



SERVICE Above Self

1250 Communiqué

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Welcome to the following new members:

Worthing – (1) Christiaan Scholtemeijero
Sussex Vale – (1) Trevor Henry
Arundel – (1) Paul Harrop
Godalming Woolsack – (1) Denys Kinsella
Godalming – (2) Chris Foley and Sarah Ambrose
Dorking - (1) Fred Duffy

One of five recipients of Godalming Town Council's
Volunteer of the Year awards in 2006 was a new
 Rotarian **Joy Poulter of Godalming Rotary Club**.
 Congratulations to Joy from us all. Ed

Conference Newsletter

Now available on line. Go to
www.rotary1250.org.uk



District 'Silver Celebration' Conference

Bournemouth 8 – 10th September 2006

Conference Information and Registration Forms
 now available from Web Site
www.rotary1250.org.uk

Conference Chairman: PDG Peter Nightingale
 Tel: 01483 417543
 email: peterandjoan473@btinternet.com

Conference Registrar: Rtn Sue Worthington
 Tel: 01903 237736 email: cswort@ntlworld.com

Conference Golf: Rtn Alan Austin
 Tel: 01730 812058 email: jacalan@waitrose.com

Host Club: Storrington

The Chairman and Registrar welcome any
 enquiries regarding Conference, Accommodation,
 bookings, special needs etc.

**1250 District Web Site – Go and visit
 our new Links page providing shortcuts
 to loads of Rotary sites and Rotary
 Charity web sites.**
www.rotary1250.org.uk

The Swales Scriblings

(From the District Governor) Welcome back to our 19
 intrepid travellers who took up the Mercy Ships Mission
 Challenge. They clearly had a memorable and eye-
 opening trip, about which we shall hear more in due
 course. The impressive aspect of the venture is that it
 emphasises the element of service that some Rotarians
 claim to be undervalued – Vocational. There are many
 ways in which we can use our vocational skills and,
 although often unheralded, this contribution to the overall
 Service ethic of Rotary should not be forgotten.

As we move into the later part of the Rotary calendar, the
 focus inevitably switches to the new year and the District
 Governor feels that the description "Past" has arrived
 already! However, there are important events still to
 come in 2005/6. One of these is the **RIBI Conference in
 Belfast**. This is the forum for various decisions bearing
 on the future direction of Rotary in these islands. Not the
 least important is the question of the Marketing Strategy.
 You may have heard negative reactions from the 1250
 representatives at the recent RIBI Assembly, arising from
 the less than motivating presentations. However, I would
 urge you to look at the proposals in the context of the
 objective: to take action to halt the decline in
 membership over the last 10 years (averaging 600 per
 annum in RIBI) – a decline that will accelerate because
 of our age profile unless we take positive steps to
 combat it. Details of the Marketing Strategy can be found
 on the RIBI website, so please give it your consideration
 and, I would hope, encourage your club's voting delegate
 to support it.

One of RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's**
 emphases for the year – as I have referred to on my club
 visits – is **Continuity**. This is the time in the annual cycle
 when it is essential for Club Presidents and Presidents
 Elect to liaise, to ensure a smooth transition from one to
 the other. There should be no violent change of direction:
 those projects left unfinished can be completed by the
 new team, whilst new projects should have a relevance
 to the ongoing, longer term, objectives of the club. The
 District team will have helped you decide on both
 directions and service projects at the recent District
 Assembly: do make use of the team at any stage in the
 year – all of them want to help.

Finally, I am delighted to report that the Frugal Meal
 project has – so far – raised over £3,500 towards the
 two children's hospices. My grateful thanks to the 26
 clubs involved. I hope you noticed slimmer waistlines! If
 you have not yet had your frugal meal, please don't
 delay: send the proceeds by cheque, payable to "RI
 District 1250" marked "Frugal Meal" on the back, to our
 District Treasurer, James Patmore.

Yours in Rotary, **Ian Swales**

DG's & District Diary

May (Rotary Education Month)

- 14th Paul Harris Dinner at Reigate
- 17th District Team Meeting Brinsbury
- 23rd District Conference Committee Meeting
- 24th District Executive Meeting Brinsbury



Chichester Challenge
 Sunday 16th July 2006
 Oaklands Park
 Chichester

15km, 25km and 40km walks
 38km run
 30km and 55km Mountain Bikes

Entries: 01243 827739
 www.chichester-march.org.uk

Lewes



CHARITY GOLF DAY in aid of "St. Peter & St. James Hospice", "Talking Newspapers for the Blind" and Rotary Charities on Monday 14th. August 2006 at Lewes Golf Club. Team Stableford Competition: Maximum 40 Teams, Maximum Handicap Allowance for Men 28 and for Ladies 36. Teams of Four – Best Two Scores First 9 Holes and Best Three Scores for Last 9 Holes. Entry fee £160 per team of four, includes coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Golf Competition, Buffet Meal and Prizes. Contact: David Thrush, 95 Grand Avenue, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2QY E-Mail: damar@thrushd.fsnet.co.uk
CLOSING FOR ENTRIES 21st JULY.

Godalming Woolsack

A rare opportunity to play one of the finest golf courses in Surrey!

The Rotary Club of Godalming Woolsack is holding its third Charity Golf Day at West Surrey Golf Club on Friday 5th May.

As well as a round of golf we are offering team and individual prizes, raffles, silent auctions and a meal afterwards.

Contact: Ian Bowell on 01483 569378 or download an entry form from our website www.woolsack.org.uk

District Sporting Snippets

GOLF - A disappointing number of participants attended the District's Spring Golf Day at Slinfold on 29th March but a good day was had by all. Richard Gidlow (Godalming Woolsack) won the lower handicap cup with 36 points and Keith Harding from East Grinstead Meridian won the higher handicap cup with 33 points. The District's summer Golf Day will be held at Ifield Golf Club Thursday 13th July.
SKITTLES - Godalming Woolsack won a thrilling semi-final against Midhurst & Petworth on 4th April to progress into this year's final.

D1250 Web Site
 Please visit www.rotary1250.org.uk to check out and maintain your club data and see the new entries included for information/interest.



Steyning & Henfield

Charity Golf Day

In aid of St Barnabas and Martlets Hospices. For the 6th year running we are holding our Charity Golf Day at Pyecombe Golf Club on Thursday 1st June 2006 and invite golfers from Rotary Clubs and their guests to participate. This is an 18 hole stableford competition on an individual basis with generous prizes in two handicap divisions and a special ladies prize. The Entry Fee is £40 to include coffee on arrival and 3 course dinner. Entry Forms available from Charles Beamish on 01798 812911. Early reservation recommended!"

Cuckfield & Lindfield – Concert was a sell out and raised £6,000 details in 1250News

Chichester



RCC present their Bognor Regis Concert Band Saturday 6th May (7.30 pm)
 St Paul's Church, Northgate, Chichester.
 In aid of the Newell Feeding Scheme, a Chichester-based charitable project which provides food for the children of a particularly impoverished area of South Africa.
Tickets: £6.50 each, to include interval drink. **Contact:** Alan Colenutt (01243 781704) or (01243 537692)



...much more than a picnic ...much more than a concert

musical feast
 Saturday 20th May 2006
 Gates Open 3.30

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Five hours of fantastic music starting

- Bermuda Symphonic Orchestra
- The Christ's Hospital Big Band directed by Ben Whitham
- Mid-Sussex Youth String Orchestra
- Miss Joni Fidler Winner of the Jane Coxson Grand Prix
- Gordon Gilpin
- Scherbenkwa Quartet
- Telmas Gubedy
- Conductor: Anthony Ingh

Tickets available from:
The Capitol Theatre Box Office, 01403 750220

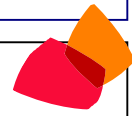
20% Discount for early booking before 1st May

1250 Communications Team Communications are two way!

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The next 1250 News will be distributed in **10th July** at District Council copy deadline to William by **1st June 2006**.

Next 1250 Communiqué planned to be published around 21st May, copy by 15th May to Doug Price please.



D1250 International Committee

I recently attended RIBI Assembly in Birmingham and met up with 24 of my counterparts from throughout the UK. We found out about forthcoming RIBI Preferred International Projects and more of this will come out at District Assembly. This was my 3rd RIBI Assembly and again I was stuck by the passion and commitment of my fellow Rotarians to a vast range of International Projects throughout the globe. One thing also emerged was that we as International Chairman only seem to see the tip of the iceberg, as the vast majority of work at Club level is the "worlds best kept secret". I feel that communications, two-way, have improved within D1250 and I hope this can continue. Each year I have a report to do to RIBI International Committee on the International Activities within D1250 and firstly I would stress that this is not just another form filling exercise but it does provide vital information to RIBI and allows them to shape the direction and focus of future International activities and the contents of the Project Library. So could I please ask **ALL** International Chairman to provide me with a summary of their Clubs International Activities for the current Rotary Year. I know there are a few months left but lets have information to date whilst it is fresh in our minds. Doug Price is hopefully going to put a link on the District Website that will allow you to complete a return electronically. Don't worry if you not up with all this techie stuff as a good old fashioned letter will do! I will hope to share back with you, in due course, a summary of D1250 International Activities

Help for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands

At last years International & Foundation Seminar Rtn Bill Paine raised the plight of people on this small group of islands who suffered terribly from the affects of the Tsunami but to a large extent have been overlooked by the outside world. A 3hr grant application was unsuccessful but only 1 in 10 get approved. Bill is therefore looking to put together a Matching Grant in July 2006 to help with hospital equipment and health issues. Does your Club have some spare cash from this year, or next year, they could pledge to the project? Bill is our District expert at putting together Matching Grants so don't worry about the paperwork! Please let Bill or me have your pledges and collectively D1250 will make a huge difference. Contacts bill.paine@btinternet.com neil.hills@tiscali.co.uk

Neil Hills, Chairman

Frugal Meal

Godalming Woolsack £240 Chichester Priory £160
Chichester Harbour £70 West Worthing £150

D1250 Youth Activities

Youth Exchange – The daughter of a former GSE scholar from Brazil wishes to come to England for a one year exchange. She is 16 years old and is a first year High School student.

Please could anyone who is interested, please contact me. The exchange is open to family and friends of Rotarians or non-Rotarians. Costs are minimal, as the young lady will pay her own fares and insurance.

Youth Speaks – The two Area Finals having been completed, the winning teams who went on to the District Final on Saturday 4 March were:- St Teresa's, Charterhouse, Guildford County, Bishop Luffa, St Mary's Hall and Sussex Downs. The two first two teams in the District competition were Charterhouse and Guildford County and they went on to the Regional Final on Friday 17 March at Royal Alexander & Albert School Reigate, starting at 6.30 pm. Also through to the Regional Final was Great Walstead School in the Intermediary category. As Charterhouse were the overall winners, Godalming Club will host next year's District Final. Unfortunately, neither of our Senior teams progressed to the RIBI final but Great Walstead won their round and go on to represent District 1250 in the RIBI final. So well done and good I to them.

Many congratulations for all those taking part and the high standard achieved. Particular thanks go to all those who ran the various rounds and to Michael Hart for his overall organisation of Youth Speaks.

Young Chef – For the first time in District 1250, a District Young Chef competition has been organised and was held at King Edward VI School Witley on 17 March. There were five teams taking part and the two winning teams were King Edward and Oxted. Unfortunately, Oxted were unable to attend the Regional final and their place was taken by Chichester High. The Regional Final was on Friday 7 April in Aldershot, but whilst our entries did very well, none progressed to the RIBI Final

Many thanks to Giovanni Fontebasso for all his efforts in organising the event

RYLA – By the time you read this RYLA will have been completed, with a record number of participants. A report will be in next month's Newsletter.

Notice of Motion – You will have been informed of a request for funding for a Handicap, However, by way of clarification, strictly speaking it will be an International RYLA for Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied young people. This will comprise 12 couples of one handicapped plus one carer from overseas, making a total of 24; together with a further 12 youngsters from the UK, ideally from District 1250. The funding is required for the 12 International couples, the UK based candidates will be funded by the sponsoring clubs, as with a conventional RYLA

Andrew Kolmar, Youth Activities Chairman

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Sussex Vale

12km sponsored walk
on Saturday 6th May, 2006
starting at 10am
Hurstpierpoint recreation
Ground.



To raise funds for a First Response Defibrillator to be used in and around the village of Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common. Looking for 20 teams of 4 with each walker being asked to raise £25 in sponsorship (£100 per team). Suitable for any age group and dogs can be taken. Contact: John Baker – 45 Wickham Hill, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9NP – Tel: 01273841681 –e-mail jfdbaker@btinternet.com

Eradication of Polio

An extensive report from the New York Times on the progress or lack thereof in the eradication of polio and the final attempts to eradicate polio in India and Nigeria. Unlike many other articles previously published, it does point out Rotary's tremendous outpouring of manpower and funding since the programs start. *More Web site*

Membership Services Report

The good news is that membership of District 1250 is increasing. As at 13th March 2006 our district has 1892 members, a nett increase of 9 over July 2005 – not a large increase but at least we are going in the right direction. Well done to all concerned and for those who may be losing heart on increasing membership –it can be done, but with a lot of hard work. **Duncan Anderson**

Youth Exchange Camps & Tours

Following the resolution of Child Protection issues with some of the Districts which offer Camps & Tours places, now pleased to advise the details for the 2006 Camps and Tours season. More details should be added in the next few days. The details have been posted to the youthribi website and can be found at

www.youthribi.org/camps2006 or
www.rotary1250.org.uk

COMVOC SNIPPETS

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE - this has been a popular project with clubs throughout RIBI. Income to the charity in this Rotary year now totals £118,600 and it is predicted to exceed £200,000 by the year-end.

Howard Attree Tel 01273 583066

The Rotary Clubs of Storrington and Arundel

Dinner Dance & Charity Auction

In aid of Africa Mercy Ships and
Africa Hope & Homes for Children



The Auction will be conducted by **Rupert Toovey**
at

The Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, Arundel

Saturday 13th May 2006 6.30 for 7pm

Dancing to The Willie Austin Band
Tickets: £35 each. Dress: Black Tie. Carriage: 12.00 midnight

Tickets: June Gossage - Storrington Rotary: 01903 746300
Roger Bennett - Arundel Rotary: 01903 685292
Brian Foster - Arundel Rotary: 01793 615374

Marketing Plan

Two files are now available from the RIBI website (that's at www.rotary-ribi.org) regarding the Marketing Plan. Could you please circulate this to all your clubs and around your district officers.

**'Opportunities to Serve' and
Information sheets are available in the
download section of RIBI web site.
<http://www.ribi.org/downloads/index.asp>**

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**REIGATE MANOR HOTEL
SUNDAY 14th May 2006**

Reigate Manor Hotel.
Time 12.30 for 1.00pm
£16 per person.

Speaker
Kenneth Knight CBE QFSM
Past GSE member

We ask all Paul Harris Fellows to put the date in their diaries.

If you want to book ahead send a cheque to Peter O'Keefe,
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