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1250 Communiqué

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CHANGE NOTICE

Late discussion upon the content of Communiqué has delayed the promised publication date and resulted in many articles and all club photographs and project reports being removed as a consequence. To those clubs who submitted some great editorial and photographs we apologise for this. The 1250 Editor will try and include them in the November 1250 News.

The Swales Scribblings

(Thoughts of the month from the District Governor)

The holiday season does not seem to have resulted in low attendances at the clubs I have visited so far! I have been made very welcome on all my visits, and been struck by the obvious enthusiasm for Rotary. I was privileged to be present at the Horsham club when they inducted a new member, Geoff Robinson. Welcome Geoff, and let us hope that you are one of many to join our District family during the year.

During my visits, I have mentioned that I would like to see all clubs have a frugal lunch within the same week. This is to follow what happened at the RI Assembly in Anaheim on the Centenary Day. It is a simple means of raising money, whilst reminding us of those for whom adequate food is not something to be taken for granted. I propose that this should happen in the week commencing February 20th 2006. I will supply more detail soon, including the charity which will benefit from the arrangement. Keep enjoying your Rotary, Ian Swales

District 1250 membership is declining – Action is required now!

Our average age is 63.49, average Club size is 35.83, average Rotary Service is 14.67 years, and working Rotarians now are only 46.1% of our membership. – See Membership Service Report for other details

News District Conference

Attendance as at 30th August

Area	Total
NE	112
NW	119
SE	167
SW	166
Total	564 + guests + speakers etc.
44 Club Presidents out of possible 59 attending to date.	



Chi-Cargo Guys

Chichester Clubs prepare for Torquay with total team of 31 – are you going?

DG's & District Diary

(DG club visits in bold)

September

1st **Brighton & Hove Soiree** Hove 1915
 6th **Burgess Hill** Hassocks 1745
 7th District Conference meeting 1930
 8th **Ashtead** Leatherhead 1930
 13th **Dorking/Dorking Deepdene** jnt mtg 1900
 10th Goodwood race day
 14th **Lewes Barbican**
 15th **Farnham** Farnham 1230
 15th Brighton & Hove Soiree Jubilee dinner
 21st - 25th District Conference Torquay
 29th **Guildford Chantries** Albury 1900

DISTRICT SPORTS 2005/2006

As those of you that were at District Assembly will know I wish to bring a more structured approach to District Sports in the coming year and it is important that if I am to maintain a disciplined approach myself, **Club's do the same.** Winners will no longer be responsible for organising this years programme as I will be dealing with all sports.

At the end of August I will send out application forms for the winter sports, which will need to be returned by the 30th September 2005. Sports officers will then be informed of 1st round matches by 17th October 2005 with 1 month to arrange the matches and let me have the results.

I would remind the following Club's that I do not have details of their Sports Officers and if they wish to participate then I will need contact addresses by 31st August 2005. Ashtead, Brighton East, Crawley, Lewes, Newhaven, & Storrington I am pleased to say Roger Rose will continue to organise the District golf events.

Mike Poulter email. Mike-poulter@tiscali.co.uk

GSE FAREWELL DINNER

MID SUSSEX GOLF CLUB, DITCHLING

OCTOBER 6th 2005 - 7pm for 7-30 pm

Arrangements have been made for The Farewell Dinner for The GSE Team from Rotary District 3260 to take place at The Mid Sussex Golf Club, Spatham Lane, Ditchling **at a cost of £15 per head.**

I invite all Clubs in District especially those who have hosted and entertained the Team to join in with District Governor Ian, Immediate Past District Governor Peter, District Foundation Chairman Peter and GSE Team Leader Angela in a District 1250 Farewell to see our visiting Team safely on their way back home to India.

Contact: John Penny. 6, Hazelmead Drive, East Preston, West Sussex, BN16 1LB Tel: 01903-774342
hazelmead@sagainternet.co.uk

SPORT IN BRIEF 02.09.05

Bridge - Lewes are the winners of the District Bridge competition - Peter Boyse and Mike Keeping won a close match against Dorking on 10th August

Darts - Darts - Brighton & Hove South Downs 'A' are the winners of the District Darts beating Caterham 'B' 3-0 on Tuesday 16th August

Skittles - Skittles - Chichester Harbour won the District Skittles on Thursday (1st) in a very close final against Titsey & District by just four points over three legs.

Lawn Bowls - Shoreham & Southwick won the District Lawn Bowls on Friday (2nd) against last year's winners Cranleigh.

Communications Workshop Dates

Western Area - Tuesday 22nd November 2005 – 6.30 for 7.00pm - Venue to be advised

Eastern Area - Tuesday 29th November 2005 – 6.30 for 7.00pm - Venue to be advised

To place your monthly editorial, report or advertisement call 01243 776061 fax 01243 776062 or email doug-price@btconnect.com by 15th of each month for publication on or about 21st

1250 Communications Team Communications is two way!

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The next 1250 News will be distributed 17th November at District Council; latest date for copy 17th October
Next 1250 Communiqué planned to be published around 21st September, copy by 15th September to Doug Price please.

District Web Site

Many of the clubs still had incorrect President and Secretary information on the District Web site when I scanned though last week. I have now updated these to save further embarrassment to our visitors. Please visit www.rotary1250.org.uk to check out the corrections and the rest of your club data or ask for help from.

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New Members

Chichester – Maureen Best

Chichester – Dick Hammond

Chichester Priory – Ted Smith

Chichester Priory – Bob Syme

Chichester Harbour – Maurice Balfe

Horsham - Geoff Robinson

ROTARACT

The Redhill, Reigate and Horley Breakfast Club have taken the initiative and have a number of potential Rotaractors and are inviting other clubs to support them and offer names of interested youngsters (18/30 years). Meeting planned 19th October (not 18th previously advised)

Contact President Ray Scanes
01737 240485 or Jack Bennett
01444 232310 for further details.

Joint Foundation and International Seminar

Wednesday 26th October 2005.

7pm to 9pm Ardingly
Showground

Should be something for ALL
Rotarians.

Partners, Friends & Guests
would be welcome.

Likely to be a charge of no more
than £6 per head, to include
coffee and sandwiches
beforehand.

Pay Bar should also be
available.

Full details and agenda to be
sent out nearer the time.

Please put it in your diary and let
all in your Club know. If there is
anything you would like to have
included please let us know to
see what we can do.

**Goodwood Races on 10th
September. Tickets
£14.00 each with
donations to Rotary
Foundation.**

**Details from: Peter
O'Keefe 01483 572894**

DISTRICT 1250 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

I trust the new Club International Committees are up and running by now. Thanks to all those who have sent in a report on International Activities in the last Rotary Year. It is important to have feedback as RIBI use this information to review what should continue to be in the International Service Booklet.

It is also helpful at District level as we in turn can focus on what Clubs preferred projects are. There was a form given out at District Assembly but a short précis by letter or e-mail would be acceptable if you have not yet sent in your information.

The committee will be out in force at the House of Friendship in Torquay so please let us know if there is anything, on the International Front, that you feel we should be promoting. Just popping along and saying hello would be nice!

A final reminder that my e mail has changed to neil.hills@tiscali.co.uk

Neil Hills, Chairman

RIBI Foundation Newsletter

now available on our web site
www.rotary1250.org.uk



COM VOC SNIPPETS



Hearing Dogs *for Deaf People*

Welcome our year has just started and I know that you have all made preparations for a successful year for Community and Vocational Service. Please do not forget that members of the District Committee are here to help and advise you in any way we can. You already have our contact details

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People PDG Ian Thompson is doing a splendid job as co-ordinator for the above. Do not FORGET that it is this year preferred Charity and needs the support of ALL ROTARY CLUBS. Please continue to promote this at every opportunity.

Stroke Awareness 2006 Stroke awareness is scheduled for the weekend of the 7th / 8th April 2006. Each year RIBI receives letters from grateful members of the general public who have been advised of the

need for them to seek the advice of their Doctor. In 2006 we ask you to consider handing leaflets that refers to other health issues so that the day may be seen as reflecting Rotary's desire to help with the health of our nations.

Rotary Kids Out 2006 Rotary Kid's Out Day is to be held on 14th June 2006. The event is always held on the second Wednesday of June each year and is well supported. Indeed in 2005 a record number of children were entertained. The date in 2006 clashes with the RI Convention being held in Denmark & Sweden. You are reminded that the date is recommended and can be held within seven days of the principal date. For further details of Kids Out at Chessington in 2006 phone Brian Cutler on 01737 354652 or E-Mail blc4cutler@tiscali.co.uk

Literacy Volunteer Reading Help (VRH) is a National Charity that helps book-shy children become word-wise children. VRH recruits and train volunteers to give regular, one-to-one support to children who are 6-11 and find reading a challenge. More information is available: e-mail: info@vrh.org.uk or website: www.vrh.org.uk

Vocational Service remains the corner stone of Rotary. The 4-Way Test is a standard that we, as Rotarians, set ourselves and should practice in our everyday lives.

District Conference

Don't forget District 1250 Rotary Business Fellowship stand in H of F.

Send your 100 Business cards for this stand and A5 business overview to John Parham with Cheque for £25.00.

John Parham

Tel/Fax: 01243 786235

Chichester Big Band Concert – Fri 21st October

Trafalgar Day Concert at The Venue, Quarry Lane, Chichester. Tickets £18.00 incl. buffet cash bar. Tickets: 02392 631246 / 01243 785560



WANTED ..£££.. District Treasurer for 2006/7

Apply for details to your area AG.

Membership Services Report

Fact - District 1250 membership is declining

Our average age is 63.49, average Club size is 35.83, average Rotary Service is 14.67 years, and working Rotarians now are 46.1% of our membership.

Fact - We have only 1.48% of members under 40, and our highest percentage, 36.61% is in the 61-70 range.

Fact - We are all getting older, our average age is increasing, and it's obvious where that is leading us to.

The Answers?

More and Younger Members

Keep the ones you have got

This and other aspects were discussed at The Membership Seminar on 18th August

PDG Barry Hopkins set the scene on recruiting new members, and discussion on:-*How do we find potential members?*

What do we need in an information meeting for new members?

How do we sell Rotary to potential members?

What factors would attract potential members to a Club?

Barry then set the scene on retaining membership, and discussion on:-

What is the Role of a mentor?

How to motivate a new Rotarian?

What are the responsibilities of existing members to a new

Rotarian?

What information should be given to a new Rotarian?

We didn't intend to provide all the answers on Membership Development and of course every Club has its own issues and problems. What we tried to do was present ideas that could be tailored to your Club Situation.

57 attended from 32 Clubs, What happened to the other 27 Clubs?

Are they happy with their Membership Development and Retention?

If so we would love to hear from you with your formula for success.

What is clear is that Membership Development and Retention is not just the responsibility of The President and Club Membership Team –

It is the concern of all Club members for all the year. Think of it as Self Preservation and Survival – Without new members your Club will disappear.

If you were not able to be represented at the Seminar, or even if you were there, my self or one of my team would love to visit your Club and get this message and ideas to be worked on across to all your members.

You have just got to contact me

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From International Chair Neil Hills.

I am forwarding you this email from RIBI Disaster co-ordinator Iain Young as I asked him for an update.

~~~~~ I am presently awaiting some feedback from the Districts in USA concerned, but I can tell you that a least two loads of Shelter Boxes have gone, with more to go. Aquabox are mobilising, but need sponsors for boxes, and boxes in the field back to Wirksworth pdq. They are at zero level, so need to build up their resources. I have not heard from Emergency Box as yet, nor Aqua Filter, but my guess is that both will be needed, judging by the information I have received through various sources thus far. My immediate message will be to support S/Box and A/Box immediately, as they need support badly. Tom Henderson tells me that the demand for Shelter Boxes is increasing rather than diminishing, and this from various areas of the world, and UNHCR who are desperate for boxes for the Sudan (yes that has raised its head once again!). Advise your clubs immediately to support the two Boxes meantime, and I hope to get a Newsbrief out this weekend or early week, once I hear further info from the Districts worst affected by the Hurricane, where the situation is really very desperate. One Governor has described the situation as the USA's Tsunami, that's how bad it is. I don't think we have heard the half of it. More to follow by Newsbrief.

Kind Regards and thanks for making the contact.

Iain Young

RIBI Disaster Co-ordinator

**More on 1250 web site.....**