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# 1250 Communiqué

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(link  
[www.thesun.co.uk/hospices](http://www.thesun.co.uk/hospices))

## Welcome to our New Rotary Members:

**RC of Brighton** – Pat Drake, Marco Vismara and Alan Pocock.

**RC Seaford Martello** - Alison Cunnington and Elaine Turner-Chapelle

**RC of Reigate** - Amresh Chopdar (Choppie)

*Lewes RIBI Presidents Luncheon on 1<sup>st</sup> November attracted 18 Clubs and 120 members to meet and listen to Mike Webb who spoke with humour and drive to encourage and enthuse our members*



RIBI President Mike Webb, Lewes President Arthur Snell and DG Ian

## The Swales Scribblings

(From the District Governor) Since the last edition of these "Thoughts from the DG", I have visited several more clubs and, by the end of the month, will have been to more than 40. I continue to be treated very kindly, which should come as no surprise, because Rotarians are very nice people – roughly what Roger Levy quoted in his history of RIBI. This took the story up to 1974, and is now being updated by past RIBI President, Norman Proctor, to be published in the New Year.

I was disturbed by the low attendance at the recent District Council. No fewer than 18 clubs were not represented. Since this is your "Parliament" it provides the forum for you to make your views known. District exists solely to be of assistance to clubs so, unless you make your views known, we cannot institute change. Please try and ensure someone from your club represents you – even if Council is held on the same day as your normal club meeting.

Last weekend saw your District service committee chairmen at Loughborough for SACCS. Another Rotary acronym, meaning "Service and Communication Committees Seminar". Much useful information was disseminated – in both directions! – so don't forget that the committees can pass this on to you: just ask!

Christmas is only just round the corner. Awful thought for those of us who hate shopping for presents! In a Rotary sense this is a particularly busy time of year, when Presidents are looking for total support, especially of the various fund-raising events. Apart from filling the coffers to enable you to support your nominated charities, it is also a great opportunity to put the name, and work, of Rotary in front of the public.

Good luck! DG Ian Swales

### DG's & District Diary

(DG club visits in bold)

#### December (Family Month)

- 7<sup>th</sup> District Foundation Committee
- 9<sup>th</sup> Seaford visit

JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF REDHILL REIGATE AND HORLEY BREAKFAST FOR AN EVENING OF 1940s FUN IN AID OF FURNITURE, MERCY SHIPS AND OTHER ROTARY CHARITIES

JIVE AND JITTERBUG LESSONS FROM Brighton Jive Promotions

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2006  
7.30 TILL 11.00PM  
ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL, ALMA ROAD REIGATE

BUFFET AND PUB-BAR

TICKETS £15 FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND RM GARETH OWEN 07739 260139

PRIZES FOR BEST DANCERS & PERIOD COSTUME

The Rotary Club of Billingshurst is proud to present  
*a celebration of Christmas*  
with the

## Reynolds Singers

featuring performances from the  
*Junior Royal Academy of Music*

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 pm  
Billingshurst Village Hall, Roman Way

£10 to include a glass of wine and mince pie

Programme includes music from Bach to Britten and Gershwin to Gilbert & Sullivan with communal Carols

all proceeds to the Rotary Foundation

### SPORTS EXTRA – ROTARY GOLF

The Ron Harwood Cup 2004-05 was won by Bookham and Horsley's Bengt Magnuson and Tony Wonnacott at West Surrey Golf Club last month when they beat last year's winners, Alan Austin and Roger Rose from Midhurst and Petworth.

### ROTARACT

New Rotaract Club in Redhill, Reigate & Holey Area formed.

Mneeting will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at:

**The Home Cottage (Pub)**  
3, Redstone Hill, Redhill, Surrey RH1 4AW  
Tel: **01737 762771**

Conveniently located behind Redhill station (2 minutes walk)

Rotary clubs invited from the area to get involved in increasing the Rotaract membership.

Joe Branco (President)  
Redhill, Reigate & Horley Breakfast

By the Sponsorship of Lancing College  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF STERNEBURG & HINDLEIGH PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
AT LANCING COLLEGE CHAPEL  
Chaplain Father Roger Marsh

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2005 at 7.30 pm

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY SALVATION ARMY Major DARRELL THOMAS

SALVATION ARMY BAND  
SHOREHAM CHAMBER CHOIR

Raising Collection For Lancing College Chapel and Rotary Charities  
Admission by Ticket only  
Tickets available from Peter Treason, April Cottage, High Street, Upper Beeding, West Sussex BN44 3YU. Tel: 01323 81898  
or by email to [patricia.treason@lancingschools.com](mailto:patricia.treason@lancingschools.com)

### D1250 International Committee

Firstly thank you to all those who attended the recent Joint International & Foundation Seminar. I would appreciate any feedback as to the content, timing and format, as this will help us plan future events. I would also be pleased to hear from any Club that could not attend as perhaps timings and location were a factor?

#### Pakistan Earthquake

The latest information I have is that over 7000 Tents, 850 Aquaboxes and 300 Emergency Boxes have been delivered to the Region. International Aid Trust is also working with Rotary to collect supplies to be sent out. There is a great deal of up to date information on the Shelterbox website, [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org). The Aquabox website is also full of information. [www.aquabox.org](http://www.aquabox.org) Updates on the RIBI website [www.rotary-ribi.org](http://www.rotary-ribi.org) and our own District website, [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk) has useful links for up to date news.

#### International Projects

There are of course many International projects that Clubs are involved in and they cover all areas of the World. It is important that emergency relief does not deflect us from the help that we give to such a wide range of projects. As a reminder I do require EVERY Club to provide me with a summary of their International Activity. This report should be with me by the end of each Rotary Year up to the end of March 2006. Even if it is a Nil Return!

Neil Hills, Chairman

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> December, copy by 15<sup>th</sup> December to Doug Price please.

### District Web Site

I have now updated club sites with information available to us. Please visit [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk) to check out the corrections and the rest of your club data or ask for help from. Any changes required, then let us know

### IPDG Peter Nightingale announced and presented the Rotary Foundation Awards at District Council on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

#### Overall Giving in 2004/05:

1st:	Chichester Priory	\$6995.78
2nd:	East Grinstead	\$4581.79
3rd:	Farnham Weyside	\$3818.29

#### Per Capita Giving in 2004/05:

1st:	Chichester Priory	\$159 per member
2nd:	East Grinstead	\$157.99 per mbr
3rd:	Godalming Woolsack	\$130.72 per mbr

#### District Awards:

- John Preddy Fellowship** – for the most visits to other clubs in 2004/05:  
CRANLEIGH
- Calgary Challenge** – the club with the greatest net gain in membership in 2004/05:  
STORRINGTON
- Moore Pierce Bowl** – for the best club project in 2004/05:  
CATERHAM – for the Centenary Concert at The Fairfield Halls, Croydon.
- Significant Achievement award** – Shared between 3 Rotarians who planned and delivered the most significant event in 2004/2005 – The Rotary Pageant and Stand at The SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW. Rotarian Brain Jefferies of the East Grinstead Club  
AG, Rotarian David Hodge of the Caterham Club  
PDG, Rotarian Jack Bennett of Burgess Hill and District Club, who chaired the Project Team.

### Membership Development

District 1250 membership is declining, average age is 63.5, and increasing, we have 1.5% of members under 40, 36.6% are in the 61-70 age bracket, working Rotarians are 46.1%, and in answer to the big question "How long can Rotary survive in District 1250 at that rate?" –answer –not very long!! Does that fit the pattern of your Club? If so what can be done?

At the August Seminar on Membership Development these aspects were discussed, but of the 59 Clubs in our District, only 32 were represented.

Past District Governor Barry Hopkins set the scene and discussions took place on how we find new members and having found them how to retain them, and most Rotarians there came away with at least some ideas and food for thought.

What is clear is that membership

development and retention and hence Club Survival and Self Preservation is the responsibility and concern of all Members who want to see Rotary continue – its not just the concern of the President and Club Service and Membership Chairmen.

If you missed the Seminar don't despair, there is an alternative. Either I or one of my Area Vice Chairman, John Parham in the SW, Sue Worthington in the SE, Mike Chastell in the NW, or John Joseph in the NE will visit your Club and give a talk to all your members conveying some of the ideas discussed. You must have a speaker's slot to fill - we would be delighted to be there. Clubs who did attend the Seminar would also qualify for a visit!

Contact Details of the Committee are in the District Directory.

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### RIBI President Mike Webb's visits..



Mike Webb spoke at Lewes and 3 other venues and advised continuity has been a firm policy in RI for some time. He advised there are four RI emphases this year 'Literacy' first appeared in 2003/04 when Jonathon Mugyagbe was president. The second emphasis 'water management' first appeared last rotary year. The two new emphases are **Public Image** and **Youth Exchange** That image was so apparent when collecting for the victims of the Tsunami disaster, when so many of us were told, I will give my money to Rotary as I know you will make sure it does good. Mike continued ....

More on web site [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

**RIBI Conference 2006...** Are you going to Belfast next April? email me at [yx@onetel.com](mailto:yx@onetel.com) **Malcolm Wykes**, Rotary Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield for help or information.



## Rotaract

An interest meeting was held at Reigate Manor Hotel on the 19th October with a number of potential Rotaractors being present. They are now meeting twice a month and planning various programmes, not only amongst themselves but, with the nearest Rotaract Club which is in Epsom. Each potential member was asked to bring along a friend to future meetings and hopefully by the time of the Charter Evening, which is planned for March 2006, the numbers will have at least doubled. The Rotaractors are being sponsored by the RC of Reigate and Reigate Redhill & Horley Breakfast Rotary Club with other Clubs in the Reigate area assisting where they can. If anyone knows of a person between the ages of 18 & 30 who lives or works in the Reigate area please let me know. Jack Bennett 01444-232310.

## Frugal Lunch date

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. DG Ian Swales

## CHANGE OF VENUE

### The Rotary Club of Ashted

From 1st December the Club will meet at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club  
The Drive,  
Leatherhead  
KT22 8QP  
Thursdays 8pm

## FIRST NEW SRI LANKAN SCHOOL TO OPEN AFTER TSUNAMI

Two schools, which were completely destroyed by the tsunami of 26th December 2004, have been rebuilt, as new model schools, and are due to be completed by the end of November and will be ceremonially opened in the first week of December 2005. For more goto [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

## Sussex County Junior Badminton

Sussex have a vital and enthusiastic Junior County Badminton squad that coaches and develops about 100 young people each year. The children play at County and International levels. It is our intention to pool the resources of Rotary to help support the Children financially. The Association receives no financial support of any description other than the subscriptions and match fees that parents pay. We also see this as an opportunity to promote Rotary across the country at Badminton tournaments. To this end part of the funds will provide county tracksuits for the players who have represented their county at least twice. These tracksuits will carry the "Rotary Wheel" as well as "Sussex Team". In addition we will have "A" frames made with the Rotary Wheel and Sussex County Badminton for display at home events. More information can be found on the Rotary 1250 Web site or contact Rotarian Steve Minter on 01444 831786 or [steve@sussexchiro.com](mailto:steve@sussexchiro.com). RC of Haywards Heath. Also visit [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

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This November Communiqué issue is a reduced size publication as instructed by the District Executive and not as a result of lack of material provided by the Clubs and DTM. Our apologies for editorial and items not included as a result of this cut.

## COMVOC SNIPPETS

### ComVoc Seminar

I have e-mailed Com/Voc club chairman and so far had a limited response, please confirm your club will support this event in the New Year and your ideas for seminar content would be useful. **Project**

### Library

RIBI committee is currently reviewing the Project Library. For more information - Howard Attree 01273 583066 E-Mail [howardattree@netscape.net](mailto:howardattree@netscape.net)