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1250 Communiqué

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Welcome to the following new members:

Bognor Regis – (3) *Christer Aberg, Alan Brackley and David French*

Titsey – (1) *Bob King*

Hove – (1) *Paul Beaken*

Godalming Woolsack – (2) *Grenville Peacock and Graham Main*

Worthing – (1) *Valerie Sutton*

1250 District Conference

Bournemouth 8 – 10th September 2006
 Conference Information and Registration Forms
 now available from Web Site
www.rotary1250.org.uk



Petworth & Pulborough District Scouts are planning a recruitment campaign and want to get round as many local events as possible in order to raise scouts profile in the local area. Do you have dates available for them for public events for the year that they may be able to be a part of?
 Chris Evans District Explorer Scout Commissioner
 Chris Evans [chris@tedandnit.freemove.co.uk]

JOAN NIGHTINGALE

This tribute was written by Trevor Kennea, President of IPDG Peter's club, Godalming.

“As many of you will know, Joan Nightingale died on 24th January after a long and valiant battle against cancer. Throughout aggressive illness and debilitating treatment, she was brave, cheerful and positive. Her unswerving support for Peter during his District Governorship in 2004/5 was symptomatic of her toughness and support for the Rotary ideal. Her family's loss and sadness will be shared by many in Rotary. We extend our deepest sympathy to Peter and all the family. The District will miss her.”

I should add that Peter particularly wanted to record his thanks for all the support and love shown to Joan, himself and the family. The Rotary family was much in evidence at Guildford Crematorium on February 3rd, which showed the affection in which Joan was held.

The Swales Scriblings

(From the District Governor)

February is World Understanding Month. We are familiar with this avenue of service since many partnerships have been formed over the years. The current emphases are Mercy Ships and also Sightsavers, whose 30 year association with Rotary will be marked by an Inter-District mountain challenge in June. The average age of Rotarians in the District may be on the high side (to put it mildly!), but I would hope that we could rustle up a team of the fit and keen from among our younger members. I know that such members exist(!) so, if you would be interested in flying the flag for District 1250 in the Sightsavers Challenge, please let me know.

In addition to your enthusiastic support for the Mercy Ships project to fund the ophthalmic theatre aboard the “Africa Mercy”, we have a D1250 team going to Sierra Leone in March as part of the Mission Challenge. These are dedicated Rotarians who are funding the travel costs from their own pockets but need sponsorship for materials. If your club can help, please contact team leader, AG David Hodge.

I'm sure you are aware of the RIBI Conference in Belfast from 21st to 23rd April. Jan and I will be there, along with several from 1250, and we would like to have many more friends with us. Do take the opportunity to enjoy the get-together and be involved in important decision-making for Rotary's future. If you want information, either go to the RIBI website or contact our District Conference liaison officer, Malcolm Wykes on e-mail – gmwykes@btinternet.com.

Finally, don't forget the membership challenge laid down by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar for clubs to achieve a net gain of one. I have heard much good news of the members you have inducted, along with the sad news of leavers and deaths. Let's keep up the emphasis on seeking new members, so that the District can boast higher numbers in June 2006 than in July 2005. And remember - the District membership services team and your Assistant Governors are happy to help: just ask!

Yours in Rotary,
Ian Swales

Collectors wanted at Tesco.

Help is requested to collect outside any Tesco on 24th and 25th June 2006 in aid of **Whizz-Kidz**.
 If you, members of your club or friends can offer assistance please call Rebecca Bartolo Tel: 020 7233 6600 of **Whizz-Kidz**.

DG's & District Diary

March (World Rotaract)

- 3rd District Finance Committee meeting
- 6th Guildford District Boxing evening
- 7th Bognor Hotham President's Night
- 10th Arundel President's Night
- 11th Worthing Steyne President's Night
- 14th District Team meeting
- 16th Farnham
- 17th Reigate Hill 20th Anniversary
- 18th Cuckfield & Lindfield
- 19th PETS, Ardingly
- 21st District Executive meeting
- 25th Storrington President's Night
- 31st RIBI Assembly, Birmingham

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. District Conference 2006 info now on web site

D1250 GSE Visit to India Follow teams activities in India, on District Web site or http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl_newick_house/index.htm

Rotary International Conference

"Charity in Russia - Concepts and Experiences of Charity Investment and Practical Sponsorship" June 16th - 18th, 2006, held in one of the most beautiful cities of Russia - St. Petersburg. www.rotaryinter.ru

District Sports - Skittles

Chichester Priory and Midhurst & Petworth battled it out on a very cold dark evening in Hampshire, only to be told they should not have played each other and that a game was required against two other clubs. A great evening without a team result!! I hear Priory are now off to Godalming to let off steam. Watch out Godalming Woolsack!! No pressure!

The Rotary and the Inner Wheel Clubs of Cuckfield & Lindfield MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

featuring RICHARD STILGOE and APPRENTICES from ORPHEUS CENTRE and ENSEMBLES by the BURGESS HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
Saturday 1 April 2006 at 7.30pm at the Burgess Hill School for Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill
 Admission: Adults £15 Children (under 16) £8
 Tickets available from Paul Harris, tel 01444 471052 and Trevor Clapp, tel 01444 410650
 Proceeds in aid of the Orpheus Centre

Godalming Woolsack

Charity Golf Day.

West Surrey Golf Club, Enton, near Milford, Surrey.
 This our third Charity Golf Day will be held on Friday 5th May and we would very much like to see teams from clubs in the District.

The proceeds will go to the Presidents charity GUTS (Guildford Undetected Tumour Screening) and other Rotary charities.

Details on www.woolsack.org.uk
 Or see District Web Site

Midhurst & Petworth

April Fool's Evening

With the menu representing different times of the year
Saturday 1st April
7.15 for 7.45 start
 Midhurst Grammar School Hall
 Tickets £15.00

Contact Andrew Mitchell
 01730 814490
siandrew@lineone.net
 Macmillan Unit and others

Rotaract Club. A new Rotaract Club for 18 to 30 year olds is on the way. **Reigate Rotaract Club** will be officially chartered in March under the sponsorship of Redhill, Reigate & Horley Breakfast Rotary Club and will cover Redhill, Reigate, Horley, Crawley, Banstead, Caterham and the surrounding areas. Visit www.rotaract.org.uk/reigate for more information.

District Sports - Golf

Spring Golf Day -Wed 29th March at much improved Slinfold golf course.

Summer Cup & District Championship.
 Thurs 13th July at Ifield Golf & Country Club.

Entry forms will be sent to all Rotary Clubs shortly by District Golf Officer Roger Rose.
 email roseviols@tiscali.co.uk
 Regards Alan Austin



Celebration Dinner

Seventy-Five Years of ROTARY in East Grinstead

Saturday March 18th 2006
 Gatwick Worth Hotel
 Speaker

Rt Hon **Ann Widdicombe** MP
 Time: 7.00 for 7.30 pm
 Dress: DJ's or Lounge Suits
 Cost: £35.00 per head.

Rotarians, Partners and
 Guests will be most welcome
 Please contact
 Rtn: Ray Lloyd, 1, Hurst Farm
 Road, East
 Grinstead. RH19 4BL
 Tel: 01342 324016

Titsey Moon Walker

The 2006 MoonRaker event will be held on Saturday, 8 April. Over 300 teams of four to eight walkers will walk course of six miles along footpaths on Limsfield Chart, starting and finishing at The National Trust's Chartwell House. The first teams will set off at around 7.00pm. All of the teams will complete the course well after nightfall - a real challenge not only for their stamina but also navigation. To enter a team for this year's MoonRaker, contact Derek Sawers at derek.sawers@virgin.net

1250 Communications Team Communications are 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 March, copy by 15th March to Doug Price please.

D1250 International Comm.

HOW PREPARED IS YOUR CLUB FOR ANOTHER DISASTER?

We are all too aware of the natural disasters that occurred last year and Rotary's response was tremendous. It is almost certain in today's global uncertainty that we will be faced with responding to more natural disasters in the future.

There are 2 things I would like you to consider and it would be good to have some comments from Clubs!

Automatically build in to your Clubs programme the provision of emergency aid. i.e. Shelter Box, Aquabox, Emergency box. This will ensure stocks available in advance.

Does your Club have a contingency plan to be put into action within 48 hours? I.E Who does what? Local Authority contacts, Local Stores contacts, Club communication etc.

I am working with my Club to get our plan up and running so if your Club is already ahead of the game please let me have a copy of your plan as there is no point in reinventing the wheel! It shouldn't be a secret so let's get sharing some good practices!! Rtn Neil Hills, Chairman

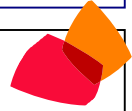
D1250 Youth Activities

Youth Speaks – The two Area Finals have now been completed. The winning teams to go forward to the District Final on Saturday 4 March are:- St Teresa's, Charterhouse, Guildford County, Bishop Luffa, St Mary's Hall and Sussex Downs. Many congratulations for all those taking part and the high standard achieved. The Regional Final will be held on Friday evening, 17th March in Reigate.

Young Chef – A District competition has now been organised and will be held at King Edward VI School Witley, which is between Godalming and Haslemere. It will be held on Friday morning 17th March. Anyone wishing to enter a team or requires further information, please contact me or Giovanni Fontebasso. The two winners will progress to the Regional Final at the end of March.

Andrew Kolmar
Youth Activities Chairman
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*note date change...



Ambassadorial Scholars take Priority by storm and provide an excellent evening, truly remarkable....

Storrington's Three New PHF's

President Ken presented Paul Harris Awards to David Langley, Michael Shove and Norman Whittington for their years of dedication and service to the Rotary Club of Storrington. Each were founder members of Storrington.



RYLA 9th – 14th April 2006



SPRING GARDEN WALK

At
Arundel Castle
Sunday 26th March 2006
10am - 4pm

Admission £3
includes hot drink or cordial
Children FREE

Buggy available for those with walking difficulties

Proceeds to
LIFE EDUCATION CENTRES WEST SUSSEX
Supporting Schools in West Sussex



There is still time to book for this Conference through the Belfast Visitor & Convention Bureau (BVCB), 47 Donegall Place Belfast Northern Ireland BT1 5AD. See www.gotobelfast.com
Contact Elizabeth Pantridge (Tel 02890 239026 Em Conferencebook@belfastvisitor.com).
Malcolm Wykes (D1250 RIBI 2006 Conference co-ordinator) 01444 482257 yx@onetel.com



D1250 Youth Activities

The Tri4Life project Now has the backing of Steve Redgrave and is likely to feature on Blue Peter. Could be a good way of getting a citizenship/healthy living message across to your kids. More .. www.rotaryclubofwestderby.com

Andrew Kolmar 1250 Youth Activities Chairman
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D1250 Membership Services

We have just had a further informal discussion evening for Clubs in the SW Area. Unfortunately, on the night only five Clubs attended. Each made a short presentation of membership issues in their Club. Followed with discussion of the major issues of membership development and retention. Good exchange all round. Our next evening is for clubs in the SE area on Wednesday 22nd February, at the Hangleton Manor Hotel, Hangleton Valley Drive, Hove, BN3 8AN, 6.30 for 7.00. Only five clubs attending at the moment? If you haven't any problems with Membership Development and Retention, come and tell the rest of us how you are achieving this so that we can all learn from your experiences. Please let me know if you are coming as Sue is on holiday. I am now putting together a similar evening for the NW Clubs and this will be on either 9th or 20th March – watch this space.

Duncan Anderson Membership Services Chairman
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COMVOC SNIPPETS

Tabu

Taboo is an excellent vehicle that can foster better understanding between the many different creeds and nationalities within our communities. Where divergent views are apparent within a local community Clubs can take the initiative and arrange meetings and invite members of the different religions and nationalities to an informal gathering to discuss the problems and for Rotarians to see if there are ways in which they can help to bring about greater harmony. For further advice and information contact: **Tabu Bill Kee** Community & Vocational Services Chairman, District 1160. Details of contact are to be found in the RIBI directory.

Tripscope

Tripscope are trying to increase awareness of the availability of their travel advice and information service for disabled persons. It is felt that as Rotary Clubs are involved with many disabled groups that they could be the vehicle to draw attention of the facilities offered by this charity. The Executive Director is Brian Howard MBE and he can be contacted at: The Vassell Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol BS16 2QQ Tel: 0117 939 7783
E-mail howardattree@netscape.net or Tel: 01273 583066

D1250 International Committee



Report on the Work of Send a Cow Namwitsula Widows Dairy Project in Kenya New Country Programmes

During 2005 there have been exciting new developments at Send a Cow as we have started programmes in three new countries, Zambia, Tanzania and Cameroon, which all have their own special features.

In Tanzania we are pioneering small-scale fish projects in which village groups work together to dig fishponds. Ponds are filled from nearby streams and stocked with Tilapia fingerlings (immature fish). The fish provide a protein-rich addition to the diet of beneficiaries and can be sold to generate income.

The projects in equatorial and humid forests of Cameroon aim at improving livelihoods, nutrition and land use through sustainable farming and natural resource management. The programme will contribute to preservation of the rainforest by providing alternative protein and income sources in the form of goats or cane rats to reduce the hunting of wild animals.

Beekeeping and dairy goat projects in Eastern Province of Zambia will create employment opportunities and income generation in a region that has been neglected and suffers from severe poverty and HIV/AIDS.

More on our web site www.rotary1250.org.uk

"As background some 20 Clubs in D1250 supported an initiative in the last Rotary Year to support Send a Cow. Some £3300 was raised and has been a major contribution to the Widows Project".

February Frugal Meal Rotary anniversary February 2006 How did your club do??

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON REIGATE MANOR HOTEL SUNDAY 14th May 2006

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

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,
16 Tilehouse Road,
Guildford GU4 8AL or e-mail peterj.okeefe@btinternet.com