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SURPRISE AWARDS

On the 17th July the Club welcomed two members of District to the lunch-time meeting – Foundation Chairman Colin Freeman and Group Study Exchange Chairman Peter Strong.

Following lunch, Colin addressed the Club on Foundation matters and then the first surprise was sprung. Pat Gaudin who we all were aware had done a magnificent job leading the Group Study Exchange Team from District 1240 to Lesotho and South Africa was called forward. She was presented with **The Rotary Foundation District Service Award** "for outstanding service in promoting the Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace". Now Peter knew that this award was to be made to Pat but

had kept the secret. What he did not know was that he too was –to his utter delight- to receive a similar award for his part in the Group Study Exchange Programme.

Well done to both!



Photo Ron Gregory

Peter, Colin and Pat pictured after the presentation

Club Happenings in July and August..... from the Hon.Sec.

3rd July was Handover when it was "the King is dead long live the King" or the equivalent thereof. New Year is when one turns over a new leaf and makes all these resolutions. What a good way to celebrate Handover with the outgoing President's last task being to present a Paul Harris Fellowship to Phil Smith for her service to Arthritis Care.

24th July Protection, Health & Safety, what a thrill for any meeting but needs must and Alistair set out to explain these policies their need and their effect on the Clubs activities. Typically the Alistair we have got to know ably demonstrated there was nothing boring about the subject. In his usual jocular manner with a few quaffs thrown in he covered the subject very thoroughly and obtained the Club's support.

7th August we failed to meet because we were attending the Rotary Jamboree Dinner on the 6th. More about that elsewhere.

14th August - Scatter Week and the members went out to annoy members of other Clubs. 16 visits were made but 16 Clubs were not visited.

21st August, with members tent collecting following the "V" Festival it was decided that for this meeting we would invite partners to hear about the travels of our illustrious Michael Ashdown. It appears that 12 months prior to the trip, one horrible day in January on reading an article in the Sunday paper that this was a trip he should make, he booked it. He took us completely around the continent of South America and gave us a good insight into the adventure. This holiday comes with his personal recommendation. The members present were fortunate in being able to meet Michael's wife Rosemary. **Rosemary and Michael -the Club wishes you every happiness as you set off on your new life together.**

On the evening of the 21st we should have visited Harlow Tye but as this was the week the Cricket Club requires the room in which they meet they were on Scatter Week.

28th August brings us to the much awaited presentation by Alan Willis with a showing of the DVD of his trip round Jordan in a memorable Classic Car Rally. Why are all this type of thing backed with loud music so that you can't hear what is being said? We did see some very spectacular scenery and a lot of very lavish living, every type of Classic car you could imagine but no Alan Willis. (Some would say the five appearances he made were more than enough! Ed.)

A DREAM FULFILLED

Amongst the many organisations supporting The Scout Association in putting on more than 800 activities in Hylands Park at the 21st World Scout Jamboree, Rotary had a tent in the Plaza, manned by local Rotarians and members of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians from around the globe.

One of the attractions at the Rotarians stand was the offer to join the paper chain 'link of friendship' - so many scouts, guides and day visitors wanted to be included that the chain stretched for more than 500 metres by the close of the Jamboree! In return all who participated received a 'Scouts of the World - Brothers Together' postcard designed by Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement.



21st World Scout Jamboree –Hylands Park. Left to Right – Alan Jagger, Brian Picolo, Rose Jagger, Brian Thiessen R.C. of Alamo- California and David and Christine Judge

Rotary International Great Britain & Ireland visited the Jamboree along with Brian Piccolo, District Governor, Rotary District 1240, and David Judge, MBE, World President, International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR). That evening the Rotary Clubs of Chelmsford hosted a dinner to celebrate the World Scout Jamboree. In proposing a toast Allan Jagger looked forward to exploring ways in which Scouting and Rotary could work more closely together on projects around the world. In response, Dr Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General, World Scout Movement was encouraged by the suggestion and outlined possible approaches.

For Richard Oscroft, Local Liaison Officer, 21st World Scout Jamboree and our own 2nd Vice President, hearing these words proposing greater co-operation between two global organisations was truly a dream come true. Richard has been involved in the planning of the Jamboree since 1997.



Richard Oscroft receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship from RIBI President Alan Jagger at the Jamboree Dinner 8th March

He was also a prime mover in the Rotary support for the Scout's One World in Friendship Appeal. This exciting and successful appeal raised sufficient funds to ensure that for the first time ever, every country that has Scouting was represented at the World Jamboree. For all his efforts Richard was named Paul Harris (Founder of Rotary) Fellow in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the better understanding and friendly relations among the peoples of the world. He also received the IFSR's Cliff Dochterman Award for Distinguished and Dedicated Service to Scouting.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2007

That's right! First mention of Christmas early in September. The message is that as with last year members will be asked to make a donation to the Club's Charity Account instead of sending each other Christmas cards. Jimmy Eaton will organise and will let us know how much and when.

.....more about the WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

..... Mike Savill who organised Mildmay's Team received the following letter

To all clubs who supported the Tents Collection in the last two days ...

First of all, many many thanks to all those who turned up over the last two days. We had 70 Rotarians from 16 Rotary Clubs who helped over the two days, many helping both days. We collected three transit van loads amounting to 350 tents. We were very selective this year and we have harvested an excellent crop.

In addition to hundreds of one and two man tents we have also collected a number of larger 6- 8-10 man tents. These will be particularly useful to Scouts and Guides in Essex.

We've had three good interviews on the radio and Virgin are doing a press release. I've mentioned Nu-Kleen each time I've been interviewed because we really appreciate how they went out of their way to make it all possible for and for the loan of the van each day.

So for Essex Scouts have had 120 tents for a local project which helps disadvantaged teenagers. Maldon Guides are going to have three large tents, and our contact from the Red Cross is coming next week to see how many of those remaining

he can take for emergency aid overseas. If there are too many for the Red Cross to take, then I will seek other organisations that might make use of them. If you know of any organisation that might be able to use some of our tents please let me know. I am aware that there were more tents available for the taking, and this year we were limited for storage space. As a result we know we have good quality tents securely bagged and labelled, ready to go and be of immediate use. Thanks to everyone for the careful way all tents and sleeping bags were packed and labelled. We have to thank Chelmsford Rotarian Tim Scotchmer for his efforts in securing the bags, from a local supplier at the price all Rotarians love, **free!**

Thanks

Terry Dean

RIBI District 1240

International Service Chairman

Mike also reports that the Weekly News carried good coverage including the following extract.....

".....Also Mr Dean said Chelmsford Prison has offered to launder 100 sleeping bags which will be passed on for use by the homeless shelter in Chelmsford."

Rotary ranked among top five NGOs for corporate partnerships

The Financial Times has ranked Rotary International one of the top five nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for corporate partnerships. In the newspaper's special supplement, **Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy**, Rotary came in fifth in the global rankings of 34 finalists. Published in conjunction with the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit held 5-6 July in Geneva, the supplement reached some 1.4 million senior business executives, industry and government leaders, and private/institutional investors across 140 countries. The summit, which was chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, featured an international roster of business leaders, government ministers, and heads of civil society and focused on such key challenges to building future markets as human rights and climate change. RI Director Bernard Rosen of Belgium represented RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the event. UN Global Compact and Dalberg Global Development Advisors, who developed the report in preparation for the summit, surveyed 20,000 companies worldwide, identifying 550 NGOs, UN agencies, foundations, and other organizations with which companies had partnered, and profiled 85 of those based on company ratings. Organizations that ranked higher than RI showcased long-standing partnerships with corporations. Because RI's global partnerships include only UN agencies and other nonprofit organizations - and only Rotary clubs and districts have partnered with corporations to date, the organization's ranking should be considered exemplary. RI has a long and distinguished history of collaborating with other organizations in the name of humanitarian service.

Item sourced by Gordon Neilson.

Programme

DATE	SUBJECT/SPEAKER	GRACE/DUTY
September		
4 th	Business Meeting	Mike Ashton
	Object of Rotary	David Pond
11 th	YMCA - Rowena Kerslake	Tony Barker
18 th	Peter Hesketh (TBC)	Andrew Britter
25 th	35 th Anniversary Charter Dinner - Evening	Alan Duchars
October		
2 nd	Business Meeting	Jimmy Eaton
	Object of Rotary	Tim Roper
9 th	Sally Davis and pupils from Thriftwood School	Mike Savill
16 th	Races Update- David Thompson	Alistair Simpson
23 rd	Proact Community Resources Centre –Ada Fashade	Philip Stunt
30 th	Barnardos- Possible Evening Meeting (TBC)	David Thompson

DIARY DATES

Sunday 16th September between 9.30am and 2.30pm. Chelmsford Rotary Club are organising a sponsored "Walk & Ride for Charity". Walk 3,5 or 8 Mile, cycle 10 or 20 miles

Saturday 28th September District Council and 1st Session of District Conference

Friday 5th October – Sunday 7th 1240 District Conference at the Marriot Hotel, Slough/Windsor. Speak to the Secretary for details

Our President would like to see a good turn out of Mildmay Members. The information appears on the notice board and the Secretary always has details with him. **Let's go in good numbers.**

New Look Mildmay Matters:

In response to the invitation to comment on the new format only one member has written so far – the essence of his views were a preference for the previous heading with Mike Savill's drawing of the Mildmay Almshouses and concern about the cost of printing. It would be helpful to hear some more views so please let me know your thoughts and I will be in a better position to know how to proceed.

PROGRAMME MONTHS

Foundation.....Januaryand July
 Membership and Service..... Februaryand August
 Youth.....Marchand September
 Community and Vocational..... Apriland October
 International.....Mayand November
 Council.....Juneand December

Copy Date for Articles for the October Edition - Friday 5th October