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President's Thoughts

Hi Everyone

Well the shortest month is over and we have a lot to look forward to in the next few months. The preparations for my President's Night are well under way, please make a note in your diaries for 12th May and be aware that this will not be a traditional night!

Once again, I had the privilege of representing the Club this time at the 1st Ashley Guides Celebration and Enrolment Evening, where I was joined by the Mayor and some Lions as well. It was a lovely evening and the enthusiasm displayed round the 'camp fire' reminded me of the fun I had in the Brownies as a young girl.

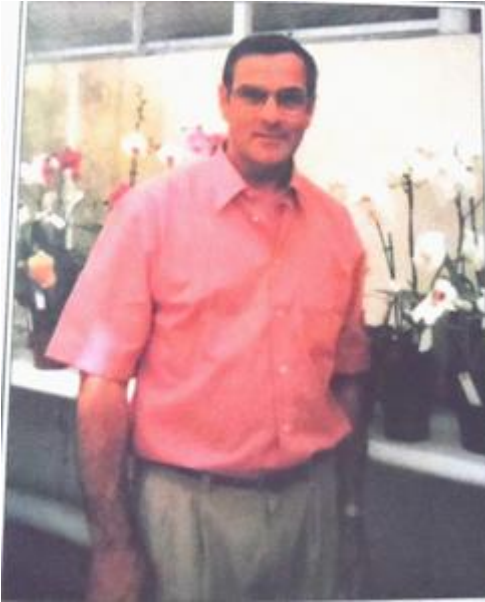
Please get involved with the push for Business Friends as I feel this will help the Club raise our profile and make a difference with sponsorship and contacts.

The work for refurbishing the bungalow is going apace. Decorators have completed their work and we are having a new floor laid in the kitchen, hallway and bathroom this week. We will be ready to welcome our first guests on 1st April.

Since this is a short month I'll not ramble on too long but just point out that we are going to be pretty busy in March with the Charity Lunch, New Milton Music Festival and the Fashion Show.

Debbie

PAT HURST 15.10.1942-16.12.2016



Pat first joined Rotary in 1979 at Jordans in Buckinghamshire but by 1980 he had moved to New Milton having bought Scamps a children's clothes shop in Whitefield Road, he soon joined New Milton Rotary at the age of 37 (!). Pat's enthusiasm and energy were soon recognised and he helped with all the ongoing projects including the twinning with Le Blanc where he set up a close friendship with Jean and Simone Pellerin and made numerous visits and hosted them several times. When he sold the business his work took him away in the week a lot so he transferred to Highcliffe Club which met on a Thursday evening when he usually managed to get home. He helped set up a French twinning with

Villiers sur Marne and became District Youth Officer. He set up the Christchurch and Highcliffe Interact Club and organised Youth exchanges including the one Ruth Chubb took to Malaysia. He got involved with the Bandley Hefler exchange to Boston USA and hosted and visited. Pat was a keen District conference attendee and organised the District shop. He used his DIY skills at the Holiday Bungalow and organised the lettings. Some time along the line he started organising Jazz Concerts with Bernie Farrenden, he worked tirelessly persuading local businesses to sponsor such events, making considerable money on the night. During this time Highcliffe Club started a daughter club at Westbourne, a breakfast club, Pat was very involved with this setting up. He was both Secretary and President of Highcliffe Rotary, the French club awarded him a Paul Harris fellowship for his work with the youth. Later Pat went back to New Milton Club and played his part in all activities but his time of service was cut short in 2006 when he suddenly suffered a massive brain haemorrhage. He continued to take an interest in all things Rotary to the end, and was always very thrilled to see club members.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Pat was held at Barton Methodist Church on Saturday 16 February. As well as all his family, many friends and in particular his Friends from both Rotary Clubs attended to pay their respects and to say their farewells.

Our thoughts are with Margaret

The MENCAP Quiz made 1702.68

CHARITY JAZZ CONCERT 2017



On Friday 10 February Bernie Farrenden's quartet together with special guests Alan Melly and Jackie Hicks gave a polished performance in aid of New Milton Rotary Charities and in particular The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy. It was a very good evening with thanks to Bernie and to Mary and Jean for the raffle. 130 people enjoyed the Music

Door money was 1647 50 and expenses

Jackie Hicks Alan Melly and Bernie Farrenden

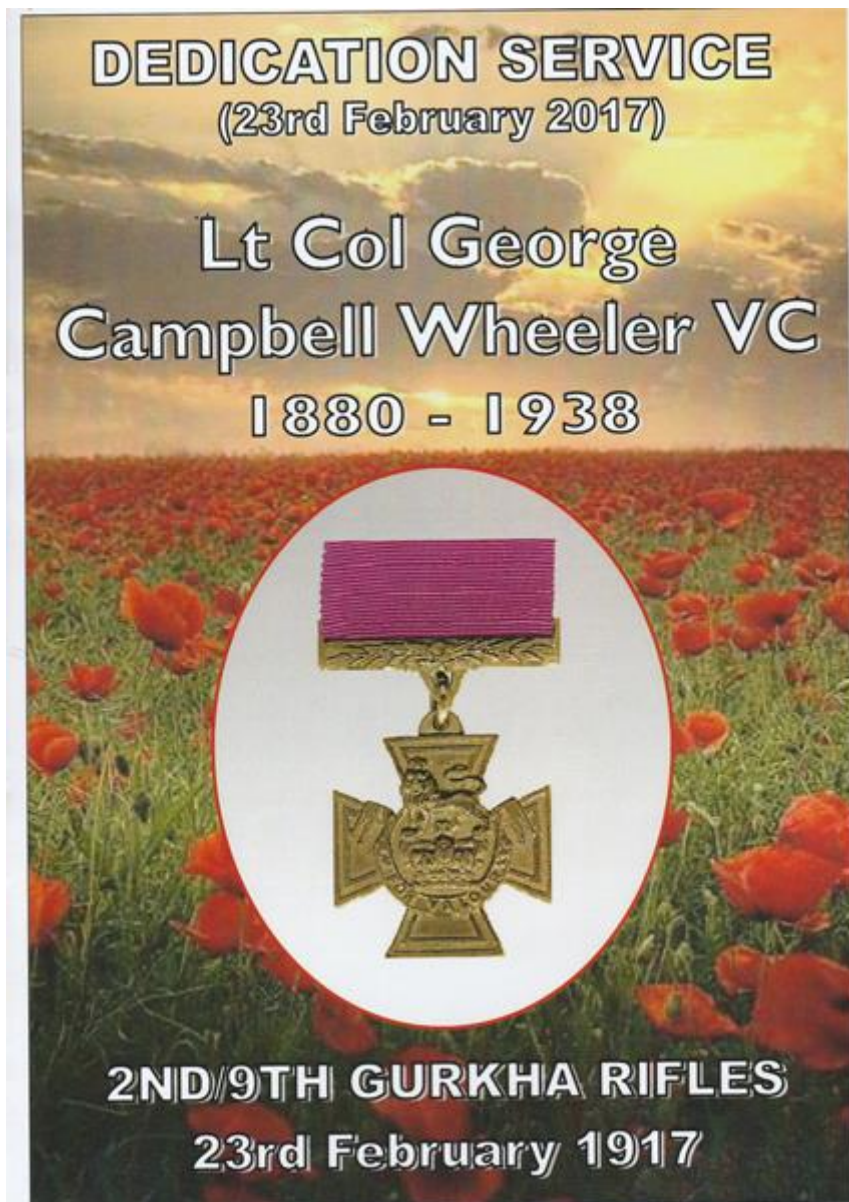
including the Band was £465 leaving £1182.50 and with the raffle of £243 Club funds were enhanced by £1425.50.

PAST ROTARIANS AND ASSOCIATES V US SKITTLES MATCH

Three intrepid teams of Rotarians and their friends went to Hoburne Bashley on 8th February to try and wrestle the trophy from the Past Rotarians and Associates. It was a lovely evening full of banter and light hearted fun and for the first time in the history of this competition there was a dead heat between 2 teams – one from the Past Rotarians and one from New Milton Rotary. A player was selected from each team to go head to head for the honour of receiving the trophy (and the chocolates!). Madge Moody stepped forward for the Past Rotarians and John Willson represented New Milton Rotary. The tension mounted when after the first round there was nothing to choose between them as they both scored 8 so the decider was one skittle each. With Madge going first 3 skittles were sent spinning and then John stepped forward and with a giant throw 6 skittles went down – victory for New Milton Rotary!

A big thank you to the Past Rotarians and Associates for organising such a great event and we look forward to defending our title next year!

Debbie



" On the 23rd February 1917, at Shumran on the River Tigris, Mesopotamia [now Iraq] Major Wheeler , together with one Gurkha Officer and eight men crossed the river and rushed the enemy's trench in the face of very heavy fire . Having obtained a footing on the far bank, he was almost immediately countered-attacked by the enemy with a party of bombers. Major Wheeler at once led a charge, receiving in the process a severe bayonet in the head. In spite of this however he managed to disperse the enemy and consolidate his position. This bold action undoubtedly saved the situation "

The Dedication Service was held at the New Milton War Memorial where a stone plaque has been laid. An explanation as above can be found on a large stone adjacent. The Service was arranged by the New Milton Town Council and the Chairman of the local Royal British Legion, Colonel [ret'd] Ron Back. Additionally Cllr Goff Beck had worked many months to make this happen.

John Witt

PURPLE4POLIO JAM



52,000 jars of Tiptree Purple4Polio jam are finding their way all over Britain and Ireland ready for distribution within each district for your tea parties and anything else you might be planning to use the jam for to raise money for End Polio Now.

Working together Rotary can meet the 1 million GBP target the directors and staff of Tiptree have set us in giving Rotary this very generous donation.

Special [flyers](#) have been printed and will also be distributed to go with each jar of jam. For more information about the Purple4Polio jam, consult the previous [Purple4Polio newsletter](#) and [Rotary Club Briefing](#).

So let the sticky purple fun begin!

TYPHOO TEA

Each District will also be receiving, by 1st Mar, a supply of Typhoo teabags and Typhoo branded disposable cups for clubs and the district to use for Purple4Polio tea parties.



Typhoo Tea's CEO Somnath Saha says: "Uniting communities to help eradicate polio is essential and we're proud to be a part of helping to achieve this."

End Polio Now – Street Collection – Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Usually, when we venture forward as a Club to carry out a street collection for one of our good causes the weather is not entirely benign. So what was different on Wednesday 22nd February this year? – Nothing, it was cold, threatened rain and was quite gusty at times. Nevertheless, the brave team of Adrian Stopps, Jane Lawley, Velma Greenwood, Terry Smith, Bill Clarke, Chris Buckley and John Morgan all suitably wrapped up against the cold braved the weather as they took up their allotted positions outside Morrisons and Boots in Station Road to raise funds to donate to the eradication of Polio programme. As it was market day you might very well expect Station Road to be flooded with the local populace seeking to find bargains. However, it would seem that the local worthies had the sense to take note of the weather forecast and stay indoors. That said there was a steady trickle of people willing to donate to this worthy cause and many were only too willing to make a small contribution especially when they discovered that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation would add twice as much to the donation coming from New Milton. Some people were surprised that Polio still exists, yet others were aware but also felt that Governments should do more and they were grateful that Rotary International had taken the lead in the 1980's to rid the world of this most pernicious disease.

All in all our brave collectors managed to raise the magnificent sum of £152.59 on a day that had weather that was not at all favourable to people standing outside on windy corners for 1 ½ hours, with very little or no sun to warm the cockles of their hearts. Thank you to Adrian, Jane, Velma, Terry, Bill, Chris and John for their efforts.



DUTY HOSTS

6 March	John Morgan	Speaker Lisa Larder	Council
13 March	Dave Nottage		Fundraising
20 March	NO MEETING		
27 March	?		Committees

MARCH	
Friday 3 March	Charity Lunch 12.15 for 12.45 Hoburne Bashley
Sat 4th March	Mayor New Milton Charity Ball Shorefields 7.00 for 7.30 ????
Sat 4th March	District Council
6 th March	Club meeting – Council - Speaker Lisa - Lisa's Larder
13 th March	Club meeting – Fund raising-Speaker?
20 th March	No Meeting
Sat 25 March	NMMF
Sun 26 March	Gala NMMF
27 th March	Club Meeting – Committees
Fri 31 March	Charity Fashion Show Memorial Hall NM 6.00 pm
APRIL	
3 rd April	Club meeting – Council - Speaker?
7-9 April	RIBI Conference Manchester
10 th April	Club meeting – Fund raising -AGM
Wed 12 April	Group 3 Meeting
Sun. 16 April	Car Boot
17 th April	No Meeting
24 th April	Club meeting – Committees
27 th April	Brockenhurst Lunch-Brockenhurst College - 12.00

