

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Well, we all know that Rotarians help those less fortunate than themselves and have fun and fellowship doing it, but did you know about the "Rotary Fellowships. So are Rotary fellowships part of Rotary—Yes they certainly are and the first one was established in 1928. Read the full history at www.globalnetworkinggroups.org

The fellowships are groups of Rotarians who share a common interest and swap ideas and comments and even organise events. If you have an interest or a hobby there is almost certainly a fellowship you could join—if there isn't you could start a new one!!

Most of the really active fellowships have a stand at the Rotary Convention each year which acts as a meeting point for those enthusiasts with a common interest. The fellowships exist to share that common interest, make new friends around the world, explore new opportunities to serve and to have fun and enhance the Rotary experience. Each Fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International and has its own rules and structure. Each is open to Rotarians, their spouses and Rotaractors.

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Each one can be contacted through the email link on the list shown.

The Cycling one has a Rotary World Championship in Berlin in the Autumn and is offering 4 day cycling tours next spring. Will Karen join & enter??

Our new DG's wife is a member of the Quilters and they had a fine display in Lisbon.

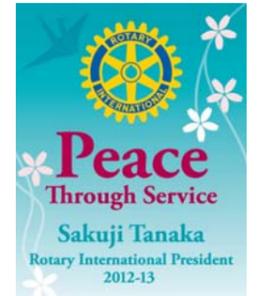
FACEBOOK

Thanks to Chris and Karen we are now at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shepperton-Aurora-Rotary/193222230826275> on Facebook. If anyone with Facebook accounts can LIKE the page, they can post to the Wall or if they'd like to add any posts or events, the members can send them to Karen or Chris. Our thanks to Chris Arnot who set the page up for us last month. Karen and Chris have agreed to share the job of keeping it up to date.

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SHIP AHOY



DOREEN'S DESPATCHES

Well it's finally here my first contribution to Ship Ahoy, as your President, and what a fantastic 1st day of being President I had! Firstly however I want to thank Nigel for all of his hard work as President and his achievements throughout the past year, well done to him and Mary, you have been amazing! We as a club have had a tremendous year in so many ways, especially with

our Presidents charities, it really is incredible just how much we can achieve as we work together, and how many people have benefited from our Rotary work. We will be having another busy Rotary year with events planned and projects to take part in, especially our involvement in the Peruvian Water Project. Congratulations to Karen for cycling 250 miles and raising over £2400 in sponsorship, as we nudge nearer and nearer to our club target. If you want to know more then do have a word with Karen, who will be delighted to give you plenty of info and indeed share her sporting enthusiasm, although she is great at letting us know with regular emails too!

This week is a busy one, starting with our Presidents' Handover in our garden. It was a splendid event and Tony and I and our family really enjoyed the friendship, the laughter and the food at this very special club event. The sun shone and we were so lucky to enjoy a sum-

mers day at long last! On Wednesday we welcome the first of our speakers from The Reve-laires, who we will be supporting this coming year. They do such great work locally and are celebrating 60 years of entertaining "on the road". Thursday is Club Council and I thank everyone who is chairing a committee or, like our Secretary and Treasurer, giving great support to all of us in their



The 2013/14 Team

IPP Nigel Wilson
President Doreen

PE Des Mulvany
PN Karen Sutton

roles, along with all club members who make Aurora such a vibrant Rotary Club. Friday night is The Black Swan AGM, which I will be attending and I am very much looking forward to meeting the young people, and the volunteers who make this such a special place.

At Club Assembly I reported that I would like to concentrate my President's Charities on Community, Youth, Elderly, Health and Legacy. We will be having speakers highlighting the work of The Youth Centre, Crossroads

Care Surrey, CREST, White Lodge Centre, and the Greeno Centre, so that we can fully appreciate how our support can make a difference. We will continue to support Wheel Appeal and our own charity Foundation as part of our Legacy fundraising, and more on these at a later date. Well being Aurora's 16th President will certainly keep me and all of you busy! I am really looking forward to the challenge and I could not wish for a better group of club members, friends, and Consorts for 2013-2014!

Doreen

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Rotary Wheel Appeal



During the last week of the 2012/13 Rotary year, Aurora Rotarians gathered at Halliford School to celebrate the fundraising for the purchase of a sports wheelchair for the Rotary Wheel Appeal. Our own DG was the originator of the Appeal and Chris Rattenbury, a WheelPower ambassador, and Emma Lau, who works for the charity, brought a Sports wheelchair down to Halliford School.

Chris has a highly impressive CV. He was born with spina bifida but, despite that, he is Vice Chairman of the British Weightlifting Association for the Disabled and has been power-lifting for 17 years.

During that time he has competed in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, two World Championships and six European Championships. He is currently 4th in the world in his weight category and 1st in Europe and Britain. He specialises in bench press and his best is 174kg! (385lbs or 27½ stone!) Chris has been working as an ambassador for WheelPower for 3 years and has spoken to over 30,000 school children about WheelPower.

In return for the Wheelchair, which will now be assigned to a disabled athlete, your President presented a cheque for £3,000 to Chris and Emma. With nine Aurorans, they were invited to lunch beforehand; traditional fare of meatballs and suet pudding and custard. Plus ca change! Lovely! The handover was held at Halliford School because the Headmaster and club member, Philip Cottam, and Deputy Head Richard Talbot, had made WheelPower one of the beneficiaries of the School's sponsored run earlier in the School term, which had produced £500 for the charity. Aurora members expressed their appreciation of the School's generous donation.

As outgoing President I would like to thank members for their efforts and generosity in supporting this fundraising and all the fundraising in what has been an excellent year.

Nigel



Notes for Contributors.

Articles should be between 150 and 350 words long and emailed to john@dumbrell.org.uk or sent in typewritten format. Pictures can be any size and will be returned.

This is a monthly magazine and the deadline for contributions is **the 25th of the month.**

It is your newsletter, please keep sending contributions in preferably with some photos.

John Dumbrell, Editor



John Dumbrell



to display their wares and tell the public about their work—part of our slogan “We’re for Communities”

Among our own stalls, one of the most popular was the football followed closely by “Where’s the Wine” although everyone was kept busy throughout the afternoon.

The rota system for manning the stalls worked well and some of us got to see the Raft Race for the first time in ten years! A great day out thanks to all the helpers who put things together and stored things away at the



end of the day before we all repaired to “Prezzo’s” for supper and a drink.

CREAM TEAS FOR PERU

As part of the fund raising for our project in Obrilla, John and Jean Dumbrell opened their garden for a Teaparty on Wednesday 12th June. Unfortunately the

heavens also decided to “open” that afternoon so the garden event was hastily re-scheduled to inside. Fortunately there was space for the 30 or so Rotarians and friends to



fit inside and there were even enough chairs so the event was a success and raised £220 towards the Peru Project.

Doreen helped by organising the raffle, Sylvia (C-C) contributed some scones and Karen brought her bike along for a photo shoot with the local paper; a pleasant afternoon complete with DG Mike Thorn who popped in to see what was going on!



Drawing the Raffle



THE VILLAGE FAIR



June has been a busy month for Shepperton Aurora. Not only have we had a fund raising Tea Party but also helped the Wheel Appeal at Halliford School, had our Presidents' Handover and the Shepperton Village Fair. This is a major effort and involves both of the Shepperton Clubs and our side was master minded by Dave Good, who did an excellent job of getting all the materials, helpers and stall holders in the right place at the right time. The Fair took place on Saturday June 8th but our work started weeks before with the preparations.

Friday evening began in earnest when we loaded the vehicles ready for an extra early start on the Saturday morning.

Fortunately Saturday turned out to be an excellent day with blue skies and plenty of sunshine and our working parties soon had the marquees erected although the ShelterBox tent proved a little more difficult as it was a new design.



Once the tentage was up, the stall holders got to work dressing their stalls and getting ready for the opening. This year we had a separate PR tent advertising the work of the two clubs and this aroused some interest from the public as did the ShelterBox tent and the display of the contents of the big green box. A home for ten people !!

Besides our own stalls, the clubs had paid for stands from ten local charities

World Book Night

I signed up for WBN in January and was one of 20000 givers across the UK. Each of us was given 20 copies of a book, from a list of 20, to 'give away' during the week of 23rd April. There was no cost at all just "fingers crossed" that I would be chosen. My title was "The Knife of Never Letting Go" by Patrick Ness, a book for teenagers and young adults. Great, however I had hoped to have an adult title for The Greeno Centre! Undaunted by this I knew exactly the person to ask about teenage readers.

I called Chelsea at The Youth Centre and she was amazed and delighted that 20 copies were available free, and coming via Aurora. She was going to start a book reading group but had not got any funds so I gave her a brief outline about WBN and she was thrilled. I agreed to 'give' the books on 24th and Melody joined me there, as she is volunteering during the summer.

Initially we gave out 4 of the books, 3 to girls and one to a young lad. I explained that they were a gift and that we hoped that they would enjoy reading them. I think that they were a little stunned at being offered a free book but you could see there was interest there !

Here comes the best bit, of the 3 girls one said "No I don't read," another "Oh yes and this is great its like Twilight!" and the 3rd said "I am dyslexic, but they have said books will help me, thanks!". Melody gave a few words of encouragement to her and they were all smiles as they all took their books off. However one of the girls left her book behind at the club but sent her brother straight back to get it as she wanted to read it that night! The remaining books are being given out by Chelsea, who kept a copy to read in bed!

I hope to get feed back from Chelsea on how the books were enjoyed but for me it was so worthwhile to share my love of reading with the teenagers, at no cost except my time which I was was happy to give to our buzzing Youth Centre.

We support the centre in many ways but it looks like it may be teenage books (10yrs upwards) that they will need in the future. So if you have any please give them to me and I will take them in.

Oh and by the way I'll put my name down again for WBN 2014! www.worldbooknight.org
Doreen

Our Own Pink Pedaller

From novice to seasoned rider in four weeks, club member Karen has all the gear, a new bike and great determination to raise money for our water project in Peru. Our project will provide a sustainable clean water system for the village of Obrilla in Northern Peru but the club needs to raise over £3000 towards the cost.

Karen is leading the project and has taken up the challenge with a vengeance. Starting with local rides in the rolling Surrey country side, she graduated to a mammoth 250mile tour of Ireland. The £2,400 she has raised is still climbing, The total will be announced in our next issue.



The Last Breakfast

Well, not really the last, but the last one in this Rotary Year with Nigel as President. Although Nigel had invited me to attend, I had not anticipated that there would be such an illustrious guest list, and that it would end up feeling a bit like Christmas with a plethora of tributes and gifts exchanged. Gail Cramp and her husband Les, from TS Black Swan Sea Cadets received a further cheque and thanked Rotarians and Costain for their support and Andy Bannister of Costain received a framed picture of the first Walton Bridge, with our thanks for the splendid lecture given in March, and their excellent job on the magnificent new bridge.

Kwasi Kwarteng MP was good enough to attend before a very busy day in Parliament debating the Comprehensive Spending Review and the



proposed High Speed Railway. I wondered why he would choose to go up to London from Feltham Station rather than Walton, and his reply was a very pragmatic "From Feltham I can use my Oyster Card"! We did point out that it was the incumbent MP at the time who commissioned the first Walton Bridge in order to access the railway at Walton, so Kwasi's preference for Feltham might be rendering the new bridge a waste of money.

I know that the presence of these guests meant a great deal to Nigel, as one of the many pleasures of his year in office has been the opportunity to develop very special relationships in many corners of the community. Particularly welcome on the "top table", and to the delight of everyone, was Paul Venn and his wife Julie. Paul who has been battling cancer has been unable to attend in recent months, and was made an honorary member a while back. His daughter had last week run in the Race for Life for Cancer Research UK and had written a beautiful

message of thanks to all those in the Club who had sponsored her. Paul read out her amusing account of her 5k run (which she ran all the way) and managed to raise £1.252, and he then also read a message of his own which he had written in case he

could not make the meeting. It was incredibly warm and moving, and Nigel was moved to say that it was the most touching thing that had happened during his time in Rotary. We wish Paul and Julie all the very best for the challenges to come. Several other partners and visitors also attended, and I am sure I can speak for them when I say how welcoming and friendly it is to turn up to an Aurora breakfast. Thank you all for that, and also for your kindness and support to both Nigel and myself during the past year – one we have greatly enjoyed and will remember fondly.



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Mary Wilson 29 June 2013



LISBON JUNE 2013



This year, the Rotary Convention was in Lisbon in sunny Portugal although it was drizzling and cold when we arrived. However, by the time we registered, the weather had improved and we had bright sunshine, clear skies and temperatures up to 34°C. RIBI had organised a river trip on the Tagus over Saturday lunch and this gave 300 Rotarians a grandstand view of Lisbon's waterfront. The Convention itself was a little busier with an attendance



of over 20,000. The facilities were superb and the plenary sessions were well attended in the Atlantico Pavilion which had an



excellent sound system several large TV screens so everyone had an excellent view. We were brought up to date on Polio, The new Grant System and many other aspects of Rotary life with a multitude of excellent speakers. The main sessions were in English with simultaneous translation into 8 languages. In two of the four large exhibition halls alongside the Pavilion was the House of Friendship and, although the numbers were down on previous years, it was still a lively and entertaining place with stalls from all round the world.

Besides the plenary sessions, there were breakout sessions covering all aspects of Rotary life—we managed to get into 3 of these, an RIBI presentation on "Thanks for Life", a fascinating talk on the new Rotary website which goes live on the 19th August, and a session by Bob Scott on Polio. A tiring but exhilarating few days—but a short article cannot do it justice so perhaps there will be time for a presentation to the club later in the year

JLD

The Handover – Sunday 30th June

Doreen Pipe, our incoming President invited the whole club and their partners to a buffet lunch at her house. Everyone chipped in by bringing a variety of items for the buffet from quiches to meringues and the weather cooperated by providing sunshine and blues skies. All Doreen's family were there and provided great



assistance ably organised by Pauline, who acted as chief organiser and washer up.

The handover ceremony was a simple affair with Nigel passing the President's Badge over to Doreen who then installed the incoming President Elect—Des Mulvany -and President Nominee—Karen Sutton.

Everyone had a great time and we even found time for a group photo. Perhaps the summer has now arrived and we can take full advantage of it. Our next club social event is our annual boules match against Shepperton in August.

