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1250 Communiqué

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Christmas is Coming

Humanitarian stories are in high demand during the festive holidays. It is a slow time for the media and this may be a good time for you to provide an uplifting story about a person or project that our district or your club have carried out. It's a good time to thank reporters you have worked with during the year. Simply send them a Christmas card or an email. They are worth it!

Paul Harris Fellows

Rotary Club of Lewes Past President (1997-98) **John Wilson** was recently made a "Paul Harris Fellow" by Lewes.

Oxted and Limpsfield: Long time Oxted resident, **Mike Moss** was made a "Paul Harris Fellow" in recognition of 40 years of voluntary work for the local community.

Welcome to our New Rotary Members:

Seaford Martello - Rodney Jory and Ellie Langley.
Ashtead Rotary - Ahmadul Hoq and Lars Malmqvist.

Chichester Priory covered the late night shopping evenings in Chichester with Christmas Carols, Hot Mulled Drinks and Hot Roasted Chestnuts, Mince Pies and Stollen Cake at Rotary Tree of Goodwill located at The Cross. Father Christmas dropped in, seconded from Chichester Club.



The Swales Scriblings

(From the District Governor)

Christmas is a busy time for Rotarians and it is traditionally the time to wheel out the sleighs or the trees, dust down the Santa Claus outfit and encourage the local population to give generously to our club's charity fund. There are so many causes competing for our help that our efforts to raise money are crucial. But let us not forget that we also bring joy to the less fortunate by simple acts of kindness which need little, or no, money. Christmas is a time when we can remind ourselves of our blessings and try, even in a small way, to share them with others. It is these acts of kindness that demonstrate our belief in **Service Above Self**.

Jan and I send you all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. **Ian Swales**

Frugal Meal date..

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 2006

On my visits to clubs, I have asked you support my proposal for a frugal meal at your club meeting nearest to Rotary's birthday (23rd February). For those I have not yet visited, the idea is to forgo your usual meal in favour of something more modest (soup and a roll, for example), whilst paying the normal amount. The "saving" would then be contributed to a good cause.

I have decided that the good cause should be the Association of Children's Hospices, with the proceeds being split equally between the Chase, Guildford and Chestnut Tree House, Arundel. By a small sacrifice, we can give significant help to this very worthy cause. Just think -- a "saving" of only £5 per Rotarian would raise nearly £10,000.

Please help to mark Rotary's birthday in a meaningful way.

Ian Swales

DG's & District Diary

January (Rotary Awareness Month) (DG club visits in bold)

- 4th Meeting with Sutton Winson, RIBI Insurance brokers
- 5th Farewell dinner for outgoing GSE team (Slinfold GC)
- 9th Club visit: **BOGNOR REGIS**
- 10th Club visit: **Dorking and Dorking Deepdene (joint meeting)**
- 12th District Comm/Voc committee
- 16th Club visit: **MIDHURST & PETWORTH**
- 24th Southern Area Final of Youth Speaks
- 25th District Executive Committee
- 30th Club visit: **GUILDFORD**
- 31st Club visit: **BRIGHTON & HOVE BREAKFAST**
District Finance committee



The Communications Committee would like to wish all Rotarians
A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

'A Musical Feast' The Rotary Club of Horsham, with assistance from Horsham District Council, are organising a major charity musical event to be held on Saturday 20th May 2006 in the magnificent 100 acre grounds of Sedgwick Park House. The event...entitled 'A Musical Feast'... will comprise a variety of live music from Jazz to Classical and will end with a 'last night of the proms' followed by fireworks. Starting in the afternoon, in addition to the music, there will be entertainment for children, a number of marquees and sideshows from sponsors and other participating organisations. Everyone is welcome to bring picnics with them although there will also be caterers on site. This is a great opportunity to promote Rotary and we hope that many Clubs in the District will support this venture. If you can help or know of any organisation that may be interested please contact John Le Rossignol .. email jleross@attglobal.net or call 01403 754005.

District 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.

Secretaries to Note: December is the month for the return of the dreaded Form 6, in which the principal details to be used for your club for the coming year are recorded

The Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Cuckfield & Lindfield

MUSICAL

EXTRAVAGANZA

featuring **RICHARD**

STILGOE

with **APPRENTICES from**

the ORPHEUS CENTRE

and **ENSEMBLES by BURGESS HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Saturday 1st April 2006 at 7.30pm at Burgess Hill School for Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill

Admission by ticket only, Adults £15, Children (under 16) £8, available from:
Paul Harris: Tel: 01444 471 052
Trevor Clapp: Tel: 01444 410 650
Proceeds in aid of the Orpheus Centre
See our website: www.rotarysussex.org

GSE Visit to India

by Angela Veitch
6.12.05 We have received our tickets from America (supplied to us by Rotary) and we have completed all of our vaccinations. We are now all trying to cope with Christmas and New Year, together with the end of term for the teachers amongst us!

To follow our activities whilst we are in India, go to the District Web site link or directly to web site listed below ...

http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl_newick_house/index.htm

The Rotary Club of Reigate Hill is pleased to announce a Trad Jazz Evening at the Reigate Market Hotel. Music by George Huxley's Jazz Band (George is Britain's Sidney Bechet). Tickets are £7.50 and are available from Bryan Reynolds on 01737 217221.

The Rotary Club of Guildford Burns Night Supper

Saturday 21st January 2006

The Park Barn Centre, Park Barn Drive, Guildford, Surrey.

7.00pm Welcome drink.

Piper and traditional Burns Night proceedings.

Three course dinner: Haggis, neeps and tatties/Highland Beef/Roulade/Coffee & mints

Scottish Dancing - Carriages 11.00 pm

Tickets £25 from Rotarians:

Sonia Ashworth 01483 222572 or Jane Garrett 01483 203237

1250 Communications Team Communications is two way!

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The next 1250 News will be distributed in April at District Council copy deadline to William by 28th February 2006
 Next 1250 Communiqué planned to be published around 21st January, copy by 15th January to Doug Price please.

District Simplified Grants

All Clubs in 1250 are advised that they have a good opportunity to receive financial support for their local community project in the Rotary Year 2006/2007, as the District Foundation Committee have some US \$9,000 available -- more than ever before. Applications for a District Simplified Grant must be made on the official form attached to this message, and available for download. The completed application form must be sent, duly signed by the Club President, to Rtn Bill Paine District Grant Committee Chairman BY NO LATER THAN THE 28th FEBRUARY, 2006. All correct applications will be considered at the District Foundation Committee on the 1st March 2006; and if successful Clubs will be advised by end March of the amount awarded to them. The money will be available in early August, 2006 and all Clubs receiving an award will have to make a full report to the Committee, via Bill Paine, by no later than the 31st March 2007. Failure to submit a report will not only penalise the Club concerned but also mean that District 1250 will not be able to undertake any Matching Grants or Simplified Grants until all reports are complete. Further information can be obtained from Bill Paine direct at bill.paine@btinternet.com or 01903 786126. Forms also on District web site.

Membership Services

All Clubs should have received within the last few months from RIBI a DVD "This is Rotary". The intention is that this should be used as a tool for Membership Development. RIBI have heard that some Clubs never received them, or, more likely they are still sitting in someone's desk drawer! If any Club has not received one, please let me know ASAP, and I will arrange a replacement – but please before contacting, have a good look around!! The DVD is excellent; if Clubs have not used it please do so ASAP

RIBI would like to have a six month indication of how membership increase / decrease is progressing. We have the membership figures as at July 1st, and we need to know from all Clubs what their net increase / decrease is in members as at 31st December compared with 1st July. Could all Clubs please let me have this information by 10th January?

My Four Area Chairmen, Mike Chastell in the NW, John Joseph in the NE, Sue Worthington in the SE and John Parham in the SW are arranging area discussion evenings on Membership Development. We hope to have these in January/February time. We would like to see there the Club Membership Development Chairman/ Vice President/ Anyone else concerned with Membership development. We will probably be having these in a Local Pub or similar and possibly provide refreshments for a modest charge. The idea is for Clubs to share at these meetings problems / failures / successes on membership development, and for us all to discuss these and benefit from other's experiences. Please support the Area Chairmen in pulling together these meetings.

Duncan Anderson Chair

Email: Thornfield.ander@BTconnect.com Tel: 01737 773437

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE Dates for Your Diary Our own Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team are leaving for India on 9th January lead by Angela Veitch and Jack Bennett has organised a farewell dinner at the Slinfold Golf Club on 5th January 2006. Cost of £11 per head. Please support your team.

Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) lunch has been booked at the Reigate Manor Hotel for 14th May 2006. More details in the new year.

Annual Giving Most clubs give generously, but we must try and encourage all clubs to contribute as it is our own charity. Bear in mind that in three years time 50% of the money we give in this Rotary year comes back to our District to be used by our Clubs. Has your club thought about a matching grant? If you want help talk to club's who have or call us. We can provide a speaker!

Don't forget Gift Aid. Forms are available and if you make a personnel donation, you pay tax and you fill in a gift aid form Rotary can recover the tax.

Peter O'Keefe – Rotary Foundation Chairman



D1250 International Committee

PDG Colin Bryant has recently visited Pakistan on behalf of RIBI President, Mike Webb and Colin's full report will appear in the February RIBI magazine. I have been given details of the article and clearly Colin has seen some terrible conditions on the ground but is heartened and proud of the work Rotary is doing. He emphasises that relatively small sums of money, well directed, can make a huge difference to people's lives. He mentions how Rotary is working with The National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and is encouraging Clubs to support them. Just £300 will provide funding to help a family rebuild their home. If you or your Club would like to find out more, now, then please contact Colin at colin@bryant174.freeserve.co.uk This is just one reminder of the difference Rotary makes to people's lives in all parts of the world. A big thank you for all your work on a vast range of International Projects. **Neil Hills**, International Chairman

COMVOC SNIPPETS

District Sports We are looking for a new team of Rotarians to organise and run District 1250's Disabled Sports day in 2006. If you are willing to participate in this worthwhile project please let me know.

E-mail howardattree@netscape.net

or Tel: 01273 583066



Youth Activities

RYLA - Places for this year's RYLA are rapidly filling up, so make your booking with David Spurrell as soon as possible. The dates are from Sunday 9 April to Friday 14 April.

Youth Activities – Several clubs have already run their local competition, with many others to follow. Please let Michael Hart know your results, so that provision may be made for the Area Finals. The Southern Area Final will be held on Tuesday 24 January at Lancing College and the Northern Area Final is on Thursday 9 February at Bushey Hill School Guildford.

Young Chef – Two places have been booked for Teams from District 1250 in the Regional Final, which is being held at the end of March. If more than two Clubs wish to enter, then there will be a District Competition in early March. Please tell Giovanni Fontebasso, if you plan to take part.

Happy Christmas from the District Youth Activities Team.

Andrew Kolmar Youth Activities Chairman

Tel: 01 483 274547 Email: kolmar@tiscali.co.uk

Handicamp Norway 2006

We are inviting participants to camp. Rotary in Norway, in co-operation with Inner Wheel and Rotaract, continues the tradition of arranging a camp for physically disabled and able-bodied delegates between the age of 18 and 28. We hereby invite participants from July 23 to August 6, 2006. It is preferred that two persons, one of each category, participate as a team. The stay at the camp is free, as it is paid by Rotarians in Norway. Travel expenses to and from Norway are to be paid by the delegates, by a sponsoring Rotary Club, or other sponsors. Maybe your district, or one of your clubs, would take up the challenge of finding a team and send it to Norway? The camps in 2002 and 2004 had about 80 delegates from 25 countries. We are very proud that Handicamp Norway, at the Rotary Convention in San Antonio, got an award as OUTSTANDING TASK FORCE PROJECT. That gave us a challenge to match in future camps. Detail information about the camp is found on our District 2260 Web-site www.rotary.no/d2260 Handicamp 2006.



ROWGIRLS RACE ACROSS ATLANTIC AND HELP ROTARY SHELTERBOXES

In November 2005, Sally Kettle, Jo Davis, Sue McMillan and Claire Mills, four ambitious and well-prepared women, set off with the Atlantic Rowing Race fleet, departing from La Gomera in the Canary Islands and finishing 3,000 miles away in Antigua in their boat *Rowgirls Shelterbox*. Their epic journey will help raise funds for Rotary Shelterboxes. This passage will provide the fleet with the best possible conditions, taking advantage of the predominantly south westerly flowing current from the Canaries to South America as well as exploiting the surface current created by the favourable prevailing wind. The race window will also avoid the hurricane season in the Caribbean. Deemed The 'World's Toughest Rowing Race', the Atlantic Rowing Race 2005 follows in the footsteps of the previous four rowing races in 1997, 2001, 2003 and 2004 with records waiting to be broken. More details and follow this voyage through our web site www.rotary1250.org.uk