

## **ROTARY CLUB of EASTBOURNE**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As so many before me have commented, the first month in office has flown by.

The Club handover took place on 27 June. The District handover was on 1st July and Arnold Cornish kindly represented the Eastbourne Club on that event. Other events involving the Club included attending the Past Rotarians Presidential Handover on 13 July when former Eastbourne Club member John Macdonald became President for the year. The Past Rotarians expressed the hope that more of our Club would visit, their meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at the Chatsworth Hotel, 12.30 for 1.00pm. As mentioned at a subsequent lunch they are anxious for new members and inevitably regard the local Clubs as a potential source!

Liz Wilton kindly hosted lunch for Presidents in the Clubs she serves, there were probably about six or seven local Presidents there, the aim is to foster better relations between the Clubs and District, in particular the Clubs under Liz Wilton's umbrella.

Internally the members of the Club have enjoyed the gliding evening (thank you to Barrie Gent) and a croquet afternoon (thanks to Bob Hamblyn).

We have enjoyed some interesting speakers; Christine Holliday spoke of life as a librarian in the House of Commons. Many wished that she had been an evening speaker since they would have liked to hear more. Our own member Roy Morris gave a fascinating and highly enjoyable "my job" talk and of course we had the District Governor, Lynn Mitchell with us on 1 August. Various committees are springing into action and it is interesting to note that our application for District funding carries application no. 1, Joe Smedley being the first off the blocks in the new Rotary year.

During Liz Mitchell's visit she re-presented Ron Genty with the Presidential citation for his year and I repeat my thanks to him on behalf of the entire Club for all his hard work during his Presidential year. That thank you extends to those Club officers and members who supported him so well during the year. Similarly of course I repeat my thanks to those in the Club who have taken office this year (or continued in the same role).

We have two potential new members going through the membership process and as usual an enormous amount of publicity in the local press, grateful thanks to those responsible/involved.

Simon