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BULLETIN
of the
Rotary Club
Of
Eastbourne
(chartered 1922)

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President: Bill Tozer
Secretary: George Collier
Treasurer: Colin Middleton

PRESIDENT'S PEREGRINATIONS

What a pleasure it was to induct Neil Markham on the 11th August. Neil's Christian faith has brought him through many health challenges but he's a very positive person, plays golf regularly and is very active in the community - I'm sure he will be a great asset to our Club. I would like to thank Paul Honney .



Another great pleasure, on the same day, was to award Jessica Gisby her Guest Membership Certificate. Jessica very much wants to be part of the Club and has asked to circulate through several committees to really get a feel as to how Rotary works. Committee chairmen will, I'm sure, welcome her to their meetings. (on the left in the picture) for being his sponsor and presenting Neil for membership.

Our thanks to George Collier for sponsoring Jessica.

A further pleasure was the awarding of Paul Collins his Guest Membership Certificate on the 28th July – I'm sure Paul will enjoy Rotary and I hope will eventually seek full membership. Many thanks to his sponsor, John Macdonald, for seeking to enlarge our Rotary fellowship.

What a magnificent start to our Rotary year to welcome these very discerning and intelligent people (well they must be to request Rotary Membership) to our midst and I know that the Club will respond by welcoming them to all our meetings and being their friends.

Many thanks to Barrie Gent and Diana for organising the Barbeque around the pool at the DGH's Sports and Social Club on Friday the 15th. The event was delayed by a reception being held after a funeral of a young teacher from the St Thomas a' Becket School. But the food was worth waiting for and the company was excellent. The event raised £150 for David Lambert's Pevensey Ward appeal.

Nine members and two spouses were thrilled by the Eastbourne Borough Football Club's match against Rushden & Diamonds on the 9th.- unfortunately the home team lost One/Nil – an early penalty sealed their fate. But all enjoyed the game which was made available to them by concessionary tickets supplied by Lorna Gosling, Commercial Manager for the Club – who enthusiasm was very evident during her visit to the Club.

Many thanks – too – to Frank Eveleigh who organised a very successful evening meal and visit to the Coca cabana show at the Congress Theatre – another great show by the Rattionians – enjoyed by all.

On 16th July, a team of Rotarians attended a reception at 11 Downing Street organised by John Heaton MP, Minister for Local Government, to acknowledge the role of the voluntary and community sectors, both locally and nationally, in helping the communities devastated by the floods of June .

Around £10 million had been raised by the community and voluntary sectors, and of course Rotary were a major contributor with the help of Naomi Campbell and of all Rotarians nationally and internationally.

[Bill Tozer](#)

ROTARY BARBECUE AT DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL

On Friday 15th August 32 Rotarians, partners and guests came to this delightful venue for an excellent social evening. The heated outdoor pool was put to good use by several in the party and we had exclusive use of the large marquee in the Club grounds. This was as well because they were also hosting the biggest post funeral gathering they have ever seen. This was to celebrate the life of a young school teacher who had been instrumental in raising funds for the hospital cancer unit and who had sadly died on the journey back from Lourdes.

In the circumstances, Peter (the Club Manager) and his crew did a great job in looking after us and produced some excellent food. This was the second year they had entertained us and we might as well go for the same again next year.



*Photograph:
Barrie handing over cheque to
Peter Nash (Chairman of
Friends of Eastbourne
Hospitals) with President Bill
Tozer (L to R)*

Part of the idea of the evening was to raise funds for The Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals and because of the generosity of those who attended (and some who could not be there) we were able to hand over a cheque for £150 which will be designated for the Pevensey Ward Project (Chris Lambird Appeal).

[Barrie Gent](#)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. **Amreli Project:** There has been an exchange of emails with Dr Pratap Panchal of the Amreli Club and the current proposal is for the two clubs to fund benches/desks, toilet blocks and water purifiers for the three schools in the village of Chital. A total of 1000 students will benefit at a total cost of between \$14,000 and \$15,500. Final figures are awaited from Amreli. The Amreli club will contribute \$3,000; after making provision for a matching grant, our club will need to find between \$4,000 and \$4,750.



It seems that the water retention project (provision to capture water from the rainy season to be used through the drought months) has been put 'on the back burner, but this is to be confirmed.

(Photograph: School children of the Amreli Project)



2. **Jazz Concert:** This year's concert; will aim to satisfy the jazz enthusiasts who attend (about 75%) but take account of the remainder who would be looking for a wider range of music. The 8th April 2009 is the date for the concert and the Andy Cooper's Top Seven has been booked for the event. Sponsors will be sought in line with last year's event and a net profit of over £2,000 will be the target.
3. **Social:** A change from recent years will be made. Previously, the event has been held in local restaurants such as Indian and Chinese. This year it is intended that it will be held at the Chatsworth Hotel and will have an international menu. The menu has been provisionally agreed with the hotel and this is being offered at £15 per head. It is intended to have entertainment after the meal and there will be a raffle; with this in mind the hotel has agreed to offer a voucher for two free evening meals as a prize but other prizes will be sought. Given a charge for attendance of £20, a **minimum** of 60 attendees and the product of the raffle, proceeds should reach about £400. The date for the event is Wednesday, 8th October.
4. **Tripartite/ President's Night:** The events are being planned on the assumption that there will be a combined President's Night and 'French' visit. The intention is to house those visitors, who are not being 'hosted' by members, at the Chatsworth Hotel (for whom we have been offered advantageous terms). On the Friday evening, 8th May 2009, the visitors will dine at members' houses. On the Saturday, they will visit Hever Castle and lunch at the Pavilion restaurant before returning to Eastbourne to prepare for attending President's Night at the East Sussex National Golf Centre. Allan Woolley has been most impressed by what is on offer at this venue. A programme is being prepared with a budget cost of £37.50 for members. Dinner Jackets will be the order of dress. Some of the visitors were planning to remain in England beyond the Sunday and would use one of their coaches whilst those returning home would use the other one.
5. **RIBI Group Study Exchange:** We are liaising with the Amreli Club over the possibility of a member of that club hosting a nominee from our club.
6. **Zimbabwe Student's Education:** Contact has been made with the Headmistress of the school that will be attended by the Zimbabwe girl, who we have agreed to support at a cost of £320 per year for two years. Full details about her and the course will be sent to us before the term starts in September. Her progress will be monitored over the two years

[Joe Smedley](#)

R/C LILLE NORD

33 hours to sell and buy anything and everything at the biggest flea market in Europe: 100 km of stands. 10,000 vendors and 1 to 2 million visitors attend the La Grande Braderie (translates as Cheap) de Lille, a tradition dating back to medieval times which happens on the first weekend in September.

That's when the town of Lille transforms itself into a giant jumble sale where you can buy anything from works of art to junk. This year the event occurs on the 6th and 7th of September 2008. The traditional fare at this event is mussels and chips – restaurants vie one with another as to who can build the highest pile of empty mussel shells.



With that sort of event taking place in their town you can bet that the R/C of Lille Nord is there in the thick of it – and you would be right – they take over part of the Rue Lydéric and the Rue d'Hazebrouck, which are closed to traffic, erecting twenty five, 3 x 3m, tents and a stage. All the tents and stage are equipped with lights because the peak time for demand is Saturday, 18 hours to midnight, when they have 47 staff on duty. As a guide of the amount of food they sell over the 33 hours, they stock 1,000 plates & covers together with a Mac Cain truck to stock the French fries and another truck to stock the cold food and drinks.

It requires a massive military style operation to get all the logistics in place there is so much to do – tables/chairs/skids/trash cans/ water closets/wiring/ deep fat fryers/beer pumps/ crepe fryers/coffee makers – plus all the stock to be sold. And after the event to disassemble the lot so that everything is back to normal by Monday morning.

Sales times are Midday to Midnight on Saturday and 0800 – 1300 on Sunday which means that the number of staff required is enormous for a Rotary Club to provide. Lille Nord are fortunate in having the support of its members, their spouses, Inner Wheel, Rotoract, any many associated societies, the Association of Youth, Cafarnaüm (translates as Shambles) who help rehabilitation work, Association Paralysés de France, Societe des Eaux du Nord (a water supply company) who provide staff and transport.



Businesses take space in the tents to sell their wares - Papillion Blanc (white butterflies) a boutique, that also provide staff and transport for the setting up, Les Cuisinés des Sources, Jenlain, Biscuiterie Leblond associé à Chocodar, Limonade Lagosse, La Maison du Perlé and Soupes Peyrard.

Inner Wheel is responsible for the collection and sale of 'Jumble' and Rotoract's particular duties is the provision of the pancakes.

A jazz group entertain and attract the crowds during the evening with 'Karaoke' being the sound coming from the stage during the daytime.

Because of security alerts in 2007 the Lille Authorities decided that the roads the R/C Lille Nord normally uses could not be closed to traffic and they had to cancel their most profitable activity – but it is all go this year and they are looking forward to resuming their place on this most hectic of weekends.

[Bill Tozer](#)

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

Business Trainers have for years told us that it is important to have Goals and that they should be written down. They also say that better achievements can be obtained if we make the effort to visualise our goals – the more clarity and detail with which we can visualise the goals the easier it is for our brains to make our dreams come true.

With this in mind the managers at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, eager to reduce cleaning costs in the men's loos, had a fly drawn on the porcelain of each of the urinals – which has improved the accuracy of penile aim by 80%.

Females would say, of course, that is exactly where the male brain actually lies!

[Bill Tozer](#)

CONFIRMATION OF INSURANCE LETTER

To eliminate the need to contact them several times each year, brokers Sutton Winson have issued a Confirmation of Insurance letter for Rotary year 2008 / 2009, including a description of events that fall within RIBI's standard cover. Please let me know if you need a copy.

[George Collier](#)

WANTED: CLUB ARCHIVIST

The records, press cuttings, minutes, photographs and newsletters over the past 85 years provide not only a history of the Club since its Charter in 1922, but also a wonderful socially commentary and story of the changes within Eastbourne itself over that period.

Since Denys Lambert's death, the Club's archives have not been maintained on a regular basis and someone is needed to take on this important role urgently; it would be a pity to let the continuity of those archives slip during our stewardship of the Club.

Can **YOU** help?

Or would you be prepared to share the task with another member of the Club?

Please let President Bill know if you are interested in helping out.



**END
Polio
NOW**

Mike Jackson, a member of the R/C of Fordingbridge and Chairman of The International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians, an organisation that coordinates cricket tours, persuaded his colleagues to donate \$10,000 excess fees that would normally be retained to promote future projects, to fight polio.

The donation funded an April Sub-National Immunization day in India – the largest cricket playing nation in the world.

Polio Facts & Figures

Area	Number of cases to June 08
Afghanistan	5
India	186
Nigeria	106
Pakistan	3
Non-endemic countries	13
Total Worldwide	313



Ramesh Ferris, a 28 year old polio survivor, who was born in India but raised in Canada (above), is cycling across Canada, on a 27 gear hand cycle, in support of polio eradication. Currently nearing the half-way point of his 4,500 mile six-month journey, which will end in mid-October at Cape Spear, Newfoundland.

[G8 renews commitments to polio eradication](#)

At their 8-9 July summit meeting in Japan, the G8 nations agreed to "maintain momentum towards the historical achievement of eradicating polio." Together, the G8 countries account for more than half of all funding of the GPEI. The G8 first placed polio eradication on its summit agenda in 2002.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomed the G8's renewed commitment to finishing polio. Following release of the G8's 2008 summit communiqué, the Gates Foundation stated, "In recognition of the G8's continued attention to polio eradication, the foundation will commit at least US\$150 million to fight polio this year. This is in addition to the \$250 million we have committed to date toward polio eradication efforts."

[Bill Tozer](#)

JOKES

A Catholic Priest, an Indian Doctor, a rich Chinese Businessman and an Aussie were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers in front of them.

The Aussie fumed, “What’s with those blokes?” “We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!”

The Indian Doctor chimed in, “I don’t know, but I’ve never seen such poor golf!”

The Chinese Businessman called out “Move it, time is money”.

The Catholic Priest said, “Here comes George the Greens Keeper. Let’s have a word with him”.

‘Hello, George!’ said the Catholic Priest, “What’s wrong with that group a head of us? They’re rather slow, aren’t they?”

George the Green Keeper replied, “Oh, yes. That’s a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our Clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime”.

The group fell silent for a moment.

The Catholic Priest said, “That’s so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight”.

The Indian Doctor said, “Good idea. I’m going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there’s anything he can do for them”.

The Chinese Businessman replied, “I think I’ll donate \$50,000 to the fire-fighters in honor of these brave souls”.

The Aussie said, “Why can’t they play at night?”



A driver is stuck in a traffic jam on the motorway, nothing is moving.

Suddenly a man knocks on the window.

The driver rolls down his window and asks, “What’s going on?”

“Terrorists down the road have kidnapped Gordon Brown, Alistair Darling, David Miliband and Jack Straw”.

“They’re asking for a £10 million ransom otherwise they’re going to douse them with petrol and set them on fire”.

“We’re going from car to car, taking up a collection”.

The driver asks, “How much is everyone giving, on average?”

“Most people are giving about a gallon”.

Allan Woolley

EARLY THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE

We are barely into the new Presidential year, yet I am already receiving information about “training” and preparation for the next! This has given me cause for thought – what exactly would I like to achieve in my year, and how would this fit with the wishes of members of Club. Whilst not wanting to detract from President Bill’s ambitions for this year that we must work to achieve, I would like to share some of my early thoughts with you.

Club already does an enormous amount of good work through its established activities, and I would hope that they continue.

As Chairman of the Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals, I am very grateful for the enormous amount of support and commitment Club has given and continues to give during this and recent years. Whilst, inevitably, my own involvement with the Friends will continue, and I hope that Club will continue to support where it feels able to do so, I do not want this to become the dominant feature of my year in office. I am conscious that there are many deserving causes within our local community and it is important that we are not seen to be a “one cause” club.

However, I have been thinking that I would like to have a theme to my year, and would suggest that this is “youth”. This club has a proud record of supporting youth particularly in the areas of literacy (volunteer reading help, dictionaries), “Kid’s Out”, and the continued support for the Sea Cadets. I have a personal affinity for the Air Cadets (being a member of the RAF Section of the school Combined Cadet Force has a direct link with my coming to Eastbourne just over 40 years ago, and everything that has happened since), the St.John Ambulance and its youth sections, and through my wife the Guide Association (who will be celebrating their centenary in 2010). I am sure other members of club will have youth organisations that they feel are deserving of support –the difficulty is deciding which to support and how.

I would be very happy to receive members’ views on the suggestion that youth is to be the theme for my year and, if in agreement, how we may develop this.

Peter Nash

THE BALL OF THE FALL

The Ball of the Fall will be held at St.Bede's School, the Dicker, on Saturday 1 November 2008. This is a follow up to last year's very successful Caribbean Ball and, once again, the proceeds will be split 80% to the Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals and 20% to Club. On this occasion club has already decided that its 20% will go to the Sea Cadets towards the cost of a new roof.

The contribution to The Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals will go to their Pevensy Appeal. The Friends intend to assist the District General Hospital in resiting and expanding the facilities currently available on Pevensy Ward. This ward is dedicated to Haematology and Oncology and, as such, treats many patients with blood disorders particularly blood cancers (e.g. leukaemia, lymphoma) and the drug treatment of many other cancers. More and more treatments are becoming available, and more and more patients are in need of their services. We wish to expand the number of single rooms – essential for many in-patients whose immunity may be compromised by the treatment – increase the out-patient facilities to allow better quality of care, and improve the adolescent services available in the unit. In all, it is estimated that then total cost is likely to reach £2million, and the Friends will make a substantial contribution to this. I personally believe that this is one of the most exciting projects undertaken by the Friends.

The Caribbean Ball was a huge success and we wish to build on that success. St Bede's at the Dicker can provide bigger facilities and, importantly, much better access for guests and volunteers!! The school is being fantastic and most helpful. They have a fleet of minibuses and hope to be able to assist with transport to and from the venue.

Last year's ball has often been described as the event of the year – this will be bigger and better. Table and ticket reservations can be made through Peter Nash at £35 per head or £340 for a table of ten.

[Peter Nash](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

August 2008 to 31 July 2009

		Function	Comments	Vote of Thanks
August				
24	Sun	Funday/Funwalk - Western Lawns		
25	Mon	Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
September				
1	Mon	Lunch	Rtn. Alan Wenham - 'My Job' Talk	President
		Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
8	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
10	Wed	District Council Meeting	Masonic Centre, Maidstone	
15	Mon	Lunch	(Hon Member) Mrs Caroline Mayhew 'My Year as High Sheriff'	Michael Barrett
22	Mon	Lunch		John Macdonald
29	Mon	Lunch	Jo Ellis - 'Eastbourne Homes'	Colin Luck
October				
6	Mon	Lunch		Nigel Greaves
		Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
13	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
20	Mon	Lunch		Ron Genty
24/26	Fri/Sun	District Conference - Eastbourne		
27	Mon	Lunch		Jeremy Wheeler
November				
1	Sat	Autumn Ball	Supporting "Friends" and Sea Cadets - 80/20%	
3	Mon	Lunch		Peter Goldsmith
		Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
10	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
17	Mon	Lunch		Ian Coombs
24	Mon	Lunch		Michael Barrett
December				
1	Mon	Evening Meeting with Partners Chatsworth Hotel	Angus Wingfield - 'Inner Journey Project 2008'	David Coe
2	Tue	Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
8	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting & Election of Officers for 2009-10	
13	Sat	Rotary Carol Concerts - Congress Theatre		
15	Mon	Lunch		Ian Coombs
17/20	Wed/Sat	Tombola - Arndale Centre		
22	Mon	Lunch		Alan Forster
25	Thu	"Alone at Christmas"		
29	Mon	No Meeting		

2009		Function	Comments	Vote of Thanks
January				
5	Mon	Lunch Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		Joe Smedley
12	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
19	Mon	Lunch		Geoffery Williams
26	Mon	Lunch		Nicola Williams
28	Wed	District Council Meeting	Masonic Centre, Maidstone	
February				
2	Mon	Lunch Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		Alan Budgett
9	Mon	Lunch Visit of RIBI President Ian Thomson	Business Meeting	
10	Tue		RC of Bexhill	
16	Mon	Lunch		Christopher Dean
23	Mon	Lunch		Bob Mundy
March				
2	Mon	Evening Meeting with Partners - Chatsworth Hotel		Ken Rawlings
3	Tue	Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
9	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
16	Mon	Lunch		Ian Hunt
23	Mon	Lunch		John Coffey
30	Mon	Lunch		Ken Dobell
April				
6	Mon	Lunch Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		Frank Eveleigh
13		Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
20	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
27	Mon	Lunch		Tony Cameron
May				
4	Mon	Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
5	Tue	Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		
9	Sat	District Assembly	Masonic Centre, Maidstone	
11	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
17/19	Sun/Tue	GSE Team from Brazil		
18	Mon	Annual General Meeting followed by dinner	Chatsworth Hotel 5:30 for 6pm	
20	Wed	District Council Meeting	Masonic Centre, Maidstone	
25		Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
June				
1	Mon	Lunch Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		George Tickle
8	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
15	Mon	Lunch Club Assembly followed by		Alan Forster
22	Mon	Dinner	Chatsworth Hotel 5:30 for 6pm	Jeremy Wheeler
29	Mon	Lunch	Club Handover	Colin Luck
July				
6	Mon	Lunch Council Meeting at Mayo Wynne Baxter - 5:30pm		Ian Coombs
13	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
20	Mon	Lunch		Peter Goldsmith
27	Mon	Lunch		John Coffey

CLUB DIARY

Date	August	Vote of Thanks
24 th August	Funday / Funwalk – Western Lawns	
25 th August	Bank Holiday; No Meeting	
September		
1 st September	Rtn. Alan Wenham: 'My Job' Talk	President Bill
	Club Council: Mayo Wynne Baxter, 17:30	
8 th September	Business Meeting	
10 th September	District Council Meeting, Maidstone	
15 th September	Mrs Caroline Mayhew: 'My Year as High Sheriff'	Michael Barrett
21 st September	Plumpton Races (organised by Barrie Gent)	
22 nd September	Lieut-Col Anthony Lamb: 'Experiences in Iraq'	John Macdonald
29 th September	Jo Ellis: 'Eastbourne Homes'	Colin Luck
October		
6 th October	Prof. J Doust: Brighton University in Eastbourne	Nigel Greaves
	Club Council: Mayo Wynne Baxter, 17:30	

DUTY ROTA

Month	Cash for Meals	Visitors' Reception	Board Monitor	Visitors' Host	Speaker's Host
Sept	Christopher Dean	Barrie Gent	Alan Forster	Ian Coombs	Roy Bedford
Oct	Bryan Parker	Michael Barrett	Frank Eveleigh	Simon Dodds	Chris Smith

If you cannot fulfil the allocated duty, please ensure that YOU secure a substitute.

DIRECTORY: AMENDMENTS AND CORRECTIONS

Amendments:

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Guest Members - add:

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Apologies:

Recently, some apologies have been received too late (after numbers for lunch have been advised to the hotel).

Apologies for absence from a Club lunch meeting must be made to Ken Dobell no later than 10:00 that day, please.

Regrettably, a few members habitually fail to give an apology at all when they are not going to attend. If you are one of them, please note the following:

Apologies for absence from a Club lunch meeting must be made to Ken Dobell no later than 10:00 that day!

Leave of Absence:

The Standard RIBI Club Constitution provides that " unless excused by the Council. a member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive Club meetings shall be informed that the non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership."

If you are going to be absent for more than three meetings, therefore, please ensure that you submit a request for Leave of Absence. Requests should be sent to the Club Secretary in time to be considered by Council before the period of extended absence begins.

[George](#)