



President's Thoughts

With the first car boot safely achieved and the bungalow season underway April has been all sunshine and no showers!

Rotary is a wonderful organisation with links locally and worldwide and gives people the opportunity to 'give back' to communities through their contacts and expertise. We are a very hard working Club punching well above our weight with fund raising but also being involved in, and supporting, other community projects.

The great thing is that we have wonderful fellowship and fun –long may this continue.

I'm looking forward to my President's Night on 12th May! Please try to bring a friend to one of our meetings so that they can see for themselves what a welcoming bunch of people we are!

Have fun

CHARITY FASHION SHOW



The Charity Fashion Show had a new venue this year in New Milton's own Memorial Hall. This was the 10th year of holding the show and it was very well attended. It was in the same format with stalls around the Hall available from 6.00pm and some 14 exhibitors took part. Bradbeers very generously sponsoring us as well as taking part. Others supplying clothes and models were Moss on the Green : Tiffanys and the Lifestyle Concept Highcliffe. Without these participants the Fashion Show would not have been possible

178 people attended and with the raffle and the bear we made just under £1850

Fashion Show

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket Sales	£1780	Hall hire	£400
Raffle	£335	DJ	£120
Name the Lion	£68	Banner	£90
Bradbeers Sponsorship	£150	Printing	£150
Stalls	£220		
Margaret's Stall	£53.46		
Total	£2606.46	Total	£760
		Net Income	£1846.46

The Bar was open throughout and did good business for the Memorial Hall. A Huge thank you to everybody who played a part particularly to the two ladies who stayed behind the scenes the whole evening making sure the models were dressed and on time. They missed the whole show!! An excellent evening.



Photographs and Article by John Witt

2016/17 Foundation Report

A quiet year this year with only the street collection on a cold February day to report. My thanks to John Morgan for organising this, and the very cold collectors, and we raised £150 on the day, which will be tripled by the Gates Foundation so that £450 goes to the cause.

The work of Foundation continues with a big push towards Polio eradication.

Up to today there have been 5 cases, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, compared to 12 last year - with the last case reported on 21st February,

but we cannot be complacent as the reports of potential cases in refugee camps show.

Terry Smith Foundation Chairman New Milton

Boules, but not as we know it!

The New Milton Rotary Boules Team has been out of circulation for a couple of years but a new head coach has been contracted to re-generate the internationally renowned (?) team that used to grace the pistes near and far (well from Hordle to Bournemouth via Bransgore). Little did the prospective team members know what a hard taskmaster the new coach would be. First he chose an arena that had great views of the Isle of Wight but a careless toss would see the wayward boule lob over the cliff edge and plummet to earth somewhere in the landslip below the Cliff House Hotel, Barton-on-Sea. Not only that, but as all the locals know there is a keen wind that blows along the cliff-top in Barton-on-Sea, which is why the paragliders are often seen swooping and floating in the thermals off the cliff-face. Nevertheless, nine brave souls gathered on a cool, breezy but sunny evening in mid-April to hone the skills previously used to defeat a number of well-drilled opponents. There were a number of new faces in the team, whilst the old faces looked older. The first training session did not bode too well as the aficionados started to play the wrong way – across the piste and not along it. The cunningness of the coach was soon all apparent – he wanted to see if any of his charges were awake. They were, but they were also suffering from cold feet and hands, plus the wind was bringing tears to their eyes or was it tears of despair with the standard of play. The second session went much better as we started to use the full length of the court. The coach was well pleased with the progress his enthusiastic, but not necessarily skilled, potential team members had made over the passage of one evening. He now had the difficult task of naming his team to tackle our scheduled opponents in the District Boules Knock-out Cup. Fortunately, the New Forest captain was more than happy to have a team of more than 6 players and as only 7 New Milton boulistes were available the team selection problem disappeared.

Nerves started to jangle as the day for combat drew near – not necessarily of the team members but perhaps the occupants of nearby residences were shuddering in their shoes with the thought that over a dozen Rotarians were preparing to do battle on the newly created boules piste just across the road from their pristine properties. The match day finally dawned and the weather was not too pleasant, the odd shower and squally winds coupled with the threat of a real downpour. The evening arrived and there was the threat of the occasional sight of the sun between the darkening clouds scudding across the Hampshire sky. It was noted that the coach had lost some hair as he pondered the tactics of selecting his groupings for the triples matches. In the end he decided that the top team would be Adrian, Dave and Jean and the second team would be Debbie, John M, and Velma. To some extent New Forest were equally indecisive about team selection but eventually 12 warriors took to the piste. The top game started with first a winning end for one team matched by a winning end by the other; neither team could draw more than a couple of points ahead of the other. Meanwhile, in the second team matches, Velma as first player for New Milton was drawing a mean and accurate boule on the jack (or coche), thus causing despair to New Forest. In fact, they were overheard attempting to bribe Velma by taking her out for a drink

– her response was that they were too cheap she would expect at least dinner at the Chewton Glen. The second game progressed apace with New Milton drawing ahead 5 – 0, and then New Forest struck back and won an end. Meanwhile, in the top game it was still nip and tuck; the score had reached 3 all. Turning back to the second tier game, New Milton decided that New Forest were getting a little too close for comfort so on the New Forest lead Velma responded with a pretty good boule, but not good enough, so Debbie had to try and get closer to the jack, which she did and we were holding 1, New Forest couldn't respond and when they had used all 6 shots we were still holding 1 with a New Forest boule preventing New Milton holding 3; up came John and using his military experience lobbed in a high flighted boule in an attempt to remove the New Forest boule but he was a little short – experience tells and with a slight adjustment his second boule smashed down on the New Forest boule and knocked it off the piste. New Milton scored 5 and then it was soon over; a double on the next end and just one New Milton boule on the final end to win it; 13 - 1 to New Milton. Back then to the top game and the score was inching forward 1 point at a time, first this way then that way. Out of the blue New Forest had a good scoring end and during the next end a mistake by one of the New Milton team, (I won't mention his name to embarrass him but he lives on Milford sea front) so suddenly New Forest were 5 points ahead. A short fight back by New Milton but to no avail as New Forest ran out winners 13 - 6. Thus, 1 - 1 after the triples round.



Turning now to the doubles games. As John and Velma had finished their triple match so quickly and a couple of New Forest players were available a doubles match started before the triples had finished. Velma and John were on form and a deadly combination – Velma with her accurate lead boules and John knocking New Forest boules out the way – suffice to say despite letting New Forest win 3 ends this New Milton pairing ran out winners with a score 13 – 4. In the other doubles games; Adrian and our coach, Keith, paired up and our 3rd doubles team was the Nottage duo. The temperature was dropping but the heat of the

competition was rising – this didn't help our only spectator, Mary Turner, a prospective member of the Club, and she had to retire to the warmth of the Hotel to try and revive the feeling in her hands and feet. Meanwhile, both matches were progressing slowly as neither side would give way, a point here, a point there, the occasional 2 points but very much the lead moving back and forward. It was getting even colder and darker so our sea-front Milford resident turned the flood lights on. Another mistake you might think, and you'd be right, Big Dave could now see where he should be directing his boules, but it didn't help and suddenly the New Forest pairing drew away with a series of good placements to defeat our President and her consort 13 – 5. Adrian and Keith were doing well and the score in their game was rising steadily and surely towards the magic number. From 10 – 8 down the score turned dramatically to 11 – 10 in favour of New Milton. If there had been seats at the side of the piste these 2 teams were playing on and had there been spectators watching they would have been on the edge of those seats. However, there were neither seats nor spectators. New Forest responded with a vengeance and took 2 points on the next end in the deepening gloom; 12 – 11 to New Forest and they had the control of the jack. A good lead boule, a fine response from Keith, back on lead to New Forest, a fine response by Keith, but not quite good enough, then Adrian drew the point, New Forest regained it and Adrian just failed to get closer to the jack. New Forest won the final game and thus the overall match 3 -2.

All retired to the warmth of the hotel for some sustenance and liquid refreshment together with fine Rotarian fellowship which continued the camaraderie experienced during the keenly fought contests on the gravel of the boules piste.

Thanks to Keith for organising and making all the arrangements for the practice and the match and to the Club members who honourably represented the Club in the match against New Forest.

[John Morgan](#)

CAR BOOT APRIL

40 CARS	200
BUCKETS	189.36
TOTAL	389.36

A majority have liked the new sign. Next Car Boot 4 June 2017.

Good work to everybody who took part or helped in any way.

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I have included this Report to show the amount of Fund Raising we do .Ed.

2016/17 Fund Raising Report 9 Months

The year started with the remaining boot sales for the season.

The July boot saw 68 cars attending and raised £509.18 (£169.18 buckets)

August's sale was not so good, with only 26 cars raising £259 (£129 buckets)

Septembers saw a sunny day with 45 cars raising £382.50 (£157.50 buckets)

It is interesting to note that the number of boots did not necessarily mean that the bucket takings were down, with the three sales these averaged £151.90 with the lowest being 129 and the highest 169.

All in all a total of £1150.68 for three Sunday mornings!!

Thanks to all that organised them and those that took part, a real team effort.

109 quizzers attended Bashley Village Hall in November for our annual quiz. 14 teams battled it out with questions posed by Ian ably assisted by John and Pauline. Our thanks must go to Chris and Amanda Hobby, Rotary Friends in the truest sense, and to our partners who provided the food together with John a.w. for organising the event. The event raised in excess of £1300 – a great result.

The collection at the Carol Service raised the grand sum of £ 125 which was donated to the LIBRA Foundation which was chosen by the Rev Dominic Furness.

February saw the arrival of Bernie Faringdon and his band with guests for the annual Jazz Night. Thanks to John a.w. for liaising with Bernie and it raised the sum of £1425.50.

The Charity lunch quickly followed with the guest speaker being the Rev. Richard Coles. Sponsors this year were local solicitors Dixon Stewart. Attendance was similar to that in 2016 at around 170 and with a good auction and raffle the event made in the region of £5050.

Finally the new revamped Fashion Show moved both date and venue from October at Bashley to March at the Memorial Hall. This was due to the refurbishment at the former and, with Bradbeers on board as sponsor, and with 180 people attending the event raised over £1800. Thanks to Mary for her perseverance in organising the event and also for her organisation of the raffles at various events during the year.

My thanks you to you all for your help over the last 9 months, during which we seem to have raised nearly £11,000.

Onwards and upwards with the next boot sale this Sunday!!

Terry Smith Chairman

10th April 2017

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GATEWAY CLUB

Tony Tillett and Chris Buckley visited the Gateway Club of New Milton on Tuesday 28th of March to give them a bingo session. Our club provided the prizes as usual. On this visit some of the prizes were Easter Eggs.

All the members really enjoyed the evening and were very grateful to the Rotary club.

Chris Buckley

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ASHLEY INFANTS



Photo Dave Nottage

I have included this report to show how much we are out there for the Youth and Community. Ed.

New Milton Rotary Community Youth and Vocational 9 Months

The Club has had a busy year with a wide range of activities that have needed the participation of all members of the Club, wives, friends and past Rotarians

Bungalow.

A fully booked season in 2016.

A thorough refurbishment programme carried out during the closed season.

Rents to rise for 2017 season – some costs/charges from Hoburne have risen.

Well booked for 2017 although a couple of gaps – difficulty of getting children off school during term-time.

Community.

Senior Citizens Party – needed the help of our wives, friends, past Rotarians and Ballard School.

NF Disability Service – Funded one of its leaflets

Running Car Boot for Bashley Rydal Cricket Club

Gateway Club – Bingo Evenings

Supported Round Table at its Town Firework Display

New Milton Community First Responders

New Milton Carers Support Group

New Milton Town Dementia Friendly Allotment Project

Homestart New Forest 60's Disco

New Milton Music Festival

Basic Bank

Stroke Club

Quaker Homes

Support to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Help for Older People (HOPE) – no action

Support for the Jubilee Committee (Classic Car and Pedal Car Race)

Youth.

Ballard – Challenge and Mock Interviews

Arnewood – Mock Interviews and RYLA – funded school prizes

Kids Out – 44 Children and 26 Teachers and Carers

Support for the team that went to Zambia – Making a Difference Project

New Milton Young Citizens Awards Sponsorship

Girl Guides Flame Camp Sponsorship – Milford Guides
Ashley Infants School – District Grant for Playground Equipment
Youth Speaks

Vocation.

1 Guided visit to Highcliffe Castle

Group visit to see Bothered and Bewildered – New Forest Players

1 Tea with Mr Selfridge at Highcliffe Castle

1 Theatre Visit plus meal to see Sister Act at the Mayflower, Southampton

Large number of possibilities for visits/events/fellowship

[John Morgan](#)

BUNGALOW REFURBISHMENT





Photographs Dave Nottage

3 Ways to Support Polio Eradication During World Immunization Week

World Immunization Week takes place this year 24-30 April. Thanks to global vaccination efforts, more than 2.5 billion children have been protected against polio since 1985, but there's still more work to be done.



This World Immunization Week, here are three easy ways to support polio eradication:

1. Follow End Polio Now on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and share or retweet Rotary and our partners' messages.
2. Check [endpolio.org](#) for [new blog](#) posts and [additional social media content](#) to share on your own channels.
3. Plan a fundraiser in your local community using End Polio Now- and Rotary-[branded materials](#).

Africa Hosts One of the Largest Vaccination Campaigns

On 25 March, [more than 190,000 polio vaccinators](#) traveled by foot and bike to immunize more than 116 million children under the age of 5 throughout 13 countries in west and central Africa. The goal was to increase childhood immunity against polio and stop the disease for good. In August 2016, four children were paralyzed by polio in the Borno state of Nigeria, an area widely considered to be the last remaining stronghold of the disease on the continent. African public health ministers from five Lake Chad Basin countries declared the outbreak a regional public health emergency and have committed to multiple synchronized immunization campaigns.

We are This Close

In 2015, there were 74 reported cases of polio.



In 2016, that number dropped to 37.

So far, in 2017, that number has dropped even further – to single digits.

BUNGALOW

29 APRIL/6 MAY	CHRIS BUCKLEY AND JEAN BELL
6 MAY / 13 MAY	JANE LAWLEY AND TERRY SMITH
13 MAY / 20 MAY	JOHN MORGAN / JEAN BELL
20 MAY / 27 MAY	CHRIS BUCKLEY AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
27 MAY / 3 JUNE	DAVE NOTTAGE AND DEBBIE NOTTAGE

DUTY HOSTS

1 MAY	BANK HOLIDAY	
8 MAY	DEREK WARNER	COUNCIL

15 MAY

KEITH WILLIAMS

22 MAY

JOHN WITT

COMMITTEES

29 MAY

BANK HOLIDAY

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR NEW MILTON ROTARY

MAY	
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Club meeting – Council – Speaker?
Frid 12 May	Presidents Night Balmer Lawn Hotel 6.30
15 th May	Club meeting – Fund raising-Mary Pye Speaker
Tues 16 May	Past Rotarians Presidents Night Lord Bute 7.00
Thurs 18 May	Golf Nield Shield Highcliffe
22 nd May	Club meeting – Committees
29 th May	Bank Holiday