



# THE CHISLEHURST BULLETIN

## A LETTER FROM AMERICA

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### THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHISLEHURST OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## A Man Enjoying Rotary In the Chislehurst Area

There is a new system for Rotary funding. I wonder if it will make it easier in the future. You can find out more by clicking on the next line.

### [How RIBI is adding value by assisting clubs/districts to obtain funding for projects](#)

The **EFG (External Funding Group)** is a new team, dedicated to helping and supporting applications for funding beyond RIBI. A new resource of Rotarians that is available to help clubs/districts prepare grant applications and to seek out potential funding sources, including those that may be available from central Government, such as the Department for International Development, the Big Lottery and such like.

#### **The EFG is looking to support projects that:**

- a) have local ownership in the developing country;
- b) are sustainable projects;
- c) are 'large' and would benefit from significant external funding  
e.g. projects over £100,000;
- d) are existing projects but will be started in a new geographical area;
- e) are projects recognised by RIBI.

If you think you have a project that could fit, then why not let us know?

We will need the following information based on these criteria and ask clubs to send their information to the Secretariat via the email address, [efg@ribi.org](mailto:efg@ribi.org):

- What is the project? - a very brief outline
- Where is the project?
- What is the Rotary connection in RIBI and the host district
- The anticipated global budget?
- The start date of the project?

#### **THE CLUB HAS BEEN BUSY BUSY BUSY.**

Two recent events have kept The Rotary Club of Chislehurst in the eyes of the local community.

The Variety Showcase held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, was enjoyed by all taking part and the previous Saturday (another sunny day) the Club were out with The Chislehurst Festival at the Recreation Ground.

#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

This takes place in Bournemouth at the end of the month. We will have a report in the next issue.

## What's on.....

As there are 5 Mondays in October there will be a Guest Dining Evening on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact Hilary with numbers etc BUT she is away this week. Please contact her after the 15<sup>th</sup> October. PP Janet is taking apologies until then.

Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 Christmas party. This is the one we planned to hold last year but were snowed off! Same place and details.

ROTALINK PARTY AND QUIZ EVENING both take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 . The Garden Room, Bromley Court. Presidents Evening.

Appeal via PP Roger May

The Chislehurst Youth Forum is looking to install a youth shelter in the Edgebury area of Chislehurst and need the funds to do so. They have been approved by the NatWest Community Force 2011 funding scheme which allows them to bid for up to £6000 but to secure the money they need votes! Please show your support and add your vote!

To vote go on to go to <http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/1270> - Please note that you have to register an email in order to vote and validation appears to be slow – so please be patient!

Another way to vote is to go to <http://communityforce.natwest.com/projects/> and type in The Chislehurst Society in the project name box ( project no 1270) - an icon appears on the map to the right, click on this and then click more to submit your vote

### **THE CHEQUE GUARANTEE SCHEME IS CLOSED**

It seems we are using fewer and fewer cheques and so the cheque guarantee scheme has now been closed. That means that retailers may no longer accept your cheque with your cheque card. Most cards can still be used as a debit card of course. If you need to know more, have a word with the nice listening people at your bank. It was planned that cheques would be phased out by 2018 but that has now been shelved.

### **TRAVELLING ABROAD?**

Hon Sec. Robert has a disc of the International Directory if you want to visit a Rotary Club abroad.

### **EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD**

The free EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC) entitles the holder to free or discounted medical treatment at state run hospitals and GPs in any European Union country. If you are on the other side of the Channel, you can get the same medical treatment as the locals and if it's free for them, it's free for you: if they pay a fee, you pay the same fee. So it might still cost you and you will need to check out all the details before you go. You will probably feel the need to take out travel insurance as well! We can't put all the information in this newsletter but THE IMPORTANT BIT IS ... *MoneySavingExpert.com says that 6 million of these cards are about to expire any day now so CHECK THAT YOUR CARD WILL BE VALID FOR WHEN YOU WANT TO TRAVEL. Mine's okay until October 2012, let me just put a note in my diary...*

Call 0845 606 20 30 for details or go to [www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home](http://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home)

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