

Important Dates for your diary: **(Please check for changed dates)**

Wed 9th November Vocational Service Forum at York Gate

From 6.00pm till 8.30pm

Thurs 10th November RC Islington, Highgate & Muswell Hill are holding a Special Charity event for the London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy in Muswell Hill. Quiz Evening at THE WHITTINGTON £12.50 per head.

Friday 18 Nov to Sun 20 Nov, The RI Institute takes place on at the Barcelo Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire and is for all Rotarians.

20th November. RC Enfield Chase International Lunch to be held at Oakwood Palace Chinese Restaurant price £20 per person

Monday, 28th November PRE-PETS evening at York Gate on from 18.30 to 21.30. PE Alok.

Monday 19th Dec. Christmas Lunch at the Jolly Farmers, for Members and Partners

30th March – 1st April 2012 RIBI Assembly, Hilton Metropole, Birmingham

13th – 15th April 2012 RIBI Conference in Bournemouth.

District Conference - 21-23 October 2011 – Eastbourne

Our group of nine including our scholar, stayed at the Cumberland, who looked after us very well and the weather was perfect for all three days.

The first Plenary Session, on Friday afternoon, was followed in the evening with Receptions for the Presidents and President Elects. The Conference had a Magic theme

running throughout. The evening entertainment was the Magic of Motown, with the “Curvettes”. The second Plenary Session on Saturday morning was uplifting, with the address by RI Rep Jim Moulson followed by an excellent speech from DG Trevor Johnson followed by a truly amazing presentation from Rosie Swale Pope OBE, who had literally run around the World in four years. All



Lauren on stage with Jeremy



Our group at Cumberland

presentations were interspersed with magical sketches and there was a superb piano recital by Rebecca Leung the twelve years old, we enjoyed at Youth Makes Music. In the evening there was dancing to the “Innovation”. The third plenary session on Sunday, was to a packed auditorium to hear some first class presentations. Unfortunately Richard Briers had been taken very ill at the last moment but instead, we were entertained by a very talented Magician. The highlight of the morning for us, was an outstanding performance from a thalidomide victim, who has become a stand up comedian, pilot, football referee, car driver and lawyer. Next year’s Conference will be at Hayling Island

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges, old spectacles, mobile phones & stamps to the Club, to raise funds.



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President Peter Fisk
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.
Programme: November & December 2011



**Each member of a Rotary club makes a difference.
Together, Rotarians make change.**

November Rotary Foundation month

Mon 7th Nov The Mayor, Cllr Christiana During will join us for lunch.

Sun 13th Nov. Remembrance Sunday Parade. A Rotary wreath will be laid at Cenotaph.

Mon 14th Nov Social evening at Whitewebbs with Wives & Partners 6.30 for 7.00pm

Mon 21st Nov Business meeting to approve accounts 2009/10

Mon 28th Nov Speaker IPDG David Storrie – Water and Sanitation

December Family of Rotary month

Mon 5th Dec **Speaker: Superintendent Simon Prince, Met police.**

Mon 12th Dec TBA

16th & 17th Collections at Sainsbury's

Mon 19th Dec Club Christmas Lunch at Jolly Farmers

Mon 26th Dec Boxing Day Bank Holiday- No meeting

Please remember that drinks before lunch must be purchased in main bar.

NB Please give apologies to the attendance Officer, Michael Stennett, 020 8920 3190 if you cannot attend and need to cancel your meal.



October Vocational service month

Mon 3rd Oct. President Elect Alok was in the Chair, as President Peter was on holiday. Alok welcomed guests, Jill Skalla and Ambassadorial Scholar, Lauren Dickey.

Members stood for two minutes silence, to remember past President Raymond Battson, who had passed away on Thursday, aged 97 years.

Under Notices, Secretary Chris said that we had been invited to the Inner Wheel Interclub meeting on Mon 31st Oct, 7.30pm at The Bourne Methodist Church. The guest speaker would be Alderman, Sir John Stuttard MA, Lord Mayor of the City of London 2006/7. There was then a debate on the suggestion to change our Christmas Lunch Venue. There was then discussion concerning Christmas Collections and Chris spoke about the incoming GSE team from Buenos Aires, Argentina, who was giving a presentation at the Barnet Club in the evening.

Mon Evening 3rd Oct. Five of us attended RC of Barnet, to hear a presentation by Group Study Exchange Team from Buenos Aires The Team consisted of four, two men and two women plus the Rotary Leader Fernando. They all had an environmental background and gave an excellent presentation on how they are dealing with pollution, recycling and CO2 emission control in their City and what they have learnt here.

Mon 10th Oct President Elect Alok was in the Chair and welcomed our Ambassadorial Scholar, Lauren Dickey. Our “Fifth Monday” will now be arranged for Monday 14th November at Whitewebbs House (6.30 for 7.00). It had been suggested by The Lions Club that we arrange a joint meeting with them, in the New Year, on a Thursday evening at the Jolly Farmers. This suggestion was unanimously approved

11th October – The District Quiz – Our Team won and we are through to next round. Well done Barbara, Stephen & Alan. Also North Area meeting for Presidents was held attended by Alok.

Thurs 13th Oct. A presentation on behalf of the Club about Rotary Youth Exchange, was made to Kingsmead School by Di King and PP Tahsin Ibrahim.

Sat 15th Oct. **The Club’s Quiz evening.** Thanks to PP Barbara and David as quiz master; this was well attended and raised £432 plus money in collection boxes for ShelterBox. A Shelterbox tent and other items were on display, thanks to Adrian Faiers.

Mon 17th Oct. Our Speaker was Katherine Dace, She is a Chartered Surveyor; married with two children. She trains two weekends a month. Originally the job of the Reserves was to protect the UK but they are used more now in Intelligence, because of their expertise and it is now usual for them to do a tour of duty. There is also no long



Michael presents certificate to Katherine



uniforms that they wear. Katherine rose through the ranks to become a Commander in 2009. She

underwent an intensive training course in Portsmouth and then departed via Brize Norton to Kuwait. She arrived in Basra, where it was very hot and plenty of flies! Her sleeping quarters were in a metal container (it was air conditioned!) She wore 2.5 Kilogram’s of body armour. Katherine was there to protect the oil platforms in the Northern Arabian Gulf. She gave a most interesting slide presentation about the oil terminal and how important it is to protect it from the Iranians. 1.5 million Barrels a day! All dhows and fishing boats have to be searched and neither side should cross the boundary line. It is a very large area to patrol and dangerous. She worked a 12 hour day.

Mon 24th Oct As this day was **World Polio Day** everybody contributed to the discussion on just how close we are to eradicating the disease. Jeremy reminded everyone that it was In 1985 Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization This collaboration has ensured that eradication is within reach. Chris said that Polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and as of September, Rotarians have raised US\$190 million towards the Challenge. Chris listed Rotary Clubs around the World, who today, were holding fundraising events or promoting the challenge. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries.

We discussed the Charity “Mary’s Meals” who say they are able to feed a child at school in Africa, Asia or Eastern Europe for one year for £9.40. We decided to cancel one of our meals in November, meet at PE Alok’s home and donate what we would have paid for our lunch to “Mary’s Meals”

Mon 31st Oct Fellowship & Business meeting.