

Diary Dates and speakers

Friday, October 8 - Rotarians David Seed and Colin Rogers will give a presentation on the Montreal World Convention earlier this year. Vote of Thanks, The President

Monday, October 11 - Club Council meeting

Friday, October 15 - Speaker, Rotarian Mandy Norman gives her job talk; Friend and Grace, Graham Howell; Vote of Thanks, The President.

Saturday, October 16 - Charity Quiz Night at St Barnabas Church Hall.

Saturday, October 22 - Business Meeting, Grace, John Redman.

Thursday, October 28 - Evening meeting, Speaker, Dr Jeremy Barnes on Monasticism in Gloucester

Friday, October 29 - No meeting.

Friday, November 5 - Speaker Finder, David Corbett

Monday, November 8 - Club Council meeting

Friday, November 12 - Speaker Finder, John Smith

Friday, November 19 - Speaker Patti Price on her expedition to Borneo. Friend and Grace, John Smith; Vote of Thanks, The President

Friday, November 26 - Business Meeting; Grace, Julian Farr.

Friday, December 3 - Speaker, Rotarian Peter Rust gives his job talk; Friend and Grace, Richard Graham; Vote of Thanks, The President

Friday, December 10 - Special General Meeting; Grace, Mike Westbury.

Friday, December 17 - Christmas lunch; Grace, Nick Bury

Fridays, December 24 and 31 - No meetings

■ There are Gloucester Rugby Club home games on the following dates for which help will be needed with car parking duties:- October 16, 23 and 30; November 13 and 27.

INNER WHEEL

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 12th Speaker: Eugenie Summerfield on her new novel 'Onwards and Upwards'

Saturday, October 16th Joint Evening with Gloucester Rotary Club - Charity Quiz at St Barnabas Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

Tuesday, November 9th Speaker: Ann Carter, The Alzheimer's Society

Tuesday, December 14th Christmas meal with carols.

A very successful garden party was held at her home in August to herald the start of President Gill's year of office. Plenty of delicious food to enjoy, provided by our committee, made it a truly social and happy occasion. President Gill's chosen charity is The Alzheimer's Society so it is hoped we can raise funds throughout the year to support this very worthy cause. A beautiful blanket donated and made by a member was raffled at the garden party and another member Jacqui Ingram was the winner.



● **Jacqui Ingram (left), winner of the blanket with President Gill Payne and Pat Morris, Overseas Officer.**

At our September meeting we were guided through the intricacies of cheese making by the speaker from Godsells Cheese where these cheeses are all handmade in Gloucestershire. Afterwards members tried samples of all these tasty cheeses which they could purchase knowing they had all been locally produced.

A joint evening with the Rotary Club of Gloucester is planned for Saturday, October 16th at St Barnabas Church Hall, Stroud Road, Gloucester 7pm for 7.30pm This will be in the form of a charity quiz raising funds for The Alzheimer's Society, SARA and the Willow Trust. There will be a buffet supper, a bar and raffle - tickets priced at £12. Please make a note in your diaries and come along and enjoy yourselves.

Dorothy Allen - Club Correspondent.

INNER WHEEL OFFICERS

INNER WHEEL OFFICERS:- President - Mrs Gill Payne (01452 750466), Vice President - Mrs Hilary Cass (Mobile 07768 671268), Secretary - Mrs Jackie Matthews (01452 302367), Treasurer - Mrs Sue White (01452 831618).

Apologies: I have been asked to let members know that if they find it necessary to give apologies by phone or e-mail, could they please give them to Nigel Halls and not Angela until further notice. Nigel is on 01452 731993 or nigeljhalls@aol.com. Don't forget this needs to be done at the latest by noon on the previous day before the meeting.



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● Dolly Parton, the Queen of Country and Western, was one of the guests at this year's RI Convention in Montreal. See centre spread.



● A new high tec approach to Rotary fellowship was introduced to members by Genevieve Flight. See page eight
● David Seed addresses some of the most frequently asked questions about Rotary Foundation. See page five
● Ron Ring asks:- 'Are YOU one of these Rotarians?' - page two



Welcome Home

THERE was joy in the heart of Gloucester Rotarians when Past President Angela Seddon returned to the fold after serving with the RAF in Afghanistan.

President Chris Peak voiced members' immense pride in her achievement and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Whatever the conditions and food on the front line Angela looked extremely fit. She was sorely missed and her smashing smile will once again be a welcome addition to club meetings.



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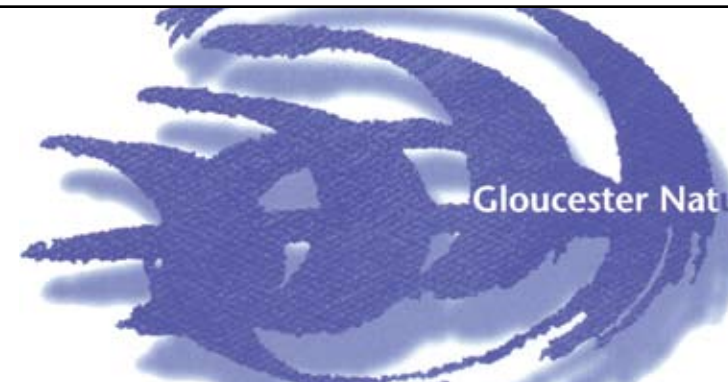
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Are YOU one of the Rotarians?

DO you invariably arrive late for a Friday meeting? (the meeting starts at 12.45pm prompt and you must be seated by that time)

Do you carry on speaking even though the bell for grace has been rung?

Do you carry on speaking even though other business is being transacted?

Do you move around the room after the Bell has been rung thus making it very difficult for staff to serve the meal?

When choosing your seat do you always sit in the same place, do not



fill up from the President's end, thus making it difficult for others to get to a vacant seat?

Do you attend the Friday meeting dressed other than in accordance with our Dress Code? (The code is smart casual with no Jeans)

Do you never apologise to the Speaker if you are an early leaver?

No of course you are not - but unfortunately there are some in the club who are, and standards and discipline within the club have slipped considerably in recent years.

Please remember that we are a growing club in a small room and would prefer not to appoint a Sergeant at Arms to impose fines for transgressions.

However if things do not improve quite significantly and quickly then we will have to consider doing so.

Ron Ring,
House and Membership Chairman

David 'giving something back'

DAVID Ashe is a quiet unassuming chap. Not the sort of fellow to make stage whisper remarks or whose voice is heard above the usual hum of conversation at club meetings.

His personality may be less imposing but is no less attractive for that - and his humour, wit, compassion and shrewdness were all on show when he gave a delightful job talk in August.

It could have been entitled the Trials and Tribulations of working in the Life Assurance and Financial Service Industries during the last 40 years.

Although now self employed as a Financial Services advisor with around 100 clients and £10m of funds to administer, life hasn't always been so kind to David as four redundancies in five years in the early 1990s can testify.

And even today life isn't always easy as David told us when explaining the machinations of the Financial Services Authority - a body described as 'not fit for the purpose.'



● David Ashe - a new found interest in the young - thanks to Rotary

However, it was only after the trauma of redundancies and when he went into business for himself in 1995 that he gradually

turned the corner between austerity and affluence.

More recently he decided he was sufficiently comfortably off that he wanted to 'give something back' through Rotary and since his induction he has been in charge of the club's RYLA programme. (Rotary Young Leadership Award).

As an adjunct to his job talk he spoke feelingly about the benefits of RYLA and of his interest in working with young people through Rotary.

David, a married man, lives at Bredon and describes himself as a keen gardener and as an enthusiastic but indifferent golfer with a love of DIY and cats!!!!

But he also showed us -once again - the tremendous value and dedication that those over the age of 60 (such as David and Pat Collins etc.) can bring to the work and fellowship of Rotary.

We write off these 'silver surfers' at our peril.

Service clubs members all at sea

I'm not sure whether it qualified for an attendance but Rotarians Lovell and Weygang attended a Services Club meeting on board Fred Olsen's Balmoral on a recent visit to the Norwegian fjords.

In addition to Rotary, two other organisations were represented - the Lions and Inner Wheel - the latter by a South African woman who said she had more than 120 members in her club!

The actual numbers at our North Sea meeting were modest about 10 - most being Rotarians with one Lion and and the one Inner Wheel member. This

number also included, in some cases the wives of those present.

It was a fascinating meeting if only because the problems expressed by others were those often faced by ourselves.....the question of mixing new and older members, the difficult of cliques and the perennial headache of recruitment.

The Lion present (a former President) said his organisation (like our own) had written to the heads of several organisations/businesses in his area promoting the ideal of servicewith limited response.

Sadly some Rotarians thought that fewer members and clubs were inevitable and no amount of PR could change that. We wait and see.

Next month (October) there will be two half page adverts in both The Citizen and Gloucestershire Echo expounding the benefits of Rotary membership and inviting anyone interested to 'get in touch.' It's an initiative of which I knew nothing until I was called upon to possibly write a supporting article.

■ Incidentally, the female supporters (wives/partners) of the Lion represented on our voyage describe themselves as 'lion tamers!'quite quaint really.

Your chance to help RIBI

RIBI committees and resource groups exist for reason only - to help Rotarians get the most from their Rotary.

How do they do this? By providing assistance and advice in organising projects and planning events; by cascading up-to-date news and relevant information on a huge variety of topics and by undertaking the wider ranging demands to name but a few.

The Rotarians that are on the committees/resource groups tend to have an interest in a particular area that is within their professional or voluntary expertise and are seeking a new challenge or 'wanting to broaden their Rotary experience. The committees/resource groups are chaired and staffed by volunteers.

The committees/resource groups that you may be interested in are:

- Membership Development and Retention
- Rotary Foundation
- Marketing, PR and Communications
- Community & Vocational Resource Group
- Youth Opportunities Resource Group
- International Resource Group
- Leadership Development & Training
- Constitutions
- Finance

Membership of a committee/resource group is open to all Rotarians who are members of a club within RIBI!. Appointments to a particular committee/resource group are for one year and can be for a maximum of three years.

If you wish to be of service to Rotary in a new and exciting way and have an interest or expertise in any of the specialist areas that the committees/resource groups cover get in touch!

Please contact the RIBI Leadership Development and Training Committee on ldtc@ribLorg and we will supply you with any further information you need.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is your organisation. We believe we provide a very special service to our Rotarians - this is your call to be a part of it.



● Now she can breathe a sigh of relief. Sarah Powell (third from left) pictured at the end of her job talk with - from the left - Amanda Chamberlayne, a visiting Rotarian from New Zealand and Sue Smith.

Where training is the key

In true Rotary fashion when Rotarian Sarah Powell came to do her job talk her carefully prepared visual presentation developed a technical glitch.

This meant she started late and in her haste to tell us about her job, Sarah raced through a few personal details, like she was a single mother with three children and she was not averse to trying some of her training programmes on them.

Before her current position, which she considered wonderful, Sarah has had several occupations including hairdressing and running a Night Club.

By now my pencil had broken and the projector fixed so members sat breathless as Sarah reeled off the projects she was involved in on a daily basis. It was truly amazing. Such was the volume of detail that I asked Sarah to precise it for In Gear.

Sarah, a performance manager has worked at Prospect Training Services for four years. She is responsible for implementing and overseeing contracts and ensuring all their elements are delivered. With an ever expanding team across Gloucestershire and the South West, she is responsible for developing the staff and ensuring quality and performance is consistent and measured.

Working with clients from 14-65 years-old, who may be long term unemployed, disengaged, vulnerable and with substantial issues, she endeavours to provide a wraparound provision that includes people from all walks of life and allows them to progress and train in their chosen area and ultimately move into sustainable employment.

Colin Rogers concludes: "As a mere male I think how lucky we are in Gloucester Rotary Club to have so many talented lady members."



Trophy is home

The Gloucester Rotary Three Clubs Golf Trophy is once again back in our club's care following a rain sodden victory over the other Gloucester Severn and Gloucester North at the Naunton Down course in July. David Corbett, who was the best individual golfer on the day, says that the match had to be abandoned and was decided on the outcome of the first 12 holes.

Invest in a Morgan

THE club visit to the Morgan factory in August was an extremely enjoyable event for those who attended. For around 15 people the visit started with an excellent lunch and fellowship after which they were joined by others at the factory.

Eventually a party of some 30 people were met and shown a film of the history of the firm after which a very enthusiastic guide showed the group the various stages of construction of bespoke models. One of these was a two litre basic sports car which

at £30K is faster than a Porche and another was a 4.5 litre version for around £50K.

In answer to questions the guide said that orders were up on last year and anyone fortunate to acquire a Morgan would see their investment go up in value.

The tour, which lasted two hours, was extremely professional and most enjoyable - particularly for the petrolheads among us!

● Clive Kingscote

Pat's hospital in Malawi

EVERY cloud has a silver lining - and that was certainly the case when Rotarian Pat Collins gave a talk in September. His powerpoint presentation suffered a hitch so Pat talked us through his experiences of helping at a hospital at Livingstonia in Malawi a few years ago.

A well qualified, experienced electrical engineer, he explained that his first project in the poverty stricken African country was to rebuild a waterwheel without which the natives were unable to grind maize needed for food. It was a mammoth task part of which involved large numbers of local men digging a new reservoir.

Pat had gone to Malawi (at his own expense) to use his skills to aid a small charity at a hospital built in the early 1900s to commemorate the Scottish explorer and missionary. The team was headed by Dr Duncan McNair, a retired Gloucester GP and also included the former head of pathology at Gloucestershire Royal.

The conditions they encountered were appalling. The area was ridden with malaria and the hospital, 4,500ft above sea level, could only be accessed up a steep mountain road with 20 hairpin bends.

As for the hospital itself - everything was basic including the equipment and buildings. Even so the natives would walk 60/70 miles to receive treatment there - such is the lack of medical facilities.

Faced with the hospital's deficiencies, the charity asked Pat to return again to install much needed laundry equipment...a task made all the more challenging since Pat had to erect a laundry building before he could commission the equipment.

His interest in the project continues and a young couple who heard of his exploits opted to help the hospital in lieu of wedding presents and the £3,500 thus raised last year has provided the hospital with a slit lamp, essential in optical diagnostics.

The computer problems which shortened Pat's fascinating talk also gave members a chance to question Pat over wider issues. These ranged from whether Africans were becoming too dependent on charitable handouts; what sort of back-up is there if donated items



● Pat Collins pictured with club veteran Roy Lewis. Both men have been involved in significant projects in Africa. In Roy's case he and his first wife Iris raised considerable sums of money to refurbish school buildings in a Zambian village - a project which has now brought education to thousands.

such as ambulances/electrical equipment break down and what sort of training, if any, is being offered to local people?

Many were left with the uneasy feeling that matching grants - while salving the consciences of people over here - might not have the long term effects over there as envisaged by the donors.

■ However in one respect Malawi is better off than the UK. In one thought provoking aside Pat said that despite the squalor he had seen more smiles around Livingstonia than he had ever seen in the streets of Gloucester.

Makes you think doesn't it? Thank you Pat for a fascinating lunchtime talk.



Another winner for Bob

THE picturesque Sevenside pub, The Yew Tree Inn at Chaceley was the venue for Bob Short's latest fellowship meal attended by around 40 Rotarians and guests.

Apart from a few glitches it was a

delightful occasion, spent with friends (see above) on a lovely summer's evening. There was an extensive menu of meat and fish for everyone to enjoy in picturesque surroundings Full marks to Bob, and his partner Diana (seen left) for arranging another winner.

On the front line against Polio

Last year Past President John Sargent took part in India's National Immunization Day. At the end of July he told members and guests of his experience at an evening meeting.



● John Sargent administers a couple of drops of life-saving vaccine to a youngster on the streets of Lucknow.

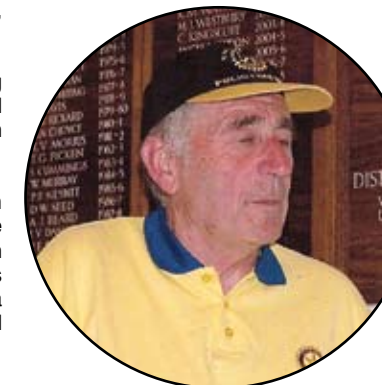
JOHN began by giving the background to his visit to Lucknow in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh which is the country's most populous state. It is also one of the most worst parts of India - and indeed the world - for reported cases of Polio.

John explained that polio is preventable but not curable and so it imperative all children under five are immunised against this potentially crippling disease,

The UK team's base was a Muslim teaching centre. The fact it was based there was a breakthrough because for some time the Muslims had thought that the vaccine drops were a ploy to make their children, especially their daughters, sterile!

John's slide show was filled with moving pictures of the children, parents and volunteers and of the squalor which characterises the street life of India.

On the main day of immunization an incredible 275,000 children were immunised by two drops of vaccine on their tongues and on the following days every house and dwelling in the area were checked to ensure no children had been overlooked.



disparity between the haves and have nots in India but it was encouraging to see so many Indians now taking part in such a worthwhile programme.

As an audience many were left wondering the effect that a few volunteers from the UK could possibly have on an overall project involving millions of children. On the other hand those on the ground hopefully got some satisfaction from knowing that their efforts are being supported (mainly financially) by Rotarians from the UK and that we all share a common resolve to eradicate the scourge of Polio throughout the world.

John also reminded everyone of the beginnings of Polio Plus and how Rotary had promised the United Nations and the World Health Organisation that we would eradicate polio from the world by 2005. That date had slipped a little but the number of cases had fallen from more than 350,000 reported cases a year to

fewer than 500 this year. On a happier note, John said that so far this year in Uttar Pradesh there were no reported cases in May and June of this year.

Through John's excellent talk members and guests were reminded of the huge

Colin Rogers writes: "All who heard John speak will feel closer to the children of India and for John personally, to be able to hold a baby and immunise it against a life crippling disease must have been enormously rewarding. Thank you for sharing this with us."



● Some children turned up on motorcycles while others, like these two delightful chaps on the right, came by foot. But all were determined not to miss out on immunisation day.



Booting it for charity

SUNDAY June 20 was a long day for Past President Robert Hall and his lovely wife Heather. They left their delightful Brimpsfield home at 6.30am and it was many, many hours - and miles - later before they returned.

Their destination was Cheltenham Racecourse and the objective of their journey was to take part - for the second time - in the Cheltenham Circular Challenge.

A walk of marathon length proportions, it started at the racecourse, then climbed to the top of Leckhampton Hill before descending into the Severn Vale to go past Badgeworth, past Gloucestershire Airport at Staverton and then through a number of attractive villages before returning to the racecourse.

Rob and Heather's time was a commendable 8 hours 35 minutes and 51 seconds - bettering their previous time.

Who knows how much quicker they will be next year!?

● Thanks to sponsorship from club members Heather and Robert raised £290 - a cheque for which Rob is seen handing to President Chris Peak at a recent meeting.

Martin's fascinating life....

A box of memorabilia was centre stage in a light-hearted job talk given by Martin Henshaw, another of our recent newcomers. From it, Martin extracted various items which he used to illustrate his past.

It has been a fascinating life which included a childhood in Singapore, a not very enjoyable spell in a boarding school in south London and a period in the Combined Cadet Force and later the Territorial Army before he joined Barclays Bank in 1966.

Four years later he ended up as an accounts manager in Germany - a scary posting where it was possible to make and lose fortunes in a nanosecond of speculation.

But despite his upwardly mobile aspirations and dreams of owning a Porsche, the banking world wasn't for Martin and in 1972 he joined the Royal Air Force.

Here his innate desire to be a team player and to work together with others was given full rein for 24 years until he left the RAF in 1996 by which time he was here in Gloucester.

Three years later he joined the RAF Benevolent Fund where his innovative approach produced a brand change - and no doubt contributed to his present job that of Regional Director for the RAF Benevolent Fund - a job which covers a huge swathe of middle and southern England.

He joined Rotary at the behest of the present President but has been impressed since his arrival by the superb teamwork he has found in the club.

His first task as a member was to arrange a holiday for a single mum with three children - a project which evidently provided much satisfaction to both the family and Martin.



● Martin seen giving his job talk with, on the right, Rotarian Paul Wilkinson, who introduced him.

His ideals and sense of fun will be excellent attributes to bring to the club.

Martin was warmly thanked for his talk by President Chris Peak who had met Martin through their wives who are both members of St Catharine's Church at Wotton Pitch in Gloucester.



BBQ at Amanda's

THE summer barbeque at Amanda and Humphrey Chamberlayne's delightful Ashleworth home was again a resounding success.

Although it was a cool breezy evening the rain, fortunately, stayed away and some 50 or so Rotarians and guests enjoyed superb food cooked by Mike Smith under the supervision of his Rotarian wife, Sue (seen left).

Many of the hardier diners enjoyed eating in the open air until well after dark and it was only when the temperature began to drop that they sought the warmth of being indoors.

One of those who attended described the evening as an excellent and modestly priced Rotary event.



Out of the frying pan into the fryer

The transformation from being an MP to a football club chairman was the essence of a talk given to the club by David Drew, who lost his Commons seat at Stroud at the last election.

Given the swing away from the Government and the slenderness of David's Labour majority his defeat was almost inevitable yet few - and that includes his political adversaries - can doubt either his integrity or his commitment to Stroud.

In fact those qualities earned him an accolade from Trevor Picken, who introduced him to club members, as the best Stroud constituency MP he had known in all his years living and voting there.

David spoke of the heartaches and opportunities which his new job as chairman of Conference side Forest Green Rovers had presented him with. His club is unique in the leagues in that it's the only village represented - the rest are from towns and cities.

Underlying David's message and the many questions he answered was his claim that money is the ruination of the game in that it encourages betting not only on the outcome of matches and scorers but also on corners and throw-ins.

However on a more mundane level it often presented him with the dilemma of whether



● Former MP David Drew with - from the left - President Chris Peak, Rotarian Sarah Powell who runs education programmes for youngsters and on the right Trevor Picken who introduced David to the club.

to pay the tax man or the staff which includes a squad of 13/14 part timers. He stressed that he always encourages young players to continue their education and training since few will ever achieve super star status and therefore a skills base in later life will be absolutely vital.

In answer to questions David described the Football Association as being 'out of control,' suggested there should be a cap on foreign investments in UK clubs which leads to ordinary fans feeling excluded (and on players salaries) and condemned the culture

of indiscipline in the game which resulted in players bickering with the referee.

Nevertheless David continues to be a passionate fan of Forest Green and despite all his reservations about how the game is run he also gets a lot of fun from his present job.

Full marks to Trevor for bringing David to the club and giving us the opportunity of learning more about a sport with which our rugby enthusiasts at the club have only a passing acquaintance.

Genevieve goes global!

FOR most of us Rotary is a club commitment. Only occasionally do we give a nod in the direction of district or RIBI. Even rarer do we get actively involved in the RI dimension.

Fortunately there are those club members who remind us of our wider links. Thanks to those such as David Seed, Colin Eynon, Trevor Picken and Colin Rogers, we are frequently reminded of Rotary's global calling.

But now this band of ex-Presidents has been joined by Genevieve Flight who, during a talk in July, introduced members to a new concept of worldwide Rotary involvement - via the internet.

Using IT technology she is in touch with Rotarians around the world via www.rosnf - a social networks fellowship.

Here, apparently, are unlimited opportunities to make contacts, promote fellowship, find new projects and to discuss matters of the moment with like minded Rotarians from the humblest club members to the glitterati of the Rotary world.

With nearly 2,700 friends on Facebook, Genevieve has links throughout the world - a point which she underlined in a short film which showed her at the recent RI conference in Montreal exercising her Rotary fellowship on an global level and with the great and good of the Rotary movement.

It was a well prepared presentation on an aspect of Rotary with which few of us have sought to become acquainted.

Full marks to Genevieve for a commendably thought provoking presentation. However it also reminded me that Rotary at district, national and international levels, is the aggregate of all those local clubs who tend to the needs within their local communities.

Conferences and international gatherings are the icing on a cake which has already had its ingredients and mixture well prepared within the communities we serve. May we never forget.



● *Rotarian Genevieve Flight introducing members to a new high tec version of Rotary fellowship.*

Ensuring we stay on the straight and narrow

You can always be sure that Senior Vice President Andrew Hurley will ensure that no stone is left unturned when it comes to keeping the law - so it's not surprising that he has ensured that present President Chris Peak signed and dated the club's Child Protection policy. Andrew has asked that club members be informed through In Gear so that we comply with the law whenever we're undertaking projects involving the young. A copy of the policy will appear on the club's website



We love to go a-wandering

'I love to go a-wandering' might well have been the theme tune for this happy band of Rotarians and guests who joined Colin and Phyl Dunford for another of their picturesque walks around Gloucestershire.

This time the starting point was the Corner Cupboard pub in the pretty town of Winchcombe. The pub's name was, admittedly, a little unusual which might explain why Colin and Tess Rogers were a shade late since they were looking for the Ragged Cot!

Having all eventually assembled, the route then took the walkers on a circular route past Soudley Castle before finishing up at the pub for a splendid meal.

Once again our thanks to Colin and Phyl for arranging another delightful evening - an excellent way to explore our wonderful county and enjoy Rotary fellowship.

Putting Foundation in focus

In order to better inform members about Rotary Foundation, In Gear asked David Seed to research the answers to some frequently asked questions. I hope members find these details helpful.



QUESTION : What are the Aims and Objects of Rotary Foundation?

THE mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary Foundation is the philanthropic arm of RI and is supported by contributions from Rotarians, friends of Rotary, and corporations and organisations that share Rotary's goals.

QUESTION : How are the Foundation's Funds allocated?

CONTRIBUTIONS go into one of three main funds:

The Annual Programs Fund :- This provides grants and awards through Foundation programmes such as :- Health , Hunger and Humanity Grants for large scale two to four year projects; Ambassadorial Scholarships; Group Study Exchange (GSE) ; Matching Grants; Rotary Peace Fellowships; District Simplified Grants.

The Permanent Fund :- This is an endowment from which only a portion of the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programmes, ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation.

The PolioPlus Fund :- This, as the name suggests, supports Rotary's goal of a polio-free world.

The Club's contributions are sent to RIBI HQ in Alcester. These are forwarded, together with all other Clubs, to Rotary Foundation in Evanston, USA. There are no deductions for administration etc. The contributions are paid into The Annual Programmes Fund or

SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES.

- In the 5 year period 2004 to 2009 :-**
- 527 maternal and child health grants awarded totalling \$7,172,184.
 - 2,436 water and sanitation grants awarded totalling \$30,484,779
 - 2,718 disease prevention and treatment grants awarded totalling \$34,189,400.
 - 2,664 basic education and literacy grants awarded totalling \$ 28,008,087.
 - 1,625 economic and community development grants awarded totalling \$ 24,498,464.
 - 434 peace and conflict/prevention/ resolution fellowships awarded totalling \$20,460,000.
 - In 2008/09, 651 scholars from 71 countries studied in 87 countries.
 - Awards totalled \$ 13.2 million.
 - In 2008/09 565 GSE teams travelled abroad. Awards were \$4.0 million.

if specifically raised for Polio are paid into that Fund.

QUESTION : What was Foundations Income and Expenditure in the last 2 years?

2007/08 - Contributions received totalled US \$245.7 million. Spending totalled US \$247.4 million.

2008/09 - Contributions received totalled US \$223.8 million. Spending totalled US \$187.8 million.

These are worldwide figures.

QUESTION : How much was spent on Matching Grants?

2007/08 - 2,424 new grants were approved for projects in 137 countries. Awards totalled US \$43.8 million.

2008/09 - 1,560 new grants were approved for projects in 122 countries. Awards totalled US \$ 26.8 million.

These are worldwide figures.

QUESTION : How much was spent on District Simplified Grants?

In 2007/08 - 389 grants approved. Awards totalled US \$ 6.4 million.

In 2008/09 - 407 grants approved. Awards totalled US \$ 7.2 million.

There are over 500 Districts in the world so not all apply for and receive a grant. District 1100 grants were £6,446 in 2007/08 and £8,658 in 2008/09.

QUESTION : What is the \$100 target?

THE 'Every Rotarian, Every Year' is an initiative designed to encourage worldwide annual per capita giving of \$100 or more to support Foundation programs.

At 30 June 2009, 313,037 Rotarians had "signed up " to this level of personal giving. At 30 June 2009 eight countries exceeded the \$100 per annum per capita goal. These are Hong Kong, Korea, Canada, Taiwan, Japan, USA, Nigeria and Seychelles.

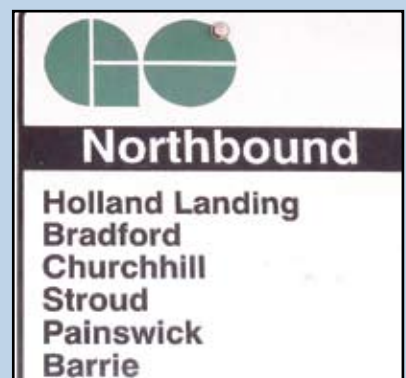
In total giving for the year 2008/09 the UK donations totalled \$5,281,000, - the 7th largest figure of all countries. The per capita sum was \$55.00

■ The above information has been prepared in a readable and hopefully understandable form. The Foundation 2009 Facts leaflet provides an explanation of the Foundation Programmes and more statistical information.

■ If any member requires further questions answered or clarification of any of the above information please contact David Seed.



■ Following the Montreal Rotary Convention (see centre spread) Rotarians Rogers and Seed took themselves off to see the awesome Niagra Falls. Here they are pictured with two (very) young Canadian Rotarians, who were the team leaders for a group of young scholars. On the right we see a road sign just north of Toronto which must have conjured up memories of home.



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS...

...MONTREAL JUNE 2010



● Colin Rogers (centre back) was one of four club Rotarians to attend the Montreal Convention along with John Sargent, Genevieve Flight and David Seed. This is his report on a glittering occasion.



● Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan was one of the distinguished speakers. Here we see her receiving a Rotary International Award of Honour from RI President, John Kenny.

AFTER the highly successful world convention in Birmingham last year many Rotarians wondered how Montreal in Canada would match the same warmth, enthusiasm and pride that attendees to the UK convention had during and after the event.

However all who attended the Montreal event were in for a massive treat despite the fact that numbers were down from the massive 25,000 who attended in Birmingham. The quality of the speakers and entertainment in Canada were of the highest order.

World President John Kenny from the UK was, and is, an impressive speaker and MC and his address to the assembled Rotarians and guests was almost Churchillian in its delivery.

The opening ceremony was magnificent with more flags than ever from around the world showing how the Rotary message and family are constantly spreading to ever more countries.

This was followed by a singing group of international renown called Celtic Thunder comprising six male soloists who performed both solo and ensemble numbers.

Early speakers included the Mayor of Montreal who had just been elected for his third term. He welcomed the 18,000 delegates saying it was the biggest convention ever to be held in Montreal. It was with much pride that he told his audience how closely the city worked with Rotary and that often Rotary was able to get things done because of its contacts and lack of red tape. In his eyes Rotary and Rotarians were partners in helping the city run and provide benefits for its population.

He was followed by Rotarian Father Marciano 'Rocky' Evangelista who founded the Tuloy Foundation in the Philippines in 1993 with the help of 10 lay volunteers and is committed to the cause of poor, abandoned and homeless children. Since then his non profit making organisation has managed to take thousands of children off the streets of Manila. It started with seven children and now has a school and home for 700. Thousands of youngsters who have

passed through the home have now grown up and with their own families now offer support to the foundation.

While the previous speaker evoked lots of tears and laughter the next Greg Mortenson can only be described as a titan of humanity. An American humanitarian and former mountaineer he co-founded an educational charity Pennies for Peace. He told how his life had been steered towards Pakistan and Afghanistan where he had striven to provide education particularly for girls. In one area when he started his project only 2% of girls received any form of education. Now with the aid of the local population he has managed to build enough schools so that 20% of girls receive some form of education. Such is the calibre of the man that he was pipped at the post for the Nobel Peace Prize by none other than Barack Obama.

Next to the rostrum was Dr Bruce Aylward from the World Health Organisation in Switzerland who has worked on national immunisation programmes in developing countries, primarily with those focusing on polio. He brought with him some excellent news. So far this year fewer than 500 cases of polio have been recorded. Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India were the only countries in the world still to report cases. He urged Rotary not to falter at the summit in its battle to eradicate the disease since some recent cases were of a very serious strain of polio and should it take hold the world would once again be at risk of millions of children

and young adult becoming paralysed.

There were many more inspiring speakers but three in particular stood out - the first being Queen Noor of Jordan, the widow of King Hussein. As one would expect she had a commanding presence and gave a powerful message on the Middle East and Palestine in particular but the whole auditorium rose when she said the formation of a new Rotary club in Romala sponsored jointly by Israeli and Jordanian Rotary clubs.

The penultimate speaker of note was Rotarian Robert (Bob) Mazucca, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America who started his address by thanking John Kenny and Rotary for fulfilling his dream of being a warm up act for Dolly Parton.

His message was loud and clear.....scouting installs in youngsters the habit of service above self and many scouts go on to become members of other service organisations. Many CEOs in the US and many political leaders all have a history in scouting. He also said how Rotary clubs in North America/Canada had had a big input into scouting and that it was an invaluable asset to invest in youth. His talk reminded Gloucester Rotarians of the project with which the club had been involved in with city scouts in Ecuador.

The last speaker was the incredible Dolly Parton who in addition to being an international entertainer is also a warm and loving philanthropist. Her Dollywood club has given 25 million books to children under five in the past 10 years. She spoke very movingly of how her own family history had taught her the importance of being able to read and write. As a personal detail she said that next year she and her husband would be celebrating their Golden Wedding - quite a rarity in the entertainment world. She has also received an honorary doctorate from the University of Tennessee, which gave a whole new meaning to 'Double D'. She then declined the pinning on of her Paul Harris award in case she went off bang!!!!

The final session included Russell Watson who was performing after a long illness of brain tumour and throat cancer, His singing was nothing short of brilliant. The convention was brought to an end with a glittering performance by Cirque du Soleil.



● The irrepresible Dolly Parton



● A titan of humanity - Greg Mortenson



● Dr Bruce Aylward from the World Health Organisation with special responsibility for Global Polio Eradication gives an update to representatives



● Barbara and David Seed chats with an old friend - and Rotary's World President John Kenny from the UK. John was President of RIBI when David was District Governor for our district.



● International fellowship - Past District Governor Bernard Lacaz from Rodez enjoys an evening out with David and Barbara Seed, John Sargent and Tess and Colin Rogers.



● Caring for the poor - Father Rocky Evangelista