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BULLETIN
of the
Rotary Club
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Eastbourne
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President's Log

A much briefer report this month due to the intervention of Bank Holiday, and at the time of writing we have had only one guest speaker – Mark Sawyer, Coxswain of the Eastbourne Lifeboat. Mark gave us a very informative talk on the RNLI and the Eastbourne Station, one of the oldest and busiest in the country. It also gave us the opportunity of presenting him with the coveted Paul Harris Fellowship. It was obvious that mark was deeply moved by this award.



Thank you to the two members of club who responded to comments about the future of the bulletin in the last issue! I hope that this is not a reflection of how many actually read it. This was debated at Club Council and it is clear that it remains an important means of communication. However, it was agreed to try and keep entries brief and to the point, whilst using the club website to expand where necessary. We know this is possible, but do we actually know how to do it? – we will try.

[Peter Nash](#)

International Committee Service Committee

1. **Amreli Project:** The matching grant application was sent by the Amreli Club to R. I by email on Saturday, 18th July. The content of the application was as suggested by our club and agreed by District. However, it seems that the Amreli Club failed to produce a necessary report on an earlier project and this delayed the processing of the current application. However, the problem appears to have been resolved and the application resubmitted; we await the result; the registered number is #71203. If the application fails, a modified project costing \$10,000 (rather than the \$14,600 cost of the full project) will be implemented this Rotary year (this is the minimum amount which allows the District contribution to be retained). In either event, our contribution will remain at \$3,500 with another \$1,000 being contributed by District. Provided the project proceeds in one form or another, it is intended that IPP Bill Tozer will visit the Amreli Club and project sites. In this event, consideration be given to financial support for the visit; in this respect Simon Heath (formerly of BA) will obtain discounted

Two new international projects: It has been agreed, as a gesture of friendship, to pledge 1,000 Euros to the Gent Club. They have expressed delight that we have been able to offer assistance. They have applied for a matching grant and the result is awaited; this decision will determine when our pledge will need to be redeemed.

It has also been agreed that we should support a project proposed by the Haenertsburg Club of South Africa, They have also expressed delight and at our prompting, they are to apply for a matching grant although if, as is likely, this is rejected because of lack of R.I.funds, consideration will be given to either a postponement of the project until next year or progress on the basis of Districts' and Clubs' support. Informally, I have been given to understand that our District will contribute \$2,000 against a total cost of a little over \$14,000 and this would remain if the project went ahead without R.I support provided the project cost was at least £10,000. In the case of this project, Simon Seath is visiting South Africa towards the end of October and will make a visit to the Club, the school from which the youths will be selected and the project site; Haenertsburg are aware and have welcomed this initiative.

3. **Polio-Plus:** The previously mentioned Indian based dinner, which is expected to cover our contribution of \$1,000 to the Polio-Plus Fund, is expected to be held at St Andrew's school in February 2010.
4. **Zimbabwe Student:** The student who completed her first year with flying colours is now started her second year.
5. **Fundraising:** So far the following events are being progressed:-

Apart from the Indian dinner, referred to above, an International Dinner on the lines of the one held last year will be held on 15 March 2010. Arrangements are in hand to provide a fashion show as entertainment for this event. Simon Seath's wife, who is a dressmaker, has offered to produce a bespoke dress at no cost, provided the wearer supplies the material. This will be a considerable benefit to a lucky person and it is intended to auction the prize.

IPP Bill Tozer has agreed to approach the Arndale manager in Eastbourne, with a view to them allowing us to hold a Tombola event just prior to Easter 2010.

A frugal lunch, with the profit going to International projects is agreed for 4th January 2010. Himansu Basu of District has agreed to be our speaker and will discuss, amongst other subjects, potential changes to the funding of international projects and the pilot projects being organised to test these changes, with our District being one of the Districts chosen to run a pilot.

The weekly raffle, with the proceeds being split between International and Community; commenced on 3 August and is on-going. Alan Wenham is organising.

Although it is accepted that the proceeds from the Jazz concert will not be in aid of International projects, it is hoped that a proportion will be allocated.

Jeremy Wheeler has kindly offered to host an event in the spring of 2010 and consideration is being given to the form it might take.

[Joe Smedley](#)

Report of the Carol Concert Committee

The Carol Concerts will take place on Saturday the 5th December at the Congress Theatre at 2.30 and 7.30pm.

I have now signed the contract for hire of the theatre. I am, however, awaiting a special marketing form from the Theatres' Management and I shall complete this and return it within the course of the next few days. This is to agree the costs of placing the Concerts details in the Theatres weekly listings adverts, the cost of displaying large posters around the town and the listing of the Concerts on the Council's web pages.

Stella has confirmed that the West Rise Infant School and the Bourne School will take part, as will the Park School of Dancing and the Southern Youth Ballet. The Silver Band and the Eastbourne Choral Society are committed and looking forward to the Concerts.

The Theatres' summer brochure has now been published and distributed and our advert is included. I have confirmed that the ticket prices will be as last year i.e. £7 and Concessions £6. Also booked is space in the Advertiser and Herald, but copy will be required nearer the time.

I have now had confirmation from the ESCC Children's Department that they are happy with the arrangements made to date and we have their "best wishes! ".

Arrangements are in hand to write to the Nursing Homes etc. letting them know about the Concerts as are the letters to potential sponsors. Several previous sponsors have indicated that their charity budgets have been slashed and they will not be able to support us this year, but we remain ever hopeful!!

Bryan Parker

DIARY

2009		FUNCTION	COMMENTS	VOTE OF THANKS
Sept				
7	Mon	Lunch	Mark Sawyer, Coxswain Eastbourne Lifeboat. "The latest advances in the RNLI"	John Gross
7	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
14	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
17	Thurs	District Council Meeting	Maidstone Masonic Centre	
21	Mon	Lunch	Mrs Lesley Heasman, St John Ambulance Sussex (TBC)	George Tickle
28	Mon	Lunch	Visit by District Governor, Euan Eddy	President Peter
Oct				
5	Mon	Lunch		David Coe
5	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
12	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
19	Mon	Lunch		David Lambird
23 - 25	Fri - Sun	District Conference	Brighton	
26	Mon	Lunch		Bob Hamblyn
Nov				
2	Mon	Lunch		Alan Wenham
2	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
9	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
16	Mon	Lunch		Mike Chesson
23	Mon	Lunch		Jessica Gisby
30	Mon	Lunch		Neil Markham
Dec				
5	Sat	Carol Concerts	Congress Theatre	
7	Mon	Lunch	or Evening Meeting with Partners? SGM for Election of Officers 2010 / 2011 (TBC)	Simon Dodds
7	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
14	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
21	Mon	Lunch	or Evening Meeting with Partners? (TBC)	Geoffrey Williams
28	Mon	Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
2010				
Jan				
4	Mon	Lunch		Barrie Gent
4	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
11	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
18	Mon	Lunch		Bob Mundy
25	Mon	Lunch		Tony Cameron
27	Wed	District Council Meeting	Maidstone Masonic Centre	

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Feb				
1	Mon	Lunch		Jonathan Porter
1	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
8	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
11 - 14	Thurs - Sun	RIBI President's Visit to D1120		
15	Mon	Lunch		Simon Seath
22	Mon	Lunch		Graham Marsden
23	Tues	Rotary Day		
March				
1	Mon	Lunch		Colin Middleton
1	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
8	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
15	Mon	Lunch		Bryan Parker
22	Mon	Lunch		Joe Smedley
26	Fri	RIBI Assembly	Birmingham	
29	Mon	Lunch		John Rabbitts
April				
5	Mon	Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
6	Tues	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
12	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
15	Thurs	RIBI Conference	Bournemouth	
19	Mon	Lunch		Ken Rawlings
23 - 25	Fri - Sun	Tripartite	Gand Maritime (Floralies)	
26	Mon	Lunch		Neil Cleverton
May				
3	Mon	Bank Holiday - No Meeting		
4	Tues	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
8	Sat	District Assembly		
10	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
17	Mon	Lunch		Arnold Cornish
20	Thurs	District Council Meeting	Maidstone Masonic Centre	
24	Mon	Annual General Meeting followed by Dinner	Chatsworth Hotel 5:30 for 6pm (TBC)	
29	Sat	President's Night	Royal Eastbourne GC	
June				
7	Mon	Lunch		Ken Dobell
7	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
14	Mon	Lunch	Business Meeting	
18	Fri	RI Convention	Montreal	
21	Mon	Club Assembly followed by Dinner	Chatsworth Hotel 5:30 for 6pm (TBC)	
28	Mon	Lunch	Club Handover	
July				
1	Thurs	District Handover		
5	Mon	Lunch		Ian Hunt
5	Mon	Council Meeting	Mayo Wynne Baxter -18.00	
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19	Mon	Lunch		Nigel Greaves
26	Mon	Lunch		Alan Langley

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DUTY ROTA

Date	Cash for Meals	Visitors Reception	Board Monitor	Visitors Host	Speakers Host, Gong and Lectern
2009					
September	Markham	Bedford	Dean	Parker	Marsden
October	Porter	Smith	Eveleigh	Rabbitts	Smedley
November	Seath	Williams N	Coe	Rawlings	Gent
December	Cleverton	Wheeler	Greaves	Regan	Dobell
2010					
January	Coombs	Wallis	Cornish	Chesson	Gross
February	Hunt	Mundy	Wenham	Gisby	Budgett
March	Goldsmith	Cameron	Hamblyn	Markham	Barrett
April	Marsden	Dobell	Lambird	Porter	Bedford
May	Williams G	Smedley	Langley	Seath	Dean
June	Dodds	Gent	Honey	Gross	Coombs

Note: Each Rotarian is responsible for securing his own substitute.
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