



THE CHISLEHURST BULLETIN OCTOBER 2010

A LETTER FROM AMERICA

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHISLEHURST NEWSLETTER

A Man Enjoying Rotary In the Chislehurst Area

At our September Business meeting Graham Waldeck presented his 'spotlight talk' and his time in Bromley Round Table and Rotary. He talked of his lifetime love of cycling, some 40 years, which was followed by Ian Ward's report on participating in the Rotary **World Cycling Championship** in Austria and he presented to the Club his share of the prize money (over £300.00) and a commemorative banner. What fit Rotarians we have.

President Roger reported that, sadly, David Crystal has resigned from the Club. Roger reported on the recent District Council meeting where David Brown gave a briefing on our Tanzanian Project. 2011/12 DG will be Lynne Mitchell, 2012/13 will be Stewart Grainger, both from local Clubs, Dartford and Darent Valley. Margaret Keenan, Les Hoskins both local and Chris Barnett, Dover, were presented as prospective DG's for 2013/14. We have to decide at the end of October who to vote for. Peter Forrester is standing again as Asst DG. (Your editor is on Youth Activities as Interact officer but having already been asked by Lynne to do it next year, I don't believe it is a position that requires nomination/voting.)

Patrick Raven reported that 2,000 crocus will be planted outside the 'Pop In Parlour' in the Thanks For Life campaign (see item that follows). The Community Service committee is investigating an alternative to the spring 'day out' which used to be the blossom run, not necessarily for the Rotalink group.

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE SOIL

Ruby Giant crocus bulbs will be delivered very soon. Across RIBI over five million of these bulbs are going to be planted throughout the month of October ready to be in full bloom for Rotary Day Thanks for Life in February.

The launch of the Thanks for Life campaign will take place on Friday 1st October from 10am, in Trafalgar Square. The Big Bulb Plant will be joining in to raise awareness of Rotary and the Eradication of Polio. RIBI President Jim Moulson will be opening the proceedings and **Toby Buckland, lead presenter of BBC's Gardeners World** will be on stage to give master classes on how to get the most from your springtime bulbs.

COMING UP....

Visit to contact club Delft Vrijhof: 8th – 10th October.

Skittles evening: 14th October.

District 1120 Conference: Eastbourne 29th -31st October

Chislehurst Fireworks: 6th November. (clear up Sunday am 7th)

Our speaker on November 15th is Tony Miller from the Whitechapel Mission and we will be welcoming our next District Governor, Lynn Mitchell and visitors from several other local Clubs.

Saturday evening December 11th, Carol will be Singing at Bromley College. Cost will be around £5 a person to include a glass of something special with mince pies.

Saturday evening December 18th is the Club's Christmas party at The Beaverwood Club, off Perry Street. Cost will be around £34 a head.

Tuesday evening December 28th, the Last Night of the Christmas Proms at The Barbican London. Cost will be around £30 a head.

8th January, 2011 Rotalink in the afternoon, Quiz in the evening.

Visit to the Greyhound track at Crayford, 22nd January 2011

Saturday February 12 2011 *Valentines party* @ Ferrari's, Bromley North

11th March 2011 Presidents Night : Sundridge Park Golf Club

On Friday 26th November Westerham Rotary Club are holding their annual Churchill Commemoration Dinner at Park Wood Golf Club, Tatsfield. This year the speaker is to be Colonel Bob Stewart, MP for Beckenham, author of 'Broken lives' about his command in the Balkans, and his time as former Chief of Policy at Supreme HQ Allied Powers in Europe. It clashes with the Sidcup Club Birthday bash but if you wish to attend please contact President Roger. The cost is £38.50 per person plus raffle. Black tie.

President Roger has passed on this info about a Golf Day:- **The White Ribbon Open Golf day in aid of Bromley Domestic Violence Advocacy Project - Travel Fund** **Date: 28 Oct 2010 Sponsored by Clockhouse Cars Venue: High Elms Golf Course, Downe, BR6 7JL** 8.30 - Breakfast: Coffee and bacon roll 9.00 - Tee offs 15.00 - Return to Clubhouse - late lunch (Bangers and Mash) 16.00 - Results: Presentation of prizes, Auction for golfers - 4 Ball at High Elms and prize draw Presentations will be made by the Mayor of Bromley: Cllr George Taylor Entry £35 details from cora.green@vslondon.org VOCATIONAL

A discussion on Vocational issues as they relate to a Rotarian's lifestyle has been proposed by David Brown and it is proposed to divide those Members interested, into 2 small Groups. The Meetings will be held under Chatham House Rules. A Summary of the views expressed can be presented to a wider audience, but an individual's name & their opinions will not be recorded.

The proposed meeting dates are Group 1 - Thursday 2nd November and Group 2 -Tuesday 26th October 2010. The Facilitator will be David Brown: The Groups proposed are: Group 1 J Durrant, P Forrester, R Palmer, J Ward. Group 2: I Hart, S Roberts, H South, J Thorogood, R May,,I Ward

General reminder

Every Business meeting. Please bring along OLD SPECTACLES FOR VISION AID which Rita will collect and, as usual, TOWELS, TOILETERIES AND CLOTHES for Whitechapel Mission which Roger will get delivered to them.

DEMELZA HOUSE

For info, as we have assisted in this project at Eltham. Terrie Kennor of Demelza has announced that they are about to launch a Capital appeal for some major rebuilding work at Demelza House. They are having a launch event at Leeds Castle on the 7th October in the early evening.

RIBI CONFERENCE 2011 Takes place next May in DUBLIN

Dublin will be the host city for the RIBI Conference 15th-17th April 2011 and guarantees the warmest of Irish welcomes to all delegates. The Rotary Club of Dublin, the first club to be formed outside North America, will also be celebrating its 100th anniversary, making this historic city, renowned for its hospitality, the ideal location for Conference. The elegant [Royal Dublin Society \(RDS\)](#) is the host venue, and discussions are already well advanced with a range of first class speakers and entertainers. Some of those who have already agreed to attend are: President of Ireland Mary McAleese, Rugby legend Willie John McBride and Terry Waite. See the RIBI website for more <http://www.ribi.org/events/ribi-convention/dublin-conference-2011>

I know it is early but Roger announced the Christmas card board will appear again this year. One card is placed on the board and a donation to Foundation is made.

Iain Hart Bulletin editor.