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President's Thoughts

Hi Everyone

I hope you all had a wonderful, merry Christmas. We stayed at home and the family came over – much hilarity had by all.

December has been a busy month with the Senior Citizens Party, my thanks to everyone for providing food, entertainment and transport and making sure that everything ran smoothly, the Christmas Fair and our Carol Service and lunch, my thanks go to Richard May Headmaster of Durlston Court School for allowing us to use their beautiful Chapel for our service. Dave and I went to the Past Rotarians and Associates Christmas lunch and were made very welcome.

One of the greatest highlights for me was the Ballard Carol Service held at the Priory in Christchurch – it is such an uplifting place to go and to listen to these talented pupils who have obviously worked so hard with their teachers to make this such a memorable event.

My thoughts are tinged with sadness with the retirement of 2 long standing and hard working Rotarians – Robin and Howard you will be sorely missed and thank you for all you have done.

With 2017 bounding towards us I'm hopeful that all our planned events will be good. Please can everyone try to sell tickets to the Jazz night on 10th February and also put some auctions items together for our Charity Lunch on 3rd March.

Just a quick reminder that South Lawn is refurbishing the Cornwallis Room so we will be in the restaurant for our meetings until February.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Debbie

New Milton Rotary Club's Senior Citizens Party 2016

And it came to pass after much planning; gnashing of teeth; many phone calls; writing and rewriting of lists for drivers, providers of food and other vital elements; and, the occasional panic moment we thought that we could get 100 senior citizens into a variety of vehicles and safely transported to the Bashley Village equivalent of the Wembley Arena – well the Village Hall is next to the Football Ground.

The team assembled shortly after midday on Fri 2nd Dec to lay out tables and chairs; to decorate the Christmas Tree; and, to sort the mountains of food kindly prepared by members, members spouses and friends of the Club into manageable platefuls for the tables that would soon be groaning under the weight of bountifulness. In order to keep the Rotarians sticky fingers off sausage rolls, mince pies and other delightful morsels Lottie cunningly kept bringing delicious nourishing warmed platefuls of edible goodies from the kitchen – her plan succeeded until later in the day – Rotarians have voracious appetites.

Before we knew it there was a knock on the door and the first guests started to arrive and then there was a constant stream of buses and cars disembarking our guests through the 2 entrances we were using to reduce the queue that would inevitably form at the front door. Once every-one was seated and made welcome and comfortable the entertainment was ready to start. Yes, it was Tony “Numbers” Tillet calling out those magic numbers generated by his bingo machine. The crescendo of chat was soon diminished as it was eyes down to be first to get a complete line – it seemed to take an age and there were complaints that the numbers weren't on the cards – but then there was a commotion and an excited call of Bingo. This year we were we fortunate to gain the services of Father Christmas who was able to congratulate the 1st winner and present the prize. Now the ball was rolling it wasn't long before another call of Bingo rang out – no thought for poor old Father Christmas as this time the winner was on the other side of the room – 2 lines completed - you could hear a pin drop with the expectant hush as all were keen to claim top prize of marking off all the numbers. At last Father Christmas could take a rest after delivering the final prize. Then it was time for tea – out came platefuls of sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies and cakes all washed down with copious cups of tea and for those that wanted it coffee. Then it was time for the musical interlude – this year The Strumpets from Milford-on-Sea played a medley of well-known favourite tunes, many of which we were all encouraged to join in with, before rounding off their performance with a few Christmas Carols. All too soon the afternoon had to be brought to a close as it was rapidly getting dark and it was time to take our guests home and to return the Village Hall to the state that we had found it in 5 hours earlier.





It would be difficult to single out any particular member for thanks in making the afternoon a success as all played their part in ensuring that our guests had a wonderful afternoon and returned to their houses and homes with the spirit of Christmas ringing in their ears.

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



On Sunday 11 December 2016 we had the pleasure of attending Durston Court School Chapel for our annual Carol Service.
 We have been holding our Carol Services since 1952 and we thank Richard May for the continued use of the lovely School Chapel.
 After an uplifting Service we had Lunch at South Lawn who did us proud.
 Thanks must go to everybody who had a hand in organising the event and to all who actually took part in the Service.
 The collection raised the grand sum of £ 125 which was donated to the LIBRA Foundation which was chosen by the Rev Dominic Furness

[John Witt](#)

New Milton Christmas Festival

Early one morning; when all through the house; not a creature was stirring; not even a mouse. Sorry, but this wasn't the Nottage's home! – Dave was up and about trying to get all the items together so that the Rotary stall at the New Milton Christmas Festival would be a great success. He could find the wine for the mulled wine, but not the cups to dispense the bonhomie – he could find the serviettes for the mince pies but not the mince pies – he could find the advertising flyers but not the notebook to write down details of potential members. He daren't wake up the President as she had been refining the recipe for the mulled wine the previous evening and didn't get to bed until very late. When she woke up and after her first cup of tea of the day, she was able to answer his questions with the assurance we have come to expect from President Debbie, "We loaded most of the items into the car last night!"

The next scene is Station Road, New Milton, a muddle of vehicles dispensing gazebos, tables, items for display, the odd dog and many confused stall-holders. But not the Rotary team, a well-drilled company debussed from their vehicles; the gazebo popped up complete with canvas covering and facing the correct way, tables were erected and once the generator was fired up Christmas themed music resonated all around and brought good will to all those trying to get ready for the throngs of local residents expected to take advantage of the free-parking and if rumour was true mulled wine and mince pies at the Rotary Stall.



Have a mulled wine if you're cold



Get your mince pies here

A steady stream of people visited the Rotary Stall, some for mince pies, some for mulled wine and some who were interested in Rotary International and its work. All this kept the team very busy: talking to potential members; replenishing stocks of mince pies; and, Debbie going back home to brew up more mulled wine. A busy day – but nevertheless a rewarding one as we were able to distribute good cheer to the people of New Milton.

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HOWARD PIPER. With 12 years to his credit Howard has decided to retire after his illness earlier in the year.

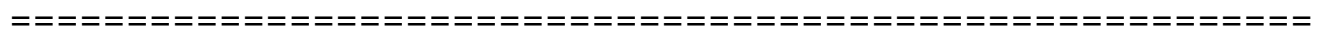
The picture shows President Debbie handing Howard his Certificate of Service.

Photographs from the Milford-on-Sea Guides Visit to Flame 2016

Unfortunately last month's report on the Milford-on-Sea Guides Week at Flame 2016 didn't contain any photographs of them enjoying themselves as we didn't receive parental permission in time to use them. So here goes:

	
<p>The Girls in Fancy Dress</p>	<p>A Blue Peter Moment</p>
	
<p>Yes, we're having FUN</p>	<p>Group Photo</p>

John Morgan



New Miltons Christmas Dinner was held at the South Lawn . A splendid time was had by all .

Tea with Mr Harry Gordon Selfridge

An excited group of Rotarians, partners and friends gathered with others at Highcliffe Castle Tearooms. The outer vestibule was packed with the throng sheltering from the chilly breeze whistling around the Castle. We could see a hive of activity behind the lace curtained doors leading to the inner tearoom. Then with great aplomb the doors were thrown open and we were invited to take our places at the elegantly laid tables – groaning under plates of sandwiches, cakes and mince pies.



We were welcomed by Rosalie Selfridge herself who set the scene for our afternoon's pleasure; she was assisted in making us at ease by the butler, James. It was explained that the tea service we would be using was an exact replica of the service that would have used when the Selfridges were in residence at Highcliffe Castle and the tea would drink was specially created for us. At this moment the man himself was nowhere to be seen – he was known to have an eye for the ladies and therefore may have been otherwise engaged! Then at last the great man himself appeared and in conjunction with Rosalie and James engaged us all in an interesting history of his life and times – putting right some of the more artistically licenced details related in the recent television series based on his life. This was all done in an entertaining manner and involved many of us in conversation as he and his companions regaled us with anecdotes from his life – at all times you felt that he was a great salesman and although he said, "The customer was always right" there was no loss of opportunity to encourage us to buy! Those of us that attended the event are grateful to and thank Jean Bell for organising our visit.

John Morgan

Highcliffe Rotary Christmas Dinner was at the Lord Bute and 5 of us attended. John and Pauline Morgan, John and Ann Witt and Mary Pye.

As one would expect the meal was good and we were wonderfully entertained by The Land Girls. [John Witt](#)

ROBIN EDE PHF. Rotarian 1981-2016



Robin Ede has retired after 35 years as a Rotarian. President in 1992- 1993 he has during his time virtually done every job available.

At times rather controversial, he always called a spade a spade and Rotary was that much better for it. There was the time of course when he wanted to charter an Aeroplane to take the club abroad.....He was talked out of that one!!

He did a great deal of good in the town and his pride and joy must be the Grand Prix Pedal Car Race bi-annually through the guise of the Jubilee Committee of which he was Chairman. Also Youth Speaks was run by him for many years.

He was, through his 35 years of Service, ably supported by his wife Bee

A Paul Harris Fellow, he will be sorely missed

John Witt



DUTY HOSTS

2 January	BANK HOLIDAY		
9 January	Chris Buckley	Speaker	No Council
16 January	Bill Clarke		Fundraising
23 January	? TBA		Committees
31 January Tuesday	PARTNERS NIGHT	Speaker	Lord Bute

JANUARY 2017	
2 nd January	Bank Holiday
9 th January	Club meeting – Speaker Penny Smith First Responders. No Council
16 th January	Club meeting – Fund raising-Speaker?
Wed 18 Jan	Group 3 Meeting
23 rd January	Club meeting - Committees
Tues 31st January	Partners Evening-Speaker Bob Lowe "Silverline" Lord Bute
FEBRUARY	
Sat 4 Feb	PEPS
6 th February	Club meeting – Council - Speaker Ian Legge
8 th February	Skittles match – New Forest Past Rotarians
Fri 10 February	Charity Jazz
Sat 11 Feb	PEPS
13 th February	Club meeting – Fund raising-Speaker?
20 th February	No Meeting
Wed 22 Feb	Street Collection- End Polio Now
27 th February	Club meeting – Committees

HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR