



President's Remarks

After all the social activity over the holiday period, it's now time to get ourselves into gear for the club's fund raising events during the remainder of this year and next.

Plans are already afoot for the 60's Night in aid of Polio Plus later this month and the Road Race next Easter. We also look forward to the shoe box collection, shaking tins in the Avenue Centre this autumn using our brand new display board and the ever popular Ethnic evenings.

Despite the informality of recent months, progress has already been made towards many of our objectives this year – Road Race sponsors appear to remain committed following our successful celebration evening, Community Service continue to find good causes to support with donations so far to Life Education Corset and Bournemouth Young Carers and Vocational have already made two Progress Awards.

Since the last Newsletter we have welcomed one new member (John Maynard) and one new honorary member (Andrew Wood). A sad event, however, was the unexpected death of Stan Stoneham, a well loved former member of the club. A number of past and present members attended the funeral at Colehill and we collected £140 for his chosen charities.

Our first ladies night attracted a record of 8 guests in addition to our wives! Our first three speakers of the new season, Sheena Dayman from Hope FM, Peter Lyon and Sue Welland were very good and by the looks of it our programme will continue on the same high note with more interesting speakers coming up - thanks Paul and all those who put the names forward.

The highlight of the last 3 months must, nevertheless, have been the presentation of the Community Service award to our highly respected past member and likeable character, David Wiseman.

This was done on Saturday 6th September at the Littledown Centre in the presence of the Mayor of Bournemouth in recognition of David's sterling

efforts in forming the highly successful Littledown Juniors football club exactly 20 years ago to the very day!

I am much encouraged by the good atmosphere and enthusiasm which nowadays seems to pervade the club and I look forward to this continuing as the autumn and winter unfold.

John Maddox

Cut Off Date For The Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published on the 8th of January 2009. Articles for this issue need to reach me by 09.00 on the 27th of December 2008.

Anything received after this date will not appear in the January issue.

Can I ask that you send your text and pictures in an Email rather than in a Word or Publisher document as it is much easier for me to process the data that way.
Thanks

Bill Coombes

Don't forget that the Christmas Party is on the 20th of December at Gilby's Restaurant. David Coombe has sent out a Menu form to each member and it will help him if you can fill it in and get it back to him as soon as possible.

Last years event was very good, so please support this one and bring a guest if you can.

John Maynard

We welcome John into the Club.

John and his wife Nina were both born and brought up in Bournemouth, attending local schools. Indeed John started his work life at the Echo. Subsequently John has gone on to have a successful career in publishing, which has taken him all over the world.

John and Nina, and their two sons, have retained close links in this area through family and friends. Twenty years ago they bought a holiday home in the area, and now John has taken early retirement they have made this their main home.

In retirement John has thrown himself into U3A, Walking, becoming a governor at a local school, supporting the Cherries, and working-out at the Littledown.

We look forward to John and Nina participating in and enjoying Rotary to the full.

Skittles Evening Thurs 28th Aug

Thanks to all who supported the Frampton Arms skittles Evening. A lovely 40 minute train journey from Bournemouth to Moreton on a beautiful sunny evening. Unfortunately the train was 15 minutes late which reduced the time at the pub. Already a very tight schedule to fit everything in for the return journey at 10-30pm and it did indeed give me a few anxious moments.

Food was, I believe very nice with large portions. Bar service I think was on the slow side, so if I organise this event again next year, I will look at the option of having the skittle alley bar opened. This would though, incur an extra cost. In any event, it would be worth looking at.

34 members and guests attended with 32 using the train. £57 was raised towards the foundation fund.

Many thanks to Chris Wood and Ian Robertson for their much needed help on the night.

Keith Randall (Sports Sec)

Andrew Wood Inducted as an Honorary Member

Thursday 18th September was a special evening. It was an evening when our ladies, and other guests, joined us for an amusing talk by Peter Lyon "Mine Host" at the Nelson Pub and Restaurant entitled "A Square Peg in a Round Hole" which described his life from Bank Clerk to Landlord and Hotel Owner.

For Andrew Wood (son of Founder Member and Past President Chris, and Margaret Wood) it was very a special evening, as following a proposal from Bill Coombes supported by James Havelock, he was inducted as an Honorary Member of Rotary.

President John Maddox, before handing Andrew his Rotary pin, reminded Members that Andrew had for a long time been a very willing volunteer assisting with the raffles at our Christmas and President's Nights, as well as acting as a Marshall at our Annual Road Race.

He also regularly supported our Sports and Social Evenings and was a dab hand at Skittles and Boules.

President John expressed the hope that Andrew would continue to enjoy his association with The Club for many years to come. Andrew's delight with the honour was plain to see from the above photograph.



Summer BBQ in Mudeford

Oh what a summer? We did manage to find some dry weather, although windy (very windy) on Sunday 20 July when many members with wives and friends joined Cath and Graham Rogers for a BBQ by the sea.

There were about 30 of us to enjoy the sizzling chicken and lamb and sausages and ribs together with a vast range of salads and puddings provided by Cath and her helpers.

This was an occasion for everybody to relax and swap stories with not only fellow Rotary members and families but also friends and neighbours.

Nobody went for a swim, but we are pleased to report that David T landed safely after a brief flight with an unusually buoyant parasol!

Everybody was very generous and we raised more than £300.00 towards Foundation and End Polio Now.



David dropping in after his flight, to the surprise of Bill, Margaret and James!

Graham Rogers

Remember; The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tyre.

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted

Life Education Dorset

On September 4th the club handed a cheque for £1,000 to Keith Adams who is a trustee to this charity and Life Education Dorset is one of our chosen charities for this Rotary year.



The charity does excellent work and has 4 mobile classrooms and for the 7 years when children are in Dorset Primary Schools they are given guidance, at age appropriate talks, on the following subjects:

- Bullying and how to deal with it.
- Healthy eating and how to avoid obesity.
- The dangers of smoking.
- The dangers of taking drugs.
- Alcohol abuse and
- The understanding of their bodies and how to look after it.

The charity visits 220 Primary Schools in Dorset and in 2007 instruction was given to 42,000 children which is 97% of primary children in Dorset. Their ambitions are laudable as their aim is to equip children with the knowledge, skills and self confidence to make informed healthy choices as they go through senior school and after.

John Butcher

Never test the depth of the water with both feet

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of mortgage payments

Speakers for the next 3 months

2nd Oct Committee Evening
9th Oct Graham Ramsdale - Army & Police Comms
16th Oct A.C.C. Adrian Whiting - Ladies Night
23rd Oct Dr. Helen McCarthy - Jigsaw Appeal
30th Oct Committee Evening
6th Nov Business Meeting - Open Forum
13th Nov Kevin Patience - Salvage Master
20th Nov Colin France - Whistling in the Wind
27th Nov Richard Maunder - District Governor
4th Dec Committee Evening & Club SGM
11th Dec Bill Coombes - It Will Be Alright on the Night
18th Dec No Meeting
20th Dec Xmas Party
25th Dec No Meeting
1st Jan No Meeting
8th Jan Committee Meeting
15th Jan Di or Nick Lawrence - Leonard Cheshire

An Evening on the Swanage Railway

On August 14 our Club forsook the Thursday evening delights of a meeting and a meal at the Belvedere Hotel and set off with our Ladies and some guests to the Swanage Steam Railway.

President John had warned us to arrive in good time as our train would set off promptly at 7 p.m. and Chris Wood Margaret and Andrew caused some momentary panic by their absence as the guard was ready to blow his whistle but thankfully they appeared in the nick of time.

The bar staff were very attentive to our needs before the journey began and it was a pleasure to see Harry Baines and Carole after Harry's recent illness had forced him into a period of absence from our Meetings.

A three course dinner was served to us in our Pullman Coach and some of us were brave enough to get off the train to stretch our legs, risking being left behind on the Halt.

It was dark by the time our heritage diesel locomotive

brought us back to Swanage platform (It has to be diesel Lionel!) and some of us made the dash to catch the the last Sandbanks Ferry back to Poole at 11p.m. but I fancy most decided to drive "the long way round except Brian Richardson who for once had a short run home.

I spied our President asleep in his car at the traffic lights in Wallisdown as I pulled up alongside. He too had had an enjoyable evening (worry not.. Marilyn was at the wheel!)

Alan Turle

An Appeal to Walkers

Prior to "Meltdown" members of the Club, their wives and friends often went on organised walks.

Sadly the organiser has disappeared into the ether, and a pleasant social activity no longer happens.

From my observation most members are still capable of walking a few miles on a circular route from a good pub.

Is there any demand for the occasional Sunday morning outing?

Have we got anybody prepared to organise it?

Chris Brookes

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalised.

Well, said the Director, we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.'

Oh, I understand, said the visitor, A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup.'

No said the Director, A normal person would pull the plug.....Do you want a bed near the window?'

Thanks to Mike Crockett for that one

RECEPTION DUTY

OCTOBER

			Wine, Grace, Vote of Thanks and Tosser.
2nd	Bill Coombes	Mike Crockett	Peter Mylechreest
9th	Terry Finnagin	Lionel Harley	Henry Olswang
16th	James Havelock	Keith Loveless	Keith Randall
23rd	Geoff Lupton	John Maynard	Brian Richardson
30th	Peter Mylechreest	Henry Olswang	Ian Robertson

NOVEMBER

6th	Keith Randall	Brian Richardson	Simon Outten
13th	Ian Robertson	Graham Rogers	David Trenchard
20th	David Trenchard	Alan Turle	Chris Wood
27th	Chris Wood	Ed Abley	Alan Turle

DECEMBER

4th	Harry Baines	Chris Brookes	Ed Abley
11th	John Butcher	Bill Coombes	Harry Baines
18th		NO MEETING	
25th		NO MEETING	

JANUARY 2009

1ST		NO MEETING	
8th	Mike Crockett	Terry Finnagin	Chris Brookes
15th	Lionel Harley	James Havelock	John Butcher

IF YOU CAN'T DO IT - please, PLEASE, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE THAT CAN
and then tell Hon. Sec DAVID COOMBE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:-

- October** 1st. Keith Loveless *On 1st of October 1957, the Americans put 'In God We Trust' on their paper Currency.*
- November** Alas - none
- December** 2nd. Chris Brookes. *On the 2nd of December 2007, giant Truffle found in Italy set a record price of £165,000. It weighed 1.5kg. It was purchased by the Macau Casino owner Stanley Ho.*
- 13th Graham Rogers *On the 13th of December 1577, Sir Francis Drake started his 'Around the World' Voyage.*
- 18th Lionel Harley *On the 18th of December 1969, the Death Penalty was abolished in England*
- 23rd Mike Crockett *On the 23rd of December 1947, the first Transistor was demonstrated by Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, USA*
- 28th. Peter Mylechreest *On the 28th of December 1065, Westminster Abbey was first consecrated*

The Back Pages

The Man With No Ears

A man was in a bad accident and was injured, but the only permanent damage he suffered was the loss of both ears which made him very self conscious. He did however, receive a large sum of money from his insurance company.

It was always his dream to own his own business, so he went out and bought a small but expanding computer firm. Realising he had no business knowledge at all, he decided to hire someone to run the company. He advertised and selected three suitable candidates and then interviewed them.

The last question to each was always the same.

“Do you notice anything unusual about me” he asked the first candidate.

“Yes, you have no ears” He quickly eliminated the first candidate.

“Do you notice anything unusual about me” he asked the second candidate.

“Yes, he said “you have no ears” He was eliminated also.

“Do you notice anything unusual about me” he asked the third candidate, a chap by the name of Bill Coombes.

“Yes” he said, “You’re wearing contact lenses”

Thinking he had found the right man for the job he said “That’s correct, but how did you know”?

“Well” said Bill, “You can’t wear glasses if you’ve got no bloody ears”

Thanks to Keith Randall for that one

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is probably not for you

Exercise For People Over 40

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

Thanks to Ian Robertson for that one



UK Defence Cuts Start To Take Effect

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It's Goodbye from me and it's Goodbye from him,

Bill & Brian

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