cjsbirdsofprey.co.uk

Thanks to Rtn. John Hiscock for arranging the visit to CJ's and for this article



Summer Lunch at Great Amwell

Every July Hoddesdon Rotarians gather to celebrate the summer with an inaugural lunch for the incoming president as the new Rotary year commences. Chris Waddington seen right spoke to the gathering with welcoming words and confirmation that good weather had been ordered for the day.



In fact it was warm although not the blistering heat that had to be endured last year with baked ground and yellowing grass. The diners enjoyed a buffet provided by Ami from the Spotlight, and sheltered from the sun under ten new replacement gazebos purchased for the event.

The objective was to have an enjoyable day with friends and fellow Rotarians with background musical accompaniment from singing duo Harmonise who sang a range of songs to entertain the gathering.



Our Summer Lunch doesn't just happen though, there is much planning and organising from the Ways and Means Committee needed with catering and entertainment to be arranged and volunteers sought. A big effort was made on the previous day with erection of the gazebos, setting out of the tables and chairs and generally marking out the site. This was all supervised by Rotarian Eric Cockman who has done this before! Roger and Jane Lee who host the event in their back garden helped the morning along by providing coffee and sausages in rolls, a welcome distraction from some of the more laborious tasks.



It has to be said that there is often the need for some to down tools and for an impromptu meeting of members (seen right) to consider how straight the gazebo poles are, whether we have enough pegs and importantly whether the remainder of the team are working hard enough!



Whilst this is often the first event for the new president, Chris had the advantage of having been our club president in 2000 and so there were no surprises. The start of a presidential year brings a change of gear for any Rotarian stepping into the role, not least with the need to represent our club in the community and at the various committee meetings held each month.



The afternoon is always seen as a social occasion but along with the raffle we do often have a surplus and over £500 was donated to our Benevolent Fund for use with our charitable causes.

At the end of the afternoon Chris presented flowers to Jane and Roger on behalf of Hoddesdon Rotary Club and expressed our gratitude to the couple for their generosity.





Global Scholars 2018—2019

In April we were pleased to be joined by Aubrey Seader, a Rotary Global Scholar and supported by hosts Hatfield Rotary Club (seen here with Mukesh Patel and past president Martin Lynas).

Aubrey, 25 is one of four Global Scholars in District 1260, coming to us from Bloomington Indiana, USA. An actor and singer, Aubrey graduated from Ruthers University in 2015. She was selected by Southern Indiana District for a \$40,000 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to help her pursue a master's degree in Art and Cultural Administration at Kings College London.

Whilst at Kings she is also taking courses in conflict resolution, diplomacy and international relations. The scheme supports exceptional students dedicated to pursuing a career in an area of great humanitarian need and who demonstrate a personal long term commitment to measurable, sustained change. Scholars must present a plan of study and a career commitment that aligns with one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. Aubrey has been working in Northern Ireland as part of her studies and her coursework will help to create connections and compassion between people.

We wish Aubrey well with this valuable assignment and for her future contributions in a world where areas of conflict are never far away.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>



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All change at the top - RIBI /RI

A new name to remember in Rotary circles, as we meet our new Rotary GBI **President Donna Wallbank** who takes over from our own Debbie Hodge who completed her term as president at the end of June.

Donna joined Rotary in 1997 having been in business as a hairdresser in Brynmawr South Wales. At that time there were few women in the Brynmawr Rotary Club but having received a warm welcome and liking the way that Rotary carried out work in the community putting 'service above self' she joined and hasn't looked back since. Married with three children and six grandchildren Donna is a keen rugby fan.



Looking towards the next twelve months Donna feels that Rotary should promote its activities and successes more prominently, feeling that our organisation is seen externally as rather elitist and possibly not available to people from all walks of life.

One of the big areas for consideration remains membership and Donna feels that we should reach out to sole traders and people working alone where the support of Rotary and a group of local people would offer many benefits, not least conversation once a week. There are many professional business clubs these days but they can be expensive and don't offer the opportunity of putting something back into the community.

Donna says that she is looking forward to her year and will balance work commitments with her presidential duties travelling around the UK. Her objective will be to make positive changes to the governing council and to work with those suffering from mental health issues, a big area that can affect everyone. We wish Donna well during her year as president.

Mark Maloney of the Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama has been appointed president of Rotary International (worldwide Rotary) for 2019-2020. Mark a lawyer joined Rotary in 1980 and has been active in many ways, as RI director, Foundation trustee and vice chair and an aide to RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe in 2003. Equally his wife Gay is an active Rotarian and also a lawyer working for the same law firm.

Both Mark and Gay are Paul Harris Fellows, our award given to Rotarians when they are seen to have provided exceptional service within their community.

Mark aims to work closely with Rotarians across the world with the aim of achieving greater diversity and in attracting more women and younger people to Rotary International.



Getting back to Rotary's roots through Social Innovation

To mark the start of the new Rotary year, we caught up with Tim Mason (seen on left of picture), the architect of a brand new model of Rotary which has truly embraced innovation, so much so they've even put it in their name. Since its inception around 18 months ago, the concept has gained serious traction, engaging hundreds of new members for the club based in South East Hampshire. "Our group is called **Rotary Social Innovation**.



We're different in the sense that we're trying to attract people in who want to build sustainable communities," explained Tim. "We're getting social enterprises involved, charities involved, businesses involved and then trying to get them to collaborate so that we work together to do this with the community." Although a new format, fundamentally the concept of Rotary Social Innovation is rooted in the ideals that Rotary was founded upon over a century ago and is building on what the organisation has been doing ever since. "I think Rotary has been an innovative organisation since it started. We've always been about connecting and working together to put ideas into practice." "I think we've got into the traditions and Rotary has forgotten where it came from – supporting social change and at its heart, the idea of social innovation is about building sustainable communities." But what do we mean when we say 'sustainable communities'?

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"It's about looking at the systemic problems and needs in our communities, be it knife crime, alcoholism or homelessness, and asking 'what are the solutions that we can do together?'" "The funding for tackling these issues is being lost, whether it is from charities, local authorities or the NHS. Social enterprises are businesses who still run to make a profit but are focused on bringing community and societal benefits through their operations. One of the social entrepreneurs who has got involved in the programme is Hayley Binstead, Managing Director of Board in the City, a board game café based in one of the most deprived areas of Southampton. "We have become an associate member of Rotary through the Social Innovation programme," explained Hayley. "Rotary gives us a broader range of places where we can network. We're just two mums trying to put right something in this world that is lacking, in the fact that there are service cuts. There's a lack of support for people with mental health issues, maybe a lack of safe venues in the city."

Rotary gives us a broader range of places where we can network." "We've had between 100 and 150 people join us as associate members for a spell of around a year" Tim continued. "They're now being turned into full members, and we use those 12 months of associate membership to get people really keen and really understanding Rotary first." Rotary Social Innovation has run three 'Unpacking Social Enterprise' workshops in Winchester, Portsmouth and Stonehenge which are used to educate the community about the concept and spread the word among Rotary clubs keen to replicate the model in their own areas. The members of traditional clubs have volunteered their time as mentors to fledgling social entrepreneurs. Many of them have business experience and skills they're keen to share and pass on." Tim is now in discussions with The School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE), a leading charity helping around 1,000 people each year in starting, scaling and strengthening organisations that make a positive difference, to take the concept even further. *This article was originally published in the July issue of Rotary International and can be found at the following site - www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-social-innovation*

Celebrity Night—Friday 25th October

If you have been to a Hoddesdon Rotary Club Celebrity Night in the past you will know that this is an evening not to be missed.

This year we have a top comedian Jeff Stevenson (right) and with television performances and film work he has recently celebrated forty years in the business.



Amongst his appearances he lists Only Fools and Horses, The Des O'Connor Show, Blankety Blank, and many more. Jeff also works abroad, travelling the world and entertaining passengers on cruises and recently appeared on two UK Arena tours with Johnny Mathis. He also opened for Barry Manilow on his UK tour appearing at the London 02 Arena.

The Celebrity Night is our main fund raiser and each year we ensure that there is plenty for our guests to enjoy, with a four course meal, entertainment, the Spotlight bar open all evening, a raffle and auction, and in the company of two hundred other attendees.

Proceeds from the evening are placed in our Rotary Benevolent Fund and used throughout the year by supporting local causes as well as international needs where Rotary is active in improving the lives of less fortunate people.

Tickets are priced at £50 per person, dress code—black tie, and arrival 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tables can be booked by calling Peter Haynes on 01992 460371, or email to peter@pwpro.biz. Tables are a maximum of ten people, and we will pair groups of guests together where smaller parties are attending.

Prize Winners 200 Club (June)

The second quarterly draw took place in early July and the following entrants were the lucky winners :

Peter Shepherd	£250	Graham Fry	£25
John and Ben Skelton	£125	Matthew Clutterbuck	£25
Mary Hiscock	£75	Timothy Haynes	£25
Susan Cooper	£50	Tim Skelton	£25
Family of Val Cox	£25	Arnold Granat	£25
John Neighbour	£25	Paul Leadley	£25

If you are not taking part in our quarterly prize draw and like to please see details and contact number, the next draw due at the end of September. All surplus funds go to our Benevolent Fund and are used for good causes.

King Harold's Head—Evening Drives

Every summer Rotarians from Hoddesdon volunteer to take local pensioners out for an evening drive followed by a meal at the King Harold's Head in Nazeing. Those invited are usually people living alone and where circumstances mean that they do not get out regularly, some recently bereaved and others identified as individuals that would generally benefit from an evening out.



Over several dates in July guests are collected from their homes and driven around the Hertfordshire and Essex countryside taking in local views and beauty spots before arriving at the recently refurbished restaurant for drinks and a three course meal. Usually in groups of sixteen or more, the ladies and gentlemen are catered for by the King Harold's Head, where local Rotarian and owner Jack Yiacoumi and his staff are involved in the kitchen preparing the food.

We are always grateful to Jack for his support and where the restaurant provides the food at a significant discount ensuring that our funds can meet the needs of many people. Needless to say if you are looking for somewhere to eat it is well worth visiting the King Harold's Head where you will receive a warm welcome and some delicious food. 01992 893110 / www.newkingharoldshead.co.uk.

The evening ends with a comfortable drive home and often some new friendships made. It is so easy for people to get left behind when living alone and events that help integrate those individuals back into the community can only be a good thing.



There are a number of local social groups that meet each month throughout the year and it does the soul good to get out ! Equally if you would like to know more about the events that Rotary arranges see our website

www.hoddesdonrotary.org

Hoddesdon Rotary 200 Club

- ♦ Be A Rotary Prize Draw winner **Maximum total prizes £5,200**
- ♦ The 200 Club is simplicity itself and easy to join.
- ♦ Every participant has a chance in the quarterly draw
- ♦ Many prizes awarded from 50% of the proceeds
- ♦ Remaining funds donated to Rotary charitable causes
- ♦ Payment of **£1** per week, by quarterly standing order or cheque for an annual payment.

To join please text or call 07803 700919 or speak to one of our members and we will be in touch to confirm acceptance and to forward an application form.



Rotary in the news ?

In Rotary we do not always make a fuss when having supported a cause or assisted with a project that improves people's lives, and in many ways this is as it should be. Working across the world and in our local communities we all abide by our objective of putting 'service above self' and this is illustrated most prominently by the long term aim of eradicating polio, the most debilitating of diseases.



It was however very welcome to hear outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May give mention to our work with polio, and specifically the work of her fellow constituent Judith Diment who is Chair of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force.

Alistair Burt the Conservative MP for Bedfordshire North East and a former Middle East and International Development Minister used the opportunity to ask Theresa May about polio and Rotary's part in eradicating the disease from the face of the earth. He thanked her for her work supporting and overseeing the health programme which the United Kingdom delivers overseas, particularly vaccination and most notably polio eradication vaccination for which she has herself been internationally recognised, and which has saved and safeguarded millions of children's lives.

The Prime Minister endorsed Alastair Burt's comments, adding ' My Right Honourable Friend's reference about the work on polio enables me to congratulate and commend the work done by my constituent Judith Diment, with **Rotary International** in their work against polio.

Theresa's May's comments come against a backdrop in Pakistan where three polio vaccinators and guards have been killed, and where there have been incidents of misinformation being spread about vaccinations. Islamic militants and hard line clerics say the vaccination drive is a foreign plot to sterilise Muslim children and a cover for western spies, this having been reported in the New York Times recently. Vaccination campaigns have faced opposition from military groups in the country and this has halted efforts to finally eradicate polio from the three remaining outposts of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

As Theresa May moves on to continue her career from the back benches, it is hoped that the new PM Boris Johnson will continue to give support to International Development where Britain contributes 0.7% of Gross National Income in providing development aid overseas.



Some of our Rotarians will remember past president John Meyer of The Rotary Club of Leytonstone and Woodford . Sadly it was recently reported that he has passed away after a long illness. He had been president of the club twice and been a Rotarian for forty five years. John took particular interest in International affairs and had chaired the International Committee for many years. John will be much missed by all Rotarians that knew him, and we send our condolences to his family and friends.



In the Community

On a warm sunny day in May a fun day was enjoyed at the Cheshunt Club for Age UK to celebrate and support Hertswise Dementia Action Week. Staff and many volunteers were entertained by John Croft (an ex-policeman), singing a selection of old favourite songs to those gathered.

In the field there were a range of fairground activities, and complimentary ice creams were served. If you would like to know more about this worthwhile charity details can be found on their website (see below). Rotarian Peter Lardi is seen right with Age UK volunteers and their donations of blankets.

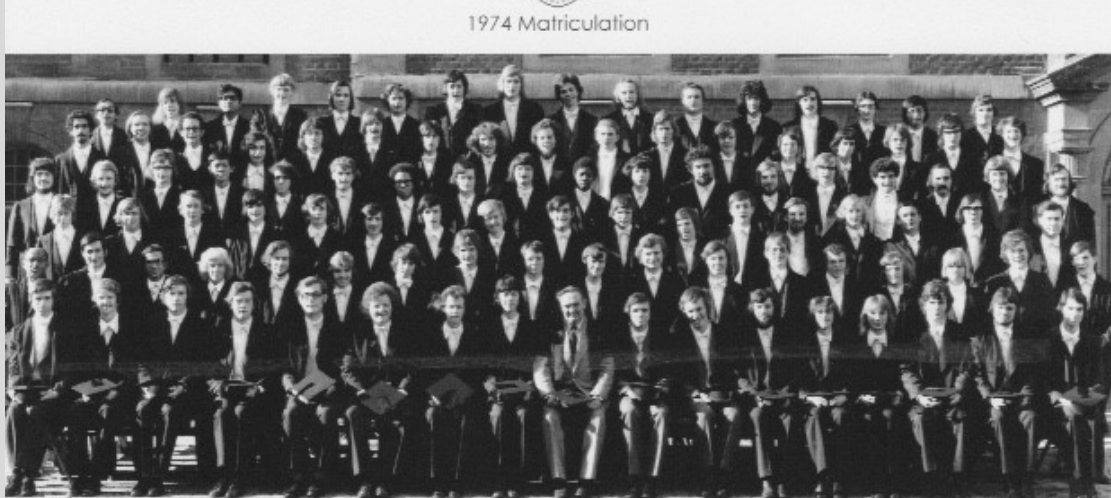


Hertswise is an innovative countywide service designed to support people living with dementia, low level memory loss or mild cognitive impairment as well as their loved ones and carers. Our teams aim to ensure that people of all ages, living anywhere in Hertfordshire, are able to easily access information and advice, activities and support regardless of whether they have (or want) a diagnosis. The service is delivered by a partnership of community and voluntary groups, including Age UK Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire Independent Living Service, Herts Mind Network, and Carers in Hertfordshire.

www.ageuk.org.uk/hertfordshire/our-services/dementia-support



We recently heard a talk given by our new president Dr Chris Waddington, on his career and family life. Chris has provided the picture below and for those that know him invites us to identify him amongst his school peers. (answer on page 20).



REMAP (making things possible)

Unless you have been in a position of being disabled and unable to do the things that you once did, it is hard to imagine how difficult and frustrating life might be. On occasions the simple things that we all do and take for granted become unreachable. A charity



based in South Buckinghamshire has been able to help many people in the last fifty years. Remap was formed in 1964 by Patrick Johnson an ICI employee. Pat's sister had had polio as a child and this presented her with physical problems in managing day-to-day life. Pat's sister used a wheelchair but had upper body movement. As a widow she relied on her children and neighbours for help with day to day living. She even needed help getting her wheelchair down the steps to go to the shops. Having acquired some scrap timber Pat built a wooden ramp to his sister's front door and also installed an electric hoist, with a runway above the ceiling in the hall and bathroom of her bungalow. His sister was overjoyed with the ramp and hoist and they immediately gave her a level of independence she has never enjoyed before. Pat was so impressed with the huge change this relatively simple solution made to his sister's life that he resolved to bring similar changes to other people's lives. The changes he made to his sister's house led to the concept of forming Remap and soon other ICI engineers became involved and helped to develop the idea further. Remap grew steadily to where it is today, covering the whole of the UK, helping over 3,500 people every year to become more independent. A lot has changed over the last 50 years or so, but their creativity and inventiveness remain at the core of what they do. The pictures here show some of the people helped including Ingrid (right) who can now play on her scooter with the aid of a redesigned seat. It is worth visiting their website—

www.remap.org.uk



Terry Fisher's Scrap book of memories



I am sure that many of us have a box of photographs stored away at home with pictures taken at Rotary events over the years. Terry was kind enough to share some treasured memories with me and I have selected a few photographs that you may recognise. Perhaps you can identify the year taken and events?



Is there a doctor in the house ?

A man walks into a doctor's office. He has a cucumber up his nose, a carrot in his left ear and a banana in his right ear. "What's the matter with me?" he asks the doctor. The doctor replies, "You're not eating properly."

As a long standing Rotarian I'm passing this on as it worked for me today. A doctor on tv said that in order to have inner peace in our lives, we should always finish anything that we've started. Since we could all use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things that I'd started but not finished. I did finish a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valium scriptins, and most of a box of choclutz. Yu haz no idr how fabulous I feel right now. Sned this to all yr frenz an tel um you luverum.

A guy walks into work, and both of his ears are all bandaged up. The boss says, "What happened to your ears?" He says, "Yesterday I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and shhh! I accidentally answered the iron." The boss says, "Well, that explains one ear, but what happened to your other ear?" He says, "Well, jeez, I had to call the doctor!"

A seven-year old girl told her mum, "A boy in my class asked me to play doctor." "Oh, dear," the mother nervously sighed. "What happened, honey?" "Nothing, he made me wait for 45 minutes on a seat outside of the classroom".

A man goes to the eye doctor. The receptionist asks him why he is there. The man complains, "I keep seeing spots in front of my eyes." The receptionist asks, "Have you ever seen a doctor?" and the man replies, "No, just spots."

A man needing a heart transplant is told by his doctor that the only heart available is that of a sheep. The man finally agrees and the doctor transplants the sheep heart into the man. A few days after the operation, the man comes in for a checkup. The doctor asks him "How are you feeling?" The man replies "Not BAAAAD!"

"Doctor, there's a patient on the line who says he's invisible." "Well tell him I can't see him right now".

"Doctor, I keep dreaming about necrophilia, sadism and bestiality". "Forget it you're flogging a dead horse".

The answer to the picture question on page fifteen—Dr. Chris Waddington can be found seated at the far left at the end of the bottom row—seen in his days at school.

Future Events

30th September Charter Night

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