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# 1250 Communiqué

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## Welcome to the following new members:

**Caterham** – (2) Roderick Stead and Mike Jerome

**West Worthing** – (1) Tricia Sullivan

**Worthing** – (1) Lindsay Rae Thomas

**Chichester** – (2) Willie Wood and Ray Huxtable

**Godalming** – (2) Joy Poulter and Guy Crowther

**Mercy Ship Challenge team back from Sierra Leone this weekend, well done to you all.**

## 1250 District Conference

Bournemouth 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Conference Information and Registration Forms

now available from Web Site

[www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)



**New theme and logo for the Rotary Year 2006/7. "Lead the Way"**

## 1250 District Assembly

Being held at The Forest School, Horsham on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Assembly Information leaflet available to read or download from Web Site [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk) also handed out at PETS

## Frugal Meal

The **Bognor Regis Club** are pleased to report that they raised £355 at the austerity lunch, "thanks to the Hotel donating our meagre offering. We all went home hungry but happy". Well done Bognor. Many other clubs are about to report >>

results but we understand they are not sure what to do with the money collected. Austerity (Frugal Meal) money to be sent in equal amounts to **Chase, Guildford and Chestnut Tree House, Arundel.** (Association of Children's Hospices). Please advise the amount sent.

## The Swales Scriblings

(From the District Governor)

The Internationality of Rotary has been exemplified in the last month by two teams from D1250. Angela Veitch and the Group Study Exchange team have returned from a memorable, and highly successful, trip to India whilst AG David Hodge and 18 willing volunteers flew out to Sierra Leone on 6<sup>th</sup> March to take up the Mercy Ships Mission Challenge.

Reports of the GSE visit are immediately notable for the packed programme – from dawn till midnight every day; the team were rushed from one location to another. Eventually, they managed one day off, but the Indian Rotarians were clearly determined to show their hospitality to the full! I know Angela and the team will be delighted to visit your club to tell you of the benefits they obtained from the Exchange.

The Mission Challenge team, representing a good cross-section of clubs, arrived at Gatwick to find that they would be taking extra baggage on behalf of Mercy Ships.

A generous allowance of 60 kg meant that the "spare" could be used for shipping medical equipment far more cheaply than would otherwise have been the case. Again, we look forward to hearing how the hospital construction is progressing.

On the subject of Mercy Ships, I am disappointed (and have said so, in no uncertain terms) that the "Africa Mercy" will not, after all, be calling at London to allow for visits. Although only a very limited number of places were available, it would have been nice to see how Rotary money had been used. Nevertheless, I hope that all the many clubs, whose plans included support for Mercy Ships, will convert pledges into hard cash before the end of the Rotary year.

I have now completed 55 of my 59 club visits, but the diary remains as busy as ever! Keep up the good work, and let us make sure we achieve the targets we set ourselves for 2005/6.

Yours in Rotary  
**Ian Swales**

**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](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

## DG's & District Diary

### April ( Rotary Magazine Month)

31st March )	RIBI Assembly,
1st /2nd April)	Birmingham
5th:	Hove – opening of Rotary Centenary House
7th:	Bognor Hotham President's Night
10th	Caterham Harestone
12th	PDGs dinner, Guildford
14th	RYLA Gala Evening, Amersham
19th	District Assembly, Forest School, Horsham
20th – 23rd	RIBI Conference, Belfast
25th	District Council, Ardingly
29th	Burgess Hill President's Night

## D1250 Web Site

Please visit [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://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

## Storrington go Swanning about!

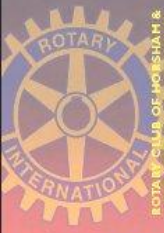
Please note that from Monday 20th March RC of Storrington will have moved to:

**The Swan Bar & Restaurant**  
Pulborough. RH20 1RJ  
Tel 01798 873999

This is located @ the Junction of A29 and A283 in Pulborough.

*We look forward to seeing you there*

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



ROTARY CLUB OF HOVE & THE SHINGLEHAMS FESTIVAL PRESENTS

# musical feast

Saturday 20th May 2006  
Gates Open 3.30


In the magnificent grounds of  
**SEDGWICK PARK HOUSE**

Fun for all the family, children's playground, sideshows and much more

Five hours of fantastic music starting:

- Bernardi Symphony Orchestra
- The Christ's Hospital Big Band Conducted by Terry Wittingham
- Mid Sussex Youth String Orchestra
- Miss Joni Fuller Winner of the Junior Eurovision Contest 2005
- Gordon Giltrap
- Scheherazade Pesante (operatic)
- Telman Guzhevsky (tenor)
- Conductor: Anthony Inglis

In association with:



In aid of the National Defibrillator Scheme

Tickets available from  
**The Capitol Theatre Box Office.**  
01403 750220

**20% Discount**  
for early booking before 1st May






## ROTARY CLUB OF REIGATE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
SOVEREIGN YOUTH CLUB  
REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESENT

# BMX, INLINE and SKATEBOARD Competitions & Demonstrations

ON  
**SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2006**  
at 12 noon

REGISTRATION: 11 AM TO 12 NOON  
AT THE  
**BMX TRACK SANDCROSS LANE**  
(BEHIND THE SOVEREIGN YOUTH CENTRE, SANDCROSS ROAD)  
ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE  
IN AID OF THE SUDBURY AIR AMBULANCE

**BIG PRIZES!** **ENTRY £1.00**

CONTACT NOS: 07771 767758 AND 07950 342188

## Rotary International

is now accepting nominations until 15 May 2006 for the **Public Relations Award**. The purpose of this award is to recognise Rotary Clubs that have generated increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through outstanding media coverage or public relations efforts. More . . . . .  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## D1250 Form 14's

Form 14's now available to complete on line. Go to [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)



## Cuckfield & Lindfield



"The Highlight of the Year," is how Paul Harris and Valerie Clapp, Presidents of the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield, described the agreement with entertainer and musician **Richard Stilgoe** to put on a Charity Concert at Burgess Hill School for Girls.

With performers from the Orpheus Centre, on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 at Burgess Hill School for Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £8 for children and include programme and glass of wine or soft drink. Book now on 01444 471 052 or 01444 410 650  
Website: [www.rotarysussex.org](http://www.rotarysussex.org)



## 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!"

## 1250 Communications Team .... Communications are two way!

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*The next 1250 News will be distributed in 25<sup>th</sup> April at District Council copy deadline to William by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006.*

*Next 1250 Communiqué planned to be published around 21<sup>st</sup> April, copy by 15<sup>th</sup> April to Doug Price please.*

### D1250 International Committee

I have received an update on work in the Tsunami affected areas and it is good to know that Rotary is still out there working. This is on our web site for you to read.

A couple of requests:-

1. Anyone like to let me have details of their Clubs disaster contingency plan? (or does no-one have one!)
2. Please can International Chairs let me, or the area contacts, have a summary of your International Activities for this Rotary Year. Do it now before you forget, please. Don't care in what format you get it to me, but I would like more than a 20% response this year!!

**Sight Savers Rotary Mountain Challenge** on 24/25 June 2006. We have some Rotarians would like to do this, need few others to make up a 1250 team of 8 to climb a mountain in Scotland, England and Wales. Further details [www.sightsavers.org](http://www.sightsavers.org)

Neil Hills. Chairman

### D1250 GSE Visit to India

They are back now.... See how they got on ...

[http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl\\_newick\\_house/index.htm](http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/segfl_newick_house/index.htm)

### Mercy Ship's Bolt from the blue announcement.

The international board of Mercy Ships confirmed that the two veteran hospital ships will be retired mid 2006 as the newest Mercy Ship, the Africa Mercy, enters active service. Following completion of her 274th port assignment (in Monrovia, Liberia) the Mercy Ship *Anastasis* will sail to Ghana at the end of May to connect with the *Africa Mercy* and transfer expertise, crew and equipment. So the 'fleet' will be down to one ship after that – why were we not told about these plans?

The **Rotary Club of the Sussex Vale** will celebrate its 20th Anniversary this summer. Chartered in 1986, the Club hopes to assemble as many of its Past Presidents and Founder Members as are available to join in a Charter Anniversary Dinner, coupled with the President's Evening, at East Sussex Golf Club on Friday, 23rd June 2006. Invitations will be sent out, but anyone who has been overlooked should contact Past President David Beattie on 01444-441 208 or by Email to [db@david-beattie.co.uk](mailto:db@david-beattie.co.uk)

### D1250 Youth Activities

*Youth Activities – District 1250*



**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 first two teams in the District competition were Charterhouse and Guildford County and they go 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 is Great Walstead School in the Intermediary category. Best wishes to all three teams. As Charterhouse were the overall winners, Godalming Club will host next year's District Final. 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 will be held at King Edward VI School Witley on Friday morning 17 March, starting at 9.30 am. There will be up to six teams taking part and the two winning teams will progress to the Regional Final on Friday 7 April in Aldershot. Many thanks to Giovanni Fontebasso for all his efforts in organising the event

**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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### Rotary World Curling Championships

Over 130 Rotarians are visiting Lockerbie from the 26th to the 30th March for the Rotary World Curling championships. If you are involved in this event or want to find out more, please visit Lockerbie Rotary Club's website at <http://www.mamut.com/lockerbieRIBI>

-go to 'News' and click on the Rotary Curling page.  
Visitors all welcomed.





**Nigeria immunizes over 30 million children**

More than 30 million children received the oral polio vaccine during National Immunization Days in Nigeria, held 11-14 February.

The event was the first of four NIDs and two Subnational Immunization Days recommended by an expert review committee that convened in Abuja, Nigeria's federal capital, in mid-December, to explore new approaches to polio eradication this year.

More .... <http://www.ribi.org/committees/report-details.asp?ribiCtteeRepID=206&rscID=5>

**Rotaract** Rotaract is an organisation open to all 18 to 30 year olds, male and female. It has no political or religious affiliations. It enables members to meet people, try new activities, and make a difference in their local community. There are over 170 clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, and more than 6,000 in the whole world. Each club organises its own social activities, which could just be a trip down the pub, ten-pin bowling, or maybe a meal, a theatre trip, or even a holiday abroad.

Visit Rotaract web site <http://www.rotaract.org.uk/>

**District Sports** - Godalming Woolsack beat Chichester Priory 2:1 at District Skittles in a close match held at Godalming.

**COMVOC SNIPPETS**

**Know Your Blood Pressure Campaign 7/8<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

The continued success of this extensive campaign has ensured that many clubs are keen to continue their work in 2006 and have already registered to participate during April 2006. Every registered club will receive a comprehensive pack of free resources.

Is your club one of them? If not and you would like to know more please contact Sonia Bryant at the Stroke Association. Her telephone number is 01604 623 938 or E-mail her on [bloodpressure@stroke.org.uk](mailto:bloodpressure@stroke.org.uk). You can also register on line at [www.stroke.org.uk](http://www.stroke.org.uk).

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Patten - Arundel Rotary: 01798 615374



There is still time to book for this Conference through the Belfast Visitor & Convention Bureau. Come and join us .....

Contact Elizabeth Pantridge  
Tel 02890 239026

'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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 16 Tilehouse Road, Guildford GU4 8AL or e-mail [peterj.okeefe@btinternet.com](mailto:peterj.okeefe@btinternet.com)