



A LETTER FROM AMERICA THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHISLEHURST NEWSLETTER

A Man Enjoying Rotary In the Chislehurst Area

This is a new monthly newsletter with some looking back, but mainly looking forward with future plans and information. No photographs, unless absolutely necessary, these can be found on the website.

On 14th June, we held our Club Assembly with Past District Governor Denis Spiller attending on behalf of District Governor. Our President for 2010 / 2011 Roger May, told us of his vision for the forthcoming Rotary year.

The Club Council will be streamlined with fewer members on the Council. Only Community Service and International will usually be present along with the Club's Officers, the other team leaders will be represented through President Elect Janice. Several teams are being set up to investigate, climate change, ethnic integration in the area and a half day conference involving local charities is planned. Roger reminded us that Rotary Awareness day is 23rd February 2011 and wants the Club to mark that day with a special event. Raids on other local clubs will continue, organised by Peter Forrester and the NW area of District joint raids will also continue with Chislehurst hosting on November 15th, Tony Miller from Whitechapel Mission speaking on that night. Instead of 'job talks', Roger would like a regular 'Spotlight' on Club members at Club meetings. He would like the Club to investigate the reforming of a Rotaract Club for Chislehurst.

John Harris will head the Club service and promised to have an efficient Club for all.

Patrick Raven, Community Service, will continue with the CRISP, Rotalink and Mottingham Project programmes and a new project – helping the young:- teenagers who have left school and need assistance.

Gordon Freakes, Foundation. The Rotary / Bill Gates eradicating polio project will be followed and fund raising for Foundation will continue with an auction planned

Tony Wiffen, Fund Raising. The Summer Fair, Fireworks and Christmas Collection will be looked at and any improvements found will be implemented. A new project to take place between Christmas and the Summer Fair will be investigated.

Avril Farrah, International . We have the visit to Delft Vrijhof in October and will look at a visit to our new French Club contact in the spring 2011. Programmes in Zambia, Romania and Tanzania plus the existing project with Peru will be carried through.

David Biggs, Social promised the continuation of our usual events and has ideas for some new social 'shindigs'

PDG Denis Spiller congratulated us in our full programme and our achieving 8 new members in the current year. The theme for Rotary in 2010/2011 is 'Building Communities and Bridging Continents' which with the programme put forward at the assembly, Chislehurst Club is following.

The middle of June was a very busy time for the Club with a visit from The Rotary Club of Drome Les Collines our new contact club, social events, the Summer Fair, BBQ at Jan and Ed Ward's and the Club Assembly all within the space of a long weekend.

We had our usual good weather for the Summer Fair, but not as hot as in previous years. The FIFA World Cup did not seem to restrict the attendance too much. The entertainment was well received with a steel band from sunny Croydon adding to the atmosphere. The following day the good weather continued, until around 4pm with a few dark clouds hastening our departure from a very enjoyable afternoon in Jan's garden with a few stray rounders balls interrupting one or two siesta's. The Club's thanks to all those who organised all the events over the weekend.

WHATS ON.

On Saturday 26th June, in leafy Surrey, a perambulation took place around the area of Ficklehole, near Warlingham, followed by sustenance at The White Bear.

There will be a small prize for the best limerick using the words...

One Saturday night in Ficklehole.....

The following Monday week (the 5th) is the hand-over where we say goodbye to President Janet and welcome President Roger. I am sure both would like to see you bedecked with your Rotary regalia. Thank you from us all for an excellent year Janet. We had the first of many goodbyes at The Presidents Party on Saturday 19th in Chislehurst.

SUMMERTIME EXERCISE.

Free weekly walks, led by volunteer walk leaders for any age and ability are available in the area. They last about an hour, no need to book, just turn up.

Swanley :- meet at Café at the White Oak Leisure Centre Tuesdays at 2pm, West Kingsdown:- Pavillion Library Car Park, Wednesdays at 10.15am, Sevenoaks:- Café at the Leisure Centre Thursdays 10.30am. More information on other walks www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/health Or nearer to home there are many walks around Petts Wood and Chislehurst.

If you would like your committees plans or events listed in this monthly bulletin which will come out soon after the Business meeting, let me know.

As Wimbledon gets to the final weekend, can I share with you these words from Wimbledon's official poet, Matt Harvey.

Bounce bounce bounce bounce,
thwackety wackety zingety ping
hittety backety pingety zang
wack thwok thwack, pok
thwickety, thwekity thwokity, thwakity.

Come back Spike Milligan.....