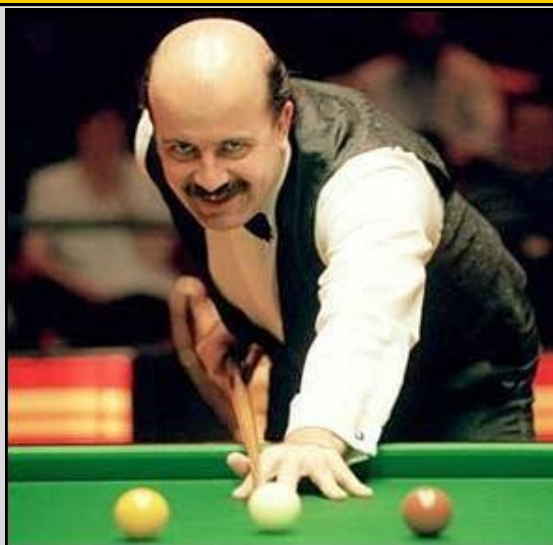


ROTARY NEWS

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I'm a Celebrity Get Me out of Here !!

There was no escaping the annual Celebrity Night for speaker Willie Thorne, despite having suffered a stroke three weeks earlier. An excellent evening was enjoyed



by 182 guests and Rotarians, for this the twenty eighth year of Hoddesdon's charitable fund raising night. Willie entertained the hall with stories from his career as a professional snooker player, travelling the world with fellow players and the highs and lows of his personal life. Comedian John Stiles (below) compered the evening, sharing details of his infamous father, footballer Nobby Stiles. A total exceeding £9000 was raised

for charity including proceeds of the auction, and our thanks and congratulations to Roger Merton and the Ways and Means Committee for organising the evening.

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President Ted Gradosielski

As I reflect on my first five very enjoyable months as President I wonder where the time has gone !

The honey extraction day on a Sunday in August in my apiary at Chapel Barn was very well supported and I had a chance to explain how cheap my honey was to buy when compared to the work involved in producing it!

The highlight of my year however was the President's weekend in Krakow Poland – Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September 2015 with 26 Rotarians and friends attending to enjoy the sights and history, thank you for your support. We celebrated our Club Charter at the Highland restaurant in Broxbourne on Monday 14th September with a speaker from a beekeeping charity called “Bees for Development”.

Celebrity Night was good fun and a great fund raiser which I enjoyed, even John Stiles did not spoil the evening for me. Friday the thirteenth was good for us but not so good for those in Paris.

In October Nigel Girling gave us an energetic and interesting talk on ‘Caravans to Italy with Round Table’ and I also had the pleasure of inducting Tony Pomfret as a new member. He agreed to take on the role of press officer, thank you Tony and welcome to the Club. We were pleased to have Pru Dixon, District Governor, attending our Club Assembly. Well done to Steve Reid in organising the Sports Evening. We also had talk from Richard Ridler who represents “Bees Abroad”.

My wife and great supporter, Jackie, has joined Ware Inner Wheel and having made new friends, was so sorry to lose Jane Beck, sadly missed by us all as one our most gregarious Friend of Rotary. The International Committee has organised the promised Polish Meal on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at Ognisko in South Kensington. A coach has been booked so if your name is not on the list contact John West.

Rotary Club of Dinant, our twin town in Belgium, are planning to visit us in May 2016 and my thanks go to all those members that have offered to help and support their visit. Please support the fund raising for the Everest Base Camp project in 2016/17 Sheredes & John Warner Schools helping are to help with Race Night fund raiser. The Club Service & Council meetings continue on a monthly basis and assist with the decisions and communications within the club. For more events in the coming months please see page 15.

Rotarian Bill Statham

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of fellow Rotarian Bill Statham on Thursday 12th November. Bill had been unwell recently, but had joined Hoddesdon Rotary Club in 1999 and was particularly active in the local community.

As well as work with Rotary he was a member of Hoddesdon and District Old People's Welfare Committee, a trustee of the Friends of Paradise Wildlife Park, and involved with Hoddesdon Football Club where he was a Life Vice President. The funeral is due to take place on Friday 27th November, and our thoughts are with Bill's wife Yvonne (Yve) and family at this sad time.



Hoddesdon's newest Rotarian

A warm welcome was extended to our new member, Tony Pomfret known to many in Hoddesdon as a local accountant -Tony R Pomfret and Associates.

Seen here with President Ted Grad (left) and membership secretary Howard Connor at the inauguration .

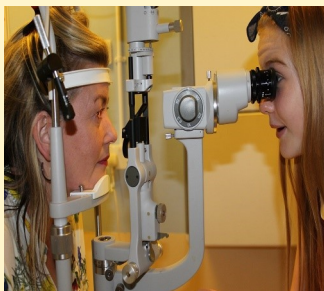


2015 Essay Competition Prize Winner's Visit

On Monday 24th August eleven year old Poppy Hurley and her mum visited the accident & emergency department at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge. Fortunately this wasn't as a consequence of injury or illness (although she did come home with her arm in a sling) but as a result of winning this year's primary school essay competition in March.

Earlier in the year over three hundred year 6 pupils from ten local primary schools wrote an essay "What I want to be when I grow up" and Poppy, from St Cross School in Hoddesdon, with her eloquent and heartfelt description of why she wanted to be an A&E doctor, won. A visit to an A&E department beckoned to experience first hand what her chosen job would entail.

Not an easy prize to arrange but with the invaluable help of Kirsty Lothian of the hospital children's charity "Active" we were able to take Poppy into the heart of the regional A&E department of the huge Addenbrookes Hospital. There we were met by consultant Dr Adrian Boyle.



In a training room normally used by medical students we met Stan (standard man) an amazingly life like dummy capable of blinking, dilating it's pupils, collapsing a lung and producing a pulse; in fact just about anything it seemed to produce an emergency situation. Lying there with it's (? his) eyes wide open he rather spooked Poppy so we moved on to safer territory of slings. Adrian showed her how to make an arm sling and she made a very good attempt of making one for him. Her own she proceeded to wear for the rest of the day, taking it home to be used later, I suspect, for getting out of school PE!

Rather harder was learning how to stitch, not on a real patient but on fabric in much the same way as the medical students are taught. Eventually she got the hang of it, even managing to tie knots using only forceps.

She then went on a tour of the department seeing the children's area, inside an ambulance at the emergency entrance, a portable X ray machine, a crash trolley and a slit lamp microscope with which she was able examine her mum's eye for foreign bodies, none found!

To round off the visit she had her arm put in plaster! Eager though she was to keep it on (another PE ruse?) it was taken off before she left, if for no other reason than only an A&E department has the tools to take it off.



Lakenheath Visit

A much anticipated day out to RAF Lakenheath air base in Suffolk was enjoyed by Hoddesdon Rotarians and wives in September. Having submitted our passports, a tour provided by US airforce staff started with a view from the control tower and the unforgettable sight and loud roar of F15 bombers taking off below.



Moving to the Radar room we learnt about the round the clock maintenance of the skies and close liaison with other UK traffic control centres. A talk followed on the types of bomb attached to the aircraft and we were able to see a range of different types and sizes of weapon (see opposite).

The F15 aircraft has been in service for more than thirty years, having powerful twin Pratt and Whitney engines that allow the plane to take off at a steep angle if needed (see picture).

RAF Lakenheath was built in 1941 and used through WWII with Wellington bombers flying over Germany from this base. In 1949 the US Airforce moved part of their 2nd Bombardment Group with 750 personnel and 30 B29 bombers to Lakenheath, a response to rising tensions in Russia.



The US Airforce assumed full operational control of the air base in 1951, and 48th Fighter Bomber Wing was born. By 2020 it is planned that neighbouring Mildenhall airbase will be closed and some of their operations moved to Lakenheath. The new US F35 planes will fly from this airbase.



Our tour concluded with a visit to the Lakenheath museum, with exhibits from the last seventy five years, including WWII uniforms and models of aircraft that have flown from this base. President Ted Grad assisted with the anti-aircraft duties. A thoroughly enjoyable day, and our thanks were extended to Rotarian Chris Waddington for organizing the trip.

Opposite President Ted Grad hands over Our Club pennant.
www.lakenheath.af.mil/main/welcome.asp



48th Fighter Bomber Wing with TOP GUN TED !!



END POLIO NOW



President's Weekend - Krakow, Poland

Hoddesdon Rotarians travelled to Krakow in September for Ted Grad's Presidential weekend, taking in the sights and history of this old Polish city.

Named the European City of Culture in 2000, Krakow is the second largest city in Poland, with a population of 680,000 but with eight million people living within seventy miles.

There is plenty to see with historic sights such as Wawel Cathedral, The Royal Castle and a large medieval market. Rotarians also visited the Krakow Saltmines (pictured below).



The Germans occupied Krakow following invasion in 1939 and the city became their centre for General Government. The population included many Jewish residents, and they were placed in ghettos by the Nazis initially, but moved to concentration camps (see opposite page) such as nearby Auschwitz.



Now a peaceful and tranquil place, Krakow like many European cities proved to be an excellent location for Rotarians visiting with their President.



The trip was a great success and enjoyed by all those that joined Ted and Jackie for their weekend, good food, good company and a beautiful city.



200 CLUB We are looking for new members to join, and get to the target figure of 200. 2015 saw the start of the 13th year of the Club and over the last 11 years over £38,000 has been paid out in prizes and a similar sum handed over to the club charitable spending arm for expenditure both locally and nationally, but far and above the largest expenditure was on the annual Easter Dinner for the local retired folk which still continues today. The membership has fallen in recent years and this can be accounted for by a combination of economic conditions and a dropping off in the number of non Rotarians remaining in the Club. The cost of joining is £52.00 per annum. Most members pay by Standing Order, with draws being made on a quarterly basis. The continued success of the 200 Club is vital to the continuation and furtherance of the charitable work carried on by the Rotary Club. If you have friends or know of any local people or businesses that would like to join I will be glad to hear from them. Interest in becoming a Member should be made to me Roger Abraham as detailed below. A number is allocated for membership which then goes forward in the Quarterly draws.

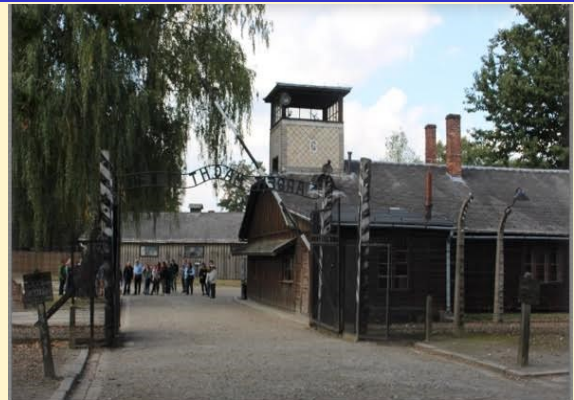
ROGER ABRAHAM, Tel: 01992 465667 E: rjaabraham@aol.com



Auschwitz

There are not many people who haven't heard of Auschwitz. During their trip to Poland, Hoddesdon Rotarians visited the former WW2 concentration camp and no one could be unmoved by their experience.

In all 1.5 million people died during the four and an half years that Auschwitz existed, one million of them being Jewish men, women and children. Others included political prisoners, gypsy families, homosexuals, and peoples of religious faith, including 200 Jehovah Witnesses.



Rails were laid into the camp, and the station made to look like any other railway stop, with signs, timetables and a clock painted on the wall. A Star of David was placed above the entrance to the gas chamber together with a Hebrew sign that stated "This is the gateway to God, righteous men will pass through".

It is highly significant that the very first list of World Heritage Sites published by UNESCO in 1979 included

Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Subsequently, in 2007, Poland's request was approved to change the title to Auschwitz-Birkenau, German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945).



Valuables and personal possessions were collected, including gold teeth, along with human hair, shoes (pictured) and other items. The Nazis called the collection unit 'Canada', because Canada was thought to be the land of untold riches at that time.

It is important that we never forget the atrocities committed here, and the site is main-

tained as a memorial for all those that died or suffered at Auschwitz. Of the 7000 staff that worked at the camp, only 750 were never punished, and injustice prevailed with many going on to build good careers after the war. The site is a key place of memory for the whole of humankind and a sign of warning of the many threats and tragic consequences of extreme ideologies and denial of human dignity.



Past President's Dinner

The half yearly meeting of the Past Presidents took place at Brickendon Grange Golf Club on the 28th October.

19 P.P.s were joined by President Ted as their guest and had an excellent meal from a menu based on a traditional English dinner.

The after dinner discussion was on "How I coped with retirement" and "the funniest thing to happen in my year as president". Many humorous tales were recounted including some going back to the days of John Creasey and Gerry Butler, both sadly no longer with us. Howard Connor



Broxbourne foodbank

At Rotary we are pleased to support our local foodbank, along with many other clubs, societies, schools and churches across the Borough of Broxbourne.

One of over 400 foodbanks in the UK. Broxbourne foodbank receives and distributes an average of 3200kgs of food each month, feeding around 380 people, a third of them children.



In addition to donations from groups, a large proportion of the food comes from collections made outside of supermarkets where the better side of human nature can be seen. In Hoddesdon a gentleman arranged for two shopping trollies to be filled at his own expense, with a final bill of £500 . Volunteers sort through the donated food and put together a parcel of food that will last for three days. Doctors, health workers, social workers CAB, and local police are all able to give out a foodbank voucher to those who are deemed to have a need. The foodbank also

run a rural service , taking food parcels to those in need but who are not able to get to one of the foodbank centres. Our local centre would be pleased to receive support in a number of ways, whether a donation of your time, a financial gift or in raising money for this worthy cause. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact; Volunteer Coordinator – volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com



Broxbourne Foodbank Supermarket Collection December 2015

Thursday 3rd December

Friday 4th December

Saturday 5th December

at

Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond),

Tesco Brookfield Centre and

Tesco Waltham Abbey

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broxbourne.foodbank.org.uk



A Taste of Honey

On a warm September afternoon, our president Ted Grad and wife Jackie kindly invited members of our Rotary club to learn about the way in which honey is extracted from the hive.

Ted has 25 hives at Chapel Barn, and has been keeping bees for 35 years. He is also an assessor for The National Beekeepers Association and we were privileged to have his expertise.

With some trepidation fifteen club members arrived (some with wives), all wondering what might be involved, none of us having had any previous experience, but Ted explained and guided us in every respect. We were relieved somewhat when Ted produced a number of protective suits which he keeps for use by visitors, and five of us were able to take part in the illustration, the remainder of the group happy to sit at tables in the garden and enjoy tea and cake in the sunshine.

Participating Rotarians followed Ted to the hives safe in the knowledge that the suits would protect us from being stung, and we gathered round as Ted removed sections of one hive, before taking them to his well equipped working room. The honeycomb was put into a powerful centrifuge extractor, separating the honey from the wax at very high revs and draining into a receiver.



Ted provided jars and invited each participant to fill it with honey from the bottling machine, a cause of some hilarity where a steady hand was needed, but not always successfully! We were most grateful to Ted for his generosity in providing the honey without charge.



All in all this was a most enjoyable afternoon, both entertaining and educational, and for those not extracting honey Jackie entertained with afternoon tea.

This is what Rotary and good friendship is about and we do thank Ted for his initiative in asking us, and for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us. Thanks also to Jackie for the refreshments. I for one am much more understanding of this wonderful hobby but more that that, the importance of bees in all of our lives.

Terry W. Fisher More information—National Beekeepers Association www.bbka.org.uk

Bees Abroad - A very interesting talk was given by Richard Ridler recently on bee-keeping in developing countries and producing honey as a business. A typical annual income of £500 can be boosted by 20% with just 5 hives in operation.

A great sustainable low tech, environmentally friendly project that really works for very little outlay.

www.beesabroad.org.uk



News from Committee Chairmen

International - We are expecting 34 Rotarians and wives over from Dinant in May and days out have been arranged including a visit to LV White Water Rafting Centre. -The Christmas Shoe Boxes are coming in and c450 will be sent out to Eastern Europe bringing a little seasonal happiness to a range of recipients. - Micro Loans continue with 47 advanced across the world to support small projects.

Community -The Spring Variety Show is taking shape, and musical acts and performers have been arranged. - A defibrillator is to be purchased and located in Hoddesdon Town Centre, site to be confirmed. - Talking Newspapers have received our donation of £1500 (see Item below). - We are looking to work with Mudlarks to support their work with people with learning difficulties in Hertford.

Vocation - Mock Interviews in schools during 2016 have been agreed. - Work with the Community Service Committee continues for the Spring Variety Show.

Ways and Means - All is in place for the Celebrity Evening with 182 tickets sold. - A Race Night is being planned - A Five a side Football Competition is planned for April 2017. - A Cycle Event in Hoddesdon is being considered to raise fund

LEA VALLEY TALKING NEWSPAPER UPDATE

Every week since 28th October 1979 the cassette tapes prepared by LVTN have been reaching people unable to see to read the local paper for themselves. During nearly four decades LVTN audio tapes have brought welcome voices into the home, listeners even continuing to subscribe despite moving away from our locality.



But new technology can make listening an even greater pleasure, now the listener can choose to change from one "story" to another, without having to wait while one report finishes, if that one does not match their particular interests. This is possible with a digital recording presented on a memory stick.

To create a digital recording, for those listeners wishing to receive it, requires specialist equipment. That equipment involves upwards of £30,000 in the long term, initially about half that was needed. LVTN is a small charity unable to meet such a bill, so an appeal was made to Rotary. Two local clubs, Hoddesdon and Hertford Shires each agreed to give £500 and to make an appeal for a District Grant for a further £500 (the maximum obtainable under present arrangements). Pictured above—Chairman Peter Hicks LVTN receives cheque from Councillor Jeremy Pearce.

The good news came a short time ago that the District Grants Committee had approved our application and John Moss, the Rotary District Grant Sub Committee Chairman, wrote: "Your project is an excellent example of what District Grants are intended to support".

Now LVTN can look forward to giving even better service to the dozens of listeners, some of whom have already equipped themselves with the small box, capable of giving excellent tone and powerful volume, when the memory stick is plugged into it. Some of these early users have said how greatly they appreciate the fine quality of the sound and the flexibility enabling them to re-hear passages, or "fast forward" at will.



Expressions of thanks from the LVTN Committee, expressed very warmly at the Annual General Meeting, as well as on recordings, are helping to make known the involvement of Rotary in this worthwhile activity, as well as ensuring that the reputation of Rotary International means more to the wider public.

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/information-everyday-living/using-technology>



ROTARY DAY AT PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK

Eight Year 7 students and three teachers from Hailley Hall School were treated to a tropical trip to Paradise Wildlife Park in June.

Arranged by Hoddesdon Rotary Club, the students spent the day seeing a range of different large animals, including feeding time with



the tigers. No children were eaten despite threats from the teachers!



Howard Connor had arranged T shirts, caps and badges for the children attending the annual 'Kids Out Day' and a relaxing and enjoyable time was had by all. The staff at the Wildlife Park were most welcoming, and

recent changes and improvements to the zoo were inspiring. Thanks to Howard for another successful and enjoyable visit.



DISCOVER THE FUN!

PARADISE

WILDLIFE PARK



75th Anniversary of Bomb Disposal

In September Captain Ben of the Royal Engineers visited the Club to advise Rotarians of the work of the Bomb Disposal units, nowadays known as Explosive Ordnance Disposal. Members were invited to attend a national Service of Commemoration at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the 75th Anniversary of Bomb Disposal – BD75. On 22 October several Rotarians, accompanied by their partners and friends, were privileged to form part of an 1800 strong congregation. Speakers included multi-talented musician Jools Holland, in his capacity as Honorary Colonel to 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment. The principal guest was HRH Prince Henry of Wales.

At one point during the service a WW2 air raid siren sounded, followed by a reading from the words of Captain (Retired) John Hannaford: "On the morning of Thursday 12 July 1940, Lieutenant Bob Davies of the Royal Engineers received an urgent call: a bomb was heard to fall at about 0230 hours near the front of St Paul's Cathedral. Since it had not yet detonated there was a suspicion that it may contain a time delay fuse. This was a Category A task; it must be dealt with before it exploded whatever the cost to human life.

When Lieutenant Davies arrived at St Paul's he saw that a wide space at the front of the steps had already been cordoned off. Judging by the hole in Dean's Yard the bomb was evidently large and had narrowly missed the South West Tower before burying itself a few yards from the Cathedral's foundations.



A scan of the scene revealed how potentially damaging the bomb could be. Not only did the angle of impact suggest that it must have burrowed towards the magnificent West Front of Wren's masterpiece, but it had also landed atop the entire trunk telephone network to the North of England. If it was a time delay fuse then it had already been ticking for twelve hours out of an accepted maximum of eighty.

Time was all-important, and the six Sappers with Lieutenant Davies jumped into the crater and began to chip away at the paving slabs. In a matter of seconds they all went down like skittles, unconscious; the unexploded bomb had fractured a six-inch gas main and the soldiers had been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes in the hole. There was a further delay whilst this was repaired and the soldiers were sent to hospital.

Down and down they went, hour after hour, encouraged by Lieutenant Davies.

Occasionally they had to dive for cover as the whistles of the falling bombs from the latest raid came close. A *Daily Mail* article about the incident noted that 'these gallant - yet most matter of fact men of the Royal Engineers are many a time running a race with death'. By Sunday morning almost eighty hours had elapsed since the bomb had fallen. Then from the pit came a shout; Sapper Wyllie had uncovered the monster's lair 27½ feet down. It was a monster, eight feet long and weighing a ton.

Two lorries in tandem were needed to winch out the beast. Preceded by police motorcycles the truck sped through East London until it reached Hackney Marshes. There the bomb was detonated by Lieutenant Davies. The bomb blasted a hole 100 feet wide and shook plaster from the walls of nearby houses.

Both Lieutenant Davies and Sapper Wyllie were later awarded the George Cross for their actions on this day."

There were similar vignettes from Northern Ireland and Afghanistan. Most moving of all was to hear Mr Ian Kirkpatrick talk of the pain of the loss of his son, the late Corporal Jamie Kirkpatrick, in Helmand. He was followed by a representative of 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment making this pledge – 'Corporal Jamie Kirkpatrick's story is just one of the countless acts of bravery that members of the EOD and Search community have displayed during the last 75 years. Our story recognizes Bomb Disposal personnel working on the streets of London in the Second World War, through 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland, to the irrigation ditches, dust and heat of Afghanistan. As Improvised Explosive Devices and unexploded ordnance continue to define future conflicts, members of this specialist community from across the Armed Forces will continue to meet the challenge posed by such deadly weapons.'

Thank you to Rotarian Jeff Ryan for this article.

Can you help?

We're always looking for volunteers to help us out. So why not get involved today!

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Willow Foundation

On 26th October Sabrina Nixon from the Willow Foundation outlined for Hoddesdon Rotary members the aims and activities of her charity.

Founded in 1999 by Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper Bob Wilson and his wife Megs, after the death of their daughter Anna (seen with father below) from a rare form of cancer, Willow now provides not just tailored days out but events that put a smile back on faces.



For young people with such devastating illnesses as cancer, motor neurone and Huntingtons diseases life can be grim but, since the start, Willow has organised 11,500 special days that lift spirits, give the sense of normal life, put aside pressing worries and allow families to share pleasure and create memories together.

A Hitchin breast cancer victim, after lots of operations, physiotherapy and stress, had a memorable holiday break with her family at Thorpe Forest. Others have said how much they have valued Center Parcs, Premiership football matches and theatre trips. One of our Club members recounted the splendid Willow response to his daughter's serious illness when they obtained concert tickets he had been utterly unable to get. Special Days represent respite not only for victims but for their families, dependants and carers.



Hoddesdon Rotarians made clear their appreciation of Sabrina's presentation and the excellent care in the community that Willow provides.

Rtn John Hiscock

ESCAPE INTO HUMOUR

A collection of gentle puns, one-liners, stories, poems and pictures to raise a smile, fend off the blues and help a worthwhile cause. (e.g. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony)

Price: £2-50 per booklet.

The Cause: All proceeds after printing costs go to the Everest Project of the Rotary Club of Hoddesdon – a community Service adventure in 2017 involving a group of youngsters from two local schools going to Nepal with a Rotary team and a teacher from each school to undertake village reconstruction work and (hopefully) a trek to Everest base camp

To Order: Cheques payable to The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon please, sent with your address (for despatch) to Rtn. John Hiscock, Valley View, Culver Court, Malting Lane, Much Hadham, SG10 6AP john@hiscock.plus.com



Law and Disorder in the American Courts

Court reporters in the US published these actual words, as said by witnesses during court hearings.

Attorney : How was your first marriage terminated ? Witness : By death. A : And by whose death was it terminated? W. Take a guess.

A :Can you describe the individual? W :He was about medium height and had a beard. A. :Was this a male or a female? W. Unless the circus was in town I'm going with a male.

A : Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people? W : All of them, the live ones put up too much of a fight.

A : What was the first thing that your husband said to you that morning? W : He said 'where am I Cathy?' A : And why did that upset you ? W : My name is Susan!!

A ;How old is your son, the one living with you? W : Thirty four or thirty five, I can't remember which. A : How long has he lived with you? W : Forty five years.....

A : Are you sexually active ? W : No I just lie there.

A : So she had three children, right ? W : Yes. A : How many were boys? W : None. A : Were there any girls? A : Your honour, I think I need a different attorney.....Can I get a new attorney.

Copy, Scan and Paste

**The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
and disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;**

**I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me**



The Golden Lion, Hoddesdon

How many times have you passed through the double doors of Hoddesdon's oldest pub, The Golden Lion ? Even if you haven't, you will know where it is but perhaps not of it's history. Originally thought to have been called the Golden Hind it replaced a former house -The White Hinde in c1535.

Lady Rawdon from Rawdon House (opposite the pub) gave it to her grandson Marmaduke in 1667, and in past centuries it has served many locals and travellers passing through our town. Nineteenth century Hoddesdon was busy with 27 coaches and four mail coaches every day, with trade starting at 6.00am. The Golden Lion was one of 36 Inns in the town at that time, many of them brewing their own beer.

Next time you are passing or enjoying the comfort of our local hostelry it would be worth pausing to reflect on how the occupants might have looked 480 years ago, and how different their lifestyles were from ours today.



Future Events

**5 Clubs—Haileybury Chapel—Carols
16th December**

District Quiz Show 21st January

Race Night 30th January 2016

Hoddesdon Quiz Night February 14

Annual General Meeting HRC 5th April

Spring Rotary Variety Show 12th May

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John Hiscock, Keith Theobald

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Community Service - Keith Theobald

Foundation - Meirion Morris

International - Martin Lynas

Membership - Howard Connor

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Ways & Means - Roger Merton

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Code of Practice: David Bradburn

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Extension: Meirion Morris

Friends of Rotary: Ken Ayling

George Fuller: Arnold Granat

Sergeant at Arms: Barry Fitzpatrick

Sport: Steve Read

200 Club: Roger Abraham

Club Archivist: Tommy Knight

Speakers/Programme: Mike Marsh

Unaccustomed as I am.....

At Hoddesdon Rotary Club we hear from a range of different people and causes with a short talk given at our weekly Monday lunchtime meetings. These vary considerably from personal experiences, fund raising charities, local voluntary groups etc. and the sharing of information is often of mutual benefit. If you have a topic or cause that might be suitable for a lunchtime talk do speak to Rotarian Mike Marsh or email : marsh.hama@btinternet.com



ROTARY POPPY COLLECTION 2015

For a number of years the Hoddesdon Club has volunteered collectors for the Royal British Legion "poppy appeal", to help fund a national campaign started in 1921 that provides advice and support to serving and veteran armed forces men, women and their families. The motto is "To the memory of the fallen and the future of the living"

The public response in Hoddesdon has been nothing short of tremendous:

2012 - £1137	2013 - £1636	2014 - £2142
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This year, in our best turn-out so far, 26 Rotarians (including family members and Friends) volunteered to collect for this worthy cause over 2 weeks in October/November at Morrisons superstore. People, rich and poor alike, gave generously and many shared their stories with us. In all, we collected **£3490** for RBL (60% more than 2014) and local organiser Ray Cook was delighted.

President Ted Grad presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Hoddesdon Memorial on 8th November (seen collecting with wife Jackie below) part of the tradition with which The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon is proud to be associated.



EXCITING NEW EVENT ON 30th JANUARY 2016

An evening at the Races, to be held at Sheredes School, Broxbourne. All proceeds going to support our H2H Project to take some local school students to trek to Everest base camp and get involved in a local community project in Nepal. Race sponsorship and horses available for sponsorship/purchase. Please support what promises to be an exciting event

Tickets £10.00 with Fish & Chip supper. Contact Roger Merton on 07860 423977.

WEBSITE NEWS

Have you visited our new website ? Hugo Fox have recently helped us FREE OF CHARGE with a new website, including all of our local Rotary news and up to date information.

Visit us at : www.hoddesdonrotary.org

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Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.
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- Regional branches
- Potential future Eastern branch
- Route previously consulted on via Tooting Broadway
- Newly proposed route
- Option via Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace
- Option via Wood Green

The map shows the proposed Crossrail 1 route from Heathrow in the west to Abbey Wood in the east. The central core of the route is shown in purple, with regional branches in orange and potential future branches in orange. The route is shown with various options, including via Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace, and via Wood Green. The map also shows existing London Underground lines and National Rail routes.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM

**Happy Christmas. Thanks for
your support during my year
as president. From**

**Ted and Jackie
Gradosielski**

**Wishing you all a very Happy
Christmas and heathy New
Year, from**

**Trish and Chris
Waddington**

**Merry Christmas and
and a Happy New Year
to you all.
from Lyn and Ken Ayling**

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
you all from Keith
and Pat Theobald**

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New
Year to you all , from
Meirion and Jasmine Mor-
ris**

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from
David and Martine
Johnston**

**Best wishes for a Happy
Christmas and a pros-
perous New Year. From
Mike and Hilary Marsh**

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
all, from
Ron Mayhew**

**A very Happy Christ-
mas and good wishes
for the future. From
Peter and Glenys Lardi**

**Happy Christmas and I hope you
all have a good time.**

**Rev David
and
Jenny Bradburn**

**Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year, from
Jack Yiacoumi**

**Peace
John Hiscock**



**Best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, from
Terry and Pat Fisher**

**Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a blessed 2016. From
Martin and Angela Lynas**

**Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year,
from John and Ann Glover**

**Good health and happiness to all, from
Steve and Carol Read**

**Seasonal greetings to those Rotarians who did not receive my personal card. From
Eric Cockman**

**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and health New Year from
Peter and Sandra Haynes**

**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.
Peter and Joyce Shepherd**

**Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a successful 2016,
from Jeff and Rosemary Ryan**

**Seasonal Greetings to you all from
Tom and Christine**

**Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from
Tommy and Olive**

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from John and Wendy Neighbour.

**To all my fellow Rotarians and family, a Merry Christmas and Happy 2016 ,
from Robert Lorenzini**



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