



New Milton Rotary Club



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Editorial

As I was putting the finishing touches to this newsletter I was watching the Commemorative Service marking the Centenary of the Battle of Passechendaele on the television. I reflected on the horror and pointlessness of war and the poignancy of the Service and I was reminded of one of the tenets of Rotary International which is to bring Peace to the World through our work in the many different ways we are trying to help others. As an AG I have been surprised by the lack of knowledge of what Rotary is and does right across the board. If you feel that you have gaps in your Rotary knowledge; why not take the opportunity to write to the Editor and ask about the wider Rotary World but you feel too shy to ask in the general hurly-burly of a Club Meeting? I can then publish the answer and help others who have the same question and are also too shy to ask.

Meanwhile as I sit with green eye-shade and a burning lamp shining down on my keyboard can I on behalf of the Club thank John Witt for his sterling effort in successfully producing so many editions of the Bulletin, we all wish him well in his retirement (almost) from Rotary.

RI News

It is with deep regret that we publish the following message from the RI Offices, Evanston.

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on July 13 due to complications from surgery. Owori 's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018, according the Rotary International website www.rotary.org. Owori was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years. "Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone," Owori said when he was nominated last year. "I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I've helped someone live better."

RIBI News



Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is welcoming Denis Spiller as President for 2017/18.

"It might be mid-summer, but for Rotary, 1st July is New Year's Day and I am excited to be taking over as President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland for the next 12 months."

Denis commented. "The coming year is highly important to us for several reasons. Firstly, it is looking extremely likely that it could be the year we see the final case of

wild polio in the world, a cause Rotary started in 1985 when there were 1,000 cases a day, and to which countless funds and hours of volunteer time has been dedicated. This year to date we have seen just six cases." "Secondly, it is the year that we shall see many new Rotary clubs being created across the UK and Ireland implementing new flexible, informal and project-active programmes to welcome community and business-minded adults of all ages as members." "Thirdly, it's the year that perhaps we shall welcome you to our numbers. Make contact, get involved and join Rotary, it's the best decision you will ever make."

Denis joined the Rotary Club of Strood in Kent in 1985, directly from Rotaract and is the first former Rotaractor to become President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland. He has served numerous roles within Rotary, including roles promoting The Rotary Foundation, youth programmes and was also Chairman for the 2016 Rotary Conference in Bournemouth. Denis has a special interest in youth service having a background in voluntary youth work in Kent. In his professional life, Denis spent 22 years Hewlett-Packard.

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President's Piece

Well it was a sunny beginning to the Rotary year - what's happened?! It was really good to see so many old and new friends at the Handover and Presentation evening and once again many thanks to Debbie for her hard work during last year.

At our first Business /Projects Meeting, we reviewed the way forward this coming year and will need to make joint decisions at the next meeting on August 14th. We will have combined Business and Council meetings in future.

It has been a busy start to the year. My first event was to represent the club at the launch of the New Milton Dementia Friendly Allotment and it was good to see Bill Clarke there too (as a helper not a client!). Next I attended Durlston Court School Speech Day and it was pleasing to observe that they still present a 'Rotary' shield for those pupils who have achieved the most in raising funds or working for charity during the year. I would like to instigate this idea of a similar shield at the other schools with whom we are involved. Arnewood Mock Interviews demonstrated to us the varied and interesting aspirations of the students. Thanks also to those members and friends who supported the Ballard Challenge this year

The Town Show and Pedal Car Grand Prix organised by the New Milton Jubilee Fund Committee was a very successful weekend. I am not sure how many of you are aware but Derek Warner has joined the Jubilee Fund Committee (consisting of New Milton Rotary, Round Table, and Lions) and so he has been very busy as part of the team organising those events. Marshalling in our high-vis jackets really raised our profile along the race track. It was very enjoyable for us all except for Jane who unfortunately suffered an injury during the race. We send her warmest wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Our July Car Boot was very popular raising £367. 47p and my sincere thanks go to all who assisted. New Milton Rotary's commitment and presence at these events demonstrates our unique qualities and enables us to promote New Milton Rotary within the community.

I have recently joined the New Milton Town Partnership which, alongside other partners, is central to creating and developing an overall strategy for the town and its residents. I also know that many of you are involved in other organisations within the town so we are able to make our presence felt, influence for the good and tell the Rotary story.

I am grateful that we are becoming social media 'savvy' thanks to Dave for the website and Mary Turner for Facebook, both of which will help in our marketing. Also, many thanks to John Morgan for taking on the job as editor of this Newsletter, which as you know is distributed to people and organisations beyond the boundaries of the Club membership.

Our thoughts are with Dave and Debbie at this distressing time for them. They have decided to reduce their Rotary workload for the moment, minimising their involvement in the website and secretarial duties. Debbie will continue to take the apologies and I will produce the agenda for meetings. So it is 'all hands to deck' and any offers of help are so very welcome.

Don't forget your assistance is needed at the 'Be Involved' event on September 16th - another opportunity to publicise ourselves and hopefully to gain new members who will help us 'make a difference' in communities.

August in the Rotary International Calendar, is 'Membership and Club Development Month' so we are on the right tracks. Thank you all for your support - and do let me know your views and if I get it wrong!

Enjoy the sunshine - when it comes back!

Yours in Rotary and friendship

Mary

Thanks New Milton Rotary

The following is a copy of a thank you e-mail received from Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club.

"Debbie

Just a short e-mail to thank you and your club for organising the holiday bungalow. Our recent family really enjoyed their stay, despite the weather. They did not make full use of the facilities due to their over active children. However they enjoyed the general camp site and the beach, I think it may have been the first time that the children had seen in the sea. The old ones are still the best. They gave me a thank u card which said how the holiday had brought the family closer together, a real winner. I was pleased to see them picking out their bedrooms and the big hug that I had when picking them up brought a big smile to my face.

Thank you again.

Clive Willmott The Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury"

Club Business

Some notes from the minutes of Meetings affecting the operation of the Club

Council Meeting – 10th July 2017

It was decided that Council will be incorporated in the Monthly Business Meeting and that any matters needing specific Council approval will be handled on an individual basis and that proposals for the Club's future will have to be drawn up so that there can be an informed vote by members. The Secretary has subsequently checked the Constitution that the proposal to incorporate the Council meeting into the Business Meeting can be invoked and has found nothing to suggest that it cannot be actioned. In future the cash reports will be prepared and presented at the Business Meetings, with the fundraising and projects event analysis being prepared quarterly. It was decided to take the opportunity to participate in the Be Involved Event on 16th September. A Partner's evening will be held on 30th October – Adrian will be asked to approach The Raft for prices and menus.

Business Meeting – 10th July 2017

It was decided that we have to take account of not just raising funds or raising our profile but on the amount of man hours spent by members on various projects and the measurable impact.

The club needs to consider:

- The continuation of the bungalow project and clarification of the lease
- The continuing support and demands of events and activities for example: Kids Out, Shoeboxes and the Quiz.
- How much time is used on Rotary business (Derek Warner) to ensure members' valuable time and energy is justified as there are fewer members
- The Club can have an informed vote on which projects to keep and which ones need to be dropped

Polio Update

Highlights and global details as at 27 July 2017

No WPV or CVDPV cases were reported in the past week but six WPV1 positive environmental samples were collected in Pakistan. Health officials from Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed joint efforts in the border regions and to form separate teams to be sent to the two sides. For polio-free certification purposes the start date is from the onset of paralysis.

Cases so far in 2017 compared to 2016.

2017 TO 25 JULY:	8 WPV	31 cVDPV
2016 TO SIMILAR DATE:	19 WPV	3 cVDPV
2016 FULL YEAR:	37 WPV	7 cVDPV

The most recent **WPV1** cases with onset of paralysis were:

- In Afghanistan – 19 June 2017 so 5 weeks since the onset of polio.
- In Pakistan - 11 June 2017 or 6 weeks since the onset of polio.
- In Nigeria - 21 August 2016 or 48 weeks since the onset of polio.

1. **WPV1 cases:**

- 3 cases in Pakistan vs. 13 cases at the same time in 2016. Five country-wide vaccination campaigns have been held in Pakistan since October 2016, preparing for the 2017 c which runs from June until September. The imminent 4-day campaign in Balochistan has constituted nearly four thousand teams to administer the vaccination to the children at their doorsteps.
- 5 cases in Afghanistan vs. 6 cases at the same time in 2016.
- No cases in Nigeria. There were no cases in 2015 but cases were identified in 2016 as a result of new initiatives in the northern States where Boko Haram had made access difficult. No new cases since August 2016.
- No other cases though there is much immunisation activity now in the Lake Chad countries following the Nigerian cases in August 2016. From 25 to 28 March, synchronised polio campaigns took place across 13 countries in west and central

Africa including Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali and Niger. Over 190,000 vaccinators immunised more than 116 million children over the campaigns.

The total number of **WPV1 positive environmental samples** collected in 2017 is 67. The six samples reported this week were all collected in July. (The environmental presence of viral particles last for 7-14 days.)

2. **WPV2 cases:**

- Declared eradicated September 2015. (Last case was in October 1999.)

3. **WPV3 cases:**

- No cases reported since 10 November 2012. (That was in Nigeria.)

There were no cases of **cVDPV** this week. The cases of **cVDPV** this year together with the most recent the dates of onset of paralysis were:

- cVDPV2 27 cases in Syria – 6 June 2017.
- cVDPV2 4 cases in DRC - 18 April 2017.

1. **cVDPV1 cases:**

- No cases in 2017. Three cases reported in Laos in 2016. In 2015 there were ten cases in Madagascar, eight cases in the Lao Republic and two cases in the Ukraine.

2. **cVDPV2 cases:**

- Four cases in total in DRC and 27 cases in Syria. All the Syrian cases had onset of paralysis between 3 March and 6 June.

(Extracted from a report by Reg Ling – Rotary Zone 18A End Polio Now Coordinator dated 27th July 2017)

We have applied for a Street Collection Licence to take place on Wednesday 24th October along Station Road, New Milton as part of our fund-raising efforts for the End Polio Now Campaign.

Community Activities

Glorious Weekend at the New Milton Town Show 2017

There was a great turnout with thousands of locals Saturday and Sunday. ground full of stalls, displays and a fantastic Classic Cars. The bar and during the hot day and enjoying themselves.



in sunny weather for the Show supporting the events on Saturday saw the Recreation inflatable slides, new car gathering of around 100 food outlets were very busy everyone seemed to be

On Sunday the Pedal Car Grand Prix was the focus of excitement and was hotly contested by 36 cars in glorious sunshine. Marshaling this year was handled in the main by our own New Milton Rotary willing volunteers and by Highcliffe Rotary Club and Round Table. In total about 30 were required and this was roughly 50:50 Rotary and Round Table. It was good to

see Rotary highlighted around the town. President Mary represented us at the start of the race and also at the prize-giving afterwards.

Thousands of spectators lined the streets of New Milton, expecting to see they were not disappointed. galore and overturns at the tight corners, as the competitors jostled for position first past the post. Incidents to the racers - with our own Jane going to the aid of others!



The race comprised Junior, Ladies only and Senior (mixed) teams. Team names ranged from the Monty's Flying Circus to Topsy Toes (Ringwood Fire Station). The two hour battle won overall by Royce Engineering, managed by Cliff Polton with 60 laps completed. The Odd balls were 2nd, and Ladies section was won by Squeals on Wheels by Steph Mills, who also happens to be Cliff's daughter. Racing



Sc-Eye Ntists were 2nd and Mac Minion 3rd. The Junior section was won by Ballard School, with a very commendable 46 laps, with Inferno 2nd and Speedy Scouts 6 3rd.

Many thanks go to the main sponsor, Hoburne Holidays, and to everyone who made the two day show great days out for all. The Event is arranged by The New Milton Jubilee Committee, and any profits from the event go to support local youth groups. The Pedal Car Grand Prix returns to New Milton in 2019, as it alternates with Ringwood in 2018.

Hope to see everyone back in 2019!

Derek Warner

Youth Activities

Arnewood School Practice Interviews – 4th July 2017

The 4 Musketeers arrived at Arnewood School to conduct the practice interviews: Mary Pye and I worked together whilst Derek and Terry worked individually. We conducted group interviews with up to 3 students at a time. All the students were nicely presented and there were some very focused and enthusiastic. Many of the students have jobs so that they can partially fund themselves whilst at university; it came across quite strongly how worried the students were about the potential debt that they would incur whilst undertaking a university degree. We left hoping we had helped them in gaining confidence in attending interviews. For several of the students this was the first interview they had done.

Mary Turner

Ballard Challenge 7TH July 2017

Along with Ian Legge, Seamus Loftus, Ron Back and Derek Warner I attended Ballard School to act as judges for this year's Ballard Challenge. John Morgan as event co-ordinator deputed me as I/C. By so doing he showed great wisdom, me being an old boy of the school (Edinburgh House in my day 1950 – 56) secure in the knowledge of my having received an excellent education in my time at this august seat of learning. I do not remember Public Speaking on the curricular then, how things have changed! However as an Estate Agent and Rotarian of 45 years plus, like most of my ilk I am well able to give and receive advice.

For the 'Challenge' the students are divided into groups of 10, each student had to speak on a subject of their own choice for approximately 5 minutes and we as judges had to give marks and opinions in each case. My group of 4 boys and 5 girls all about 13 to 14 years old amazed me with their choice of subjects ranging from the 'Universe' to 'Japanese Culture' I was aware I could not speak on any of these subjects. The students were all eager and enthusiastic and had obviously well researched their subjects, some quite understandably were a bit nervous which I tried to alleviate by recounting some accounts of my school days. I did get a few polite laughs. The students all did well. My main criticism was too much computer graphics and use of prompt cards etc. in many cases, much better to give a firm delivery speech without any prompting with written notes etc. I think my comments were well received. More importantly it gives the students confidence to stand up and speak to strangers like us Rotarians rather than their teachers.

Our clubs involvement with Ballard School is very worthwhile and enjoyable to me particularly as an 'old boy'. Mike Clifford, CEO/Main Man made us very welcome as always with a school lunch of Fish and Chips, yes, much better than school dinners of yesteryear. Followed by a very interesting lecture from 'The Naked Rowers', 6 girls who rowed a 20' open boat from San Francisco to Cairns across the Pacific. Not the Atlantic as I had to correct Mike. My private education was not entirely wasted.

Bill Clarke

P.S. My photo in the school group 1952/53 is still hanging in the Heritage Room.

RYLA Weekend – Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2017

Over the weekend of 21st to 23rd July our 2 sponsored students from Arnewood joined about 30 other young people for Rotary Wessex's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend at Avon Tyrell. As you know the RYLA scheme is a leadership development programme run by Rotary to benefit potential young leaders. While participants can be any age, most events focus on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals and are typically 3–10 days long and include presentations, activities, and workshops that cover a variety of topics, including: leadership fundamentals and ethics; communication skills; problem solving and conflict management; and, community and global citizenship. This year's group of young people were declared to be the best overall group for a number of years and the course seems to have benefitted them across a wide range of attributes as testified by the course feedback. We look forward to listening to our sponsored students regale us with details of their experiences at Avon Tyrell some time during the Autumn Term.

Fundraising

Car Boot – 16th July.

Isn't it amazing that however early you get to the gate there are some eager sellers waiting for it to be opened! The day was overcast and fairly cool and we thought we were going to have a quiet car boot but the sellers kept trickling in in ones and twos and, suddenly, there were 47 car boots – well 48 as the RNLI lady came too. It makes such a difference when the burger van comes and he was very apologetic for being late but his refreshments are extremely welcome. We made £367.47p from the car boots and the buckets on the gate – so thank you everyone who supported us. Thanks also go to President Mary, Terry, and Velma who provided the support team.

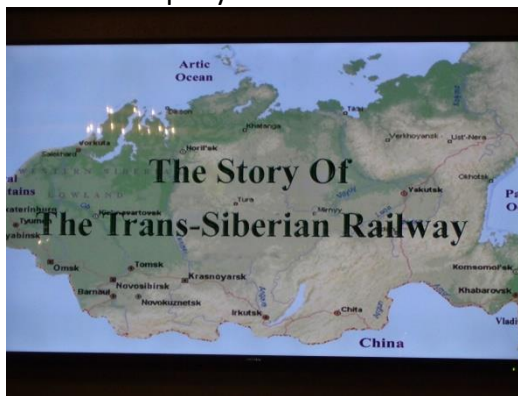
Debbie and Dave Nottage

Speaker's Corner

Trans-Siberian Railway

On 3rd July Dave Foot of Highcliffe Rotary Club entertained us with a well-researched and informative talk about the history of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

His talk started with the background to the early development of the railway in Tsar Nicholas' time. He covered the development and expansion of the route and the political and economic reasons for the need to rapidly create a reliable means of transport across the vast expanse of the



Russian landscape. He took us through the encountered which weather, the unforgiving inevitable political revolution. His knowledge impressive as he reeled of covering costs and how were overcome. The the journey is impressive

comparisons to other long-distance railway routes throughout the world to put the enormity of the initial project into perspective. Some of the practical difficulties in laying the track that had to be solved included traversing perma-frost areas, passing huge lakes and finding the labour force to physically carry out the work in the severe conditions that the route followed. Dave's pictures gave us a feel for the spectacular views that a traveller will experience on the journey from Moscow to Vladivostok; a journey Dave himself has undertaken crossing 8 time zones on the 8 day excursion. Dave explained how difficult it is to organise such a trip and that the group he was in had to arrange for their carriage to be hitched up to different trains on their expedition as the regular schedule does not include a through trip.

Sports Report

Nield Shield – 3rd Leg held at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club on Thursday 27th July 2017

We were hosts for the 3rd and final leg of the Nield Shield, presented by D J Nield, President of New Milton Rotary in 1977-78, an annual Golf Competition between the Rotary Clubs of Christchurch, Lymington and New Milton. After the 1st two rounds Lymington were in a strong position to retain the trophy, but we were back on home ground and by careful planning our team captain, Ian Legge, had ensured that the wind would blow in our favour. We scored using the Stableford System with a maximum handicap of 24 and then averaged the scores of the players in each team. Thus after 2 rounds Lymington had 70.33 points, followed by New Milton with 65.91 points with Christchurch bringing up the rear with 60.90 points. So in the bright sunshine and with an increasing wind, which is unusual on the Highcliffe Castle Golf Course, the 12 contestants swung away with heads held up high and battled not only each other but themselves and the elements. All too soon it was all over and we returned to the Clubhouse and once suitably showered and shampooed we congregated in the dining-room where some of us were joined by our wives for an excellent meal. After the meal an expectant hush descended over the party as we awaited the official announcement of the result. Soon, Ian's sonorous tones rang out clearly as he made the usual thanks to the Golf Club and the catering staff before progressing to the details of the scores. On the day in 3rd place was Lymington with 26.5 points, then slightly ahead with 27.0 points came the Christchurch team but with a magnificent score of 28.6 were the hosts, New Milton. However, the mathematicians amongst you will have readily calculated that the effort was not enough for New Milton to wrest the hands of Lymington off the trophy. The final scores being: Lymington 96.83; New Milton 94.51; and Christchurch 87.90. For the record the highest scoring player on the day was John Morgan with 34 points, however, this was the Christchurch version not ours.

One Day in Rotary

Three things to do in one day – and they were all fun!

First was the Ballard School Speech Day. The music was brilliant with the stage party entering to music by the Chamber Ensemble. Later we were treated to a song 'Fly to Paradise' performed by the Senior Choir written by Eric Whitacre. It was lovely seeing all the students coming up to accept their awards and it brought quite a lump to my throat when the retiring Heads of School came forward and did their speeches – they had clearly really enjoyed their time at Ballard and were both sad and excited to be moving on. After considerable clapping it was time to rush off to my second event – the Back Door Club lunch. This is a lovely social event and it is good to meet, and catch up, with everyone. Thanks to John Witt for organising another tasty lunch at The Galleon. Back home for a few hours then out again to the Mayor's Investiture at the New Milton Cricket Club. Luckily the weather held and there was ample opportunity for photos to be taken – the professional photographer was kept busy!

All in all I had a good day but was happy to come home and put my feet up!

Debbie

Club Diary

AUGUST		
7 August	Mon	Club Meeting – Speaker Mary Turner, Job Talk - Updates
9 August	Wed	Group 3 Meeting
14 August	Mon	Club Meeting - Business Forum and Council
16 August	Wed	Past Rotarians V Rotary Boule, The Cliff House
21 August	Mon	Club Meeting – Fellowship – Updates
28 August	Mon	BANK HOLIDAY
SEPTEMBER		
4 Sept	Mon	Club Meeting – Speaker Suna King, New Milton Smart Town - Club Fellowship - Updates
11 Sept	Mon	NO MEETNG
17 Sept	Sun	Car Boot 6.30am
18 Sept	Mon	Club Meeting - Business Forum
25 Sept	Mon	Club Meeting – Speaker Michelle Newton, District Community Chair – Fellowship - Updates

Club Rotas

Duty Host

August	
Monday 7th	Dave Nottage
Monday 14th	Debbie Nottage
Monday 21st	Terry Smith
September	
Monday 4th	Adrian Stopps
Monday 18th	Mary Turner
Monday 25th	Derek Warner

Bungalow Duties

WEEK	START DATE	FINISH DATE	DUTY HOSTS	
18	29/7	5/8	Keith Williams	Derek Warner
19	5/8	12/8	Bill Clark	John Morgan
20	12/8	19/8	Mary Pye	Ian Legge
21	19/8	26/8	D&D Nottage	Terry Smith
22	26/8	2/9	Volunteer	Volunteer
23	2/9	9/9	Jane Lawley	Velma Greenwood
24	9/9	16/9	Terry Smith	Derek Warner
25	16/9	23/9	No Guests	
26	23/9	30/9	No Guests	

If you are unable to meet your Bungalow Duties please exchange with another Club Member and then let Debbie know.

You have to smile!

A Queue at the Pearly Gates

An old chap arrives at the Pearly Gates and immediately sees 2 signs. The 1st sign reads "Men who were controlled by their wives stand in this queue". The old chap looks and sees that this queue disappears in to the far distance. So he peers at the other sign and notices that it says "Men who were **NOT** controlled by their wives stand in this queue". He notices that there is only 1 man in this queue so he slowly shuffles over to join him. "Tell me" he said ""Why are you standing over here?" The man replied "I don't know, my wife told me to".

Yours in Rotary

John

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