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At the last time of writing, we were deep in snow. Now we can actually believe that Spring is on its way. I am soon to be going into the last quarter of my Presidency (hooray I hear you shout). I am not sure where the time has gone, but I am enjoying my year.

The last quarter has been very busy. Roger and Jan organised meetings with leaders of the locality to find out what Chislehurst was lacking. These meetings gave much food for thought. Jan organised another CRISP. What a brilliant morning we had at Red Hill School. The event gets better each year. We have been raiding and the recent Safari Supper was much enjoyed.

The highlight for me for the last quarter has been President's Night. I wanted something different and that's what I had. The House of Commons was a fantastic venue and more Rotarians than I could have imagined booked to attend. Despite it being a cold night, everyone had a good time. The tours beforehand made for an excellent start to the evening.

We have a lot of good things to look forward to. We have a theatre trip, some of us are to view the Olympic site, play skittles, go raiding and hopefully play cricket against our mother Club, Sidcup. It would be good to play bat and trap again when the evenings are longer as many of our Rotarians had a misspent youth. Maybe we'll get another pub quiz and curry evening organised in deepest Kent.

We look forward to the Summer Fair in June. I hope all these new members willing to learn about "The Human Fruit Machine"!

I cannot sign off until I say a big "Welcome Back" to Tony Wiffen. It really is good to have you back among us.



I shall enjoy my last quarter and I hope that you do as well.

Janet Boylan *President*

Local MP hosts our club

Robert Neill, MP for Chislehurst, hosted a reception and dinner at the Houses of Parliament in March for our Club. More than 80 attended and enjoyed delicious, well-served food in the stately and historic surroundings of the Churchill Room.

Robert congratulated the Club on its local fundraising activities and contribution to the community. It was a most successful innovation and enjoyed by all.



Robert Neill MP congratulates Ricke Sankar on his 70th birthday.

Advance dates for your diary

April 28: Skittles Evening

Visitors from France: June 11

Summer Fair: June 12 (Three line whip!)

President's Party: June 19

District Conference: October 29 to 31

Fireworks: November 6 (Three line whip)

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Great quiz raises almost a Grand



What a Rotary way to start the New Year! Around 112 people including Rotarians, their families and friends gathered together in Chislehurst Village Hall for the 5th Rotary Quiz Night on Saturday 30th January (having been postponed from 9th January due to the adverse weather!) and they all had a great time trying to answer the difficult and at times impossible questions ably set by Iain Hart, the Quiz Master.

The organisation was up to its usual standard. The Foundation Committee transformed the Village Hall in a very short space of time from the Rotalink Party in the afternoon .

This year the proceeds from the night went to the "Thanks for Life" Project and Don Overton started the evening by explaining to all present about this Rotary Project and its value.

The first half of the Quiz started with almost impossible questions in the first two rounds, but after that the questions seemed to become easier, or at least people started to answer them! During the interval a fish and chip supper was served – delicious as usual – and Lorraine Wells and Maggie Durrant sold the inevitable raffle tickets.

Eighteen teams battled for first place. In the end, it came to the final round before a clear winner could be established and this year the Overton Team (and this had nothing to do with the fact that Don was responsible for organising the event!) came first, making up for all the years it has come second!

A grand total of £901.00 was raised by the event and the proceeds will be sent to "Thanks for Life" Project. A most enjoyable evening and a truly great Rotary start to 2010!

Don Overton

Aboriginals and Chinese dragons invade Chislehurst...

Valiant Rotarians, Freewheelers and Friends of Rotary turned out in force to support Jan Ward and her Community Service team in running this year's Chislehurst Rotary in Schools (CRISP) event at Red Hill School.

Around 160 nine and ten-year-olds from four local schools took part. This is the third year our Club has organised and paid for the event.

Red Hill School presented an Aboriginal story on stage, while Castlecombe Juniors dramatised a legend from American Indians. Children from Marjorie McClure acted out a Chinese legend and Chislehurst C of E Primary School provided the finale with a re-run of the Canadian Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony.

The ladies in the dining hall dealt with food from four nations as well as clearing up after the children had sampled the fare.

Thanking the children in her final speech, President Janet Boylan congratulated them on their hard work and creative ideas. "It gets better and better every year and you all look wonderful in your hats and medals. The t-shirts you decorated look terrific too." Janet went on to thank the staff of the schools the Rotarians and all those who helped. [Pictures on next page...](#)

Forthcoming meetings and events

date	day	meeting	hosts
April 19	M	G Freakes: Job talk	DBr, KB
April 26	M	Business Meeting	DC
April 28	W	Skittles at Haycutter Inn, Oxted	
May 3	M	No Meeting	
May 10	M	J Allison: Baedeker's Berlin	LE, RE
May 17	M	Sue Roberts: Flower Power	AF, PF
May 24	M	Business Meeting	GF
May 31	M	No Meeting	
June 4	F	Fun Cricket Challenge	
June 11 TBC	F	Barry McKay: Crystal Palace	MG DG
		Special meeting for Dromes visitors	
June 12	S	SUMMER FAIR	
June 14	M	Club Assembly	DH, JH
June 19		President's Party	
June 21		Business Meeting	IH

CRISP: Chislehurst Rotary in Schools 2010

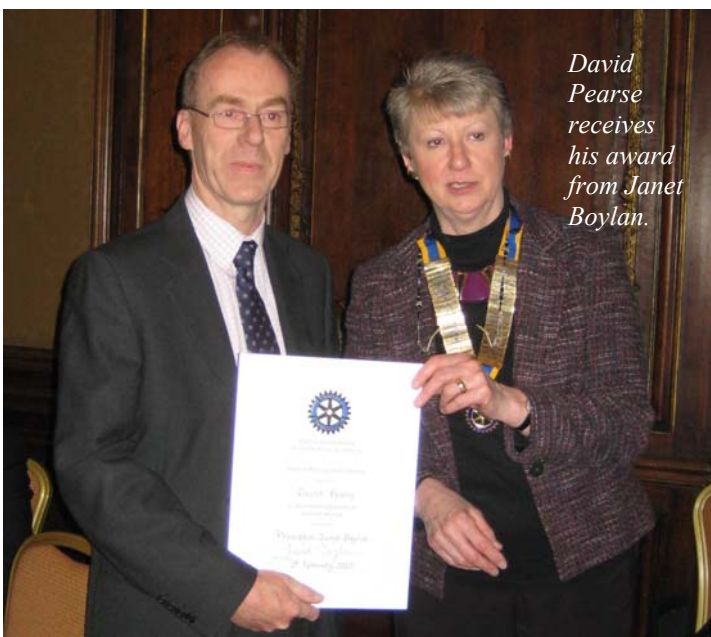


The picture above and a short report appeared in the News Shopper in late March. Stardom for Richard!

Awards for unsung local heroes

Running a local playgroup for children with special needs with the help of more than 40 local volunteers has been the life's work of dedicated Larry Simpson. Our Club presented Larry and six others with a Community Service Award in recognition of their work for others. Other recipients were Father Bill Beer, local priest; Kanti Shah, local post office owner; Donna Bompas, organiser of the local Big Draw; David Pearse, a key organiser of our local Rotary firework event and an honorary member; Jonathon de Maid of JDM, the local estate agents who give unflinching support to local events; and Brenda Barham, a local volunteer working with blind people who also helps with Rotary fundraising events in Chislehurst. Club President Janet Boylan presented the awards.

Community Service Chairman Jan Ward, said: "Rotary is about service and we are pleased to give public recognition to people who give their time and expertise in helping others. Some of those receiving awards assist the club in what we do in the locality. Others are those whose whole life is spent putting other people first. The occasion is humbling when we hear what some individuals achieve in the service of others." *Below: Larry Simpson and Janet Boylan*



David Pearse receives his award from Janet Boylan.

New members

If we are talking numbers, the last year has been very successful in terms of our membership drive. No fewer than seven new members have been recruited, and we welcome them wholeheartedly and hope they will enjoy being part of our Club.

Chislehurst Rotary Club is bucking the trend. Many clubs are losing members. We are not!

In Rotary UK there are 55,000 members. In our District (1120) covering South East England there are about 2,500 members in 84 clubs. That's an average of 29 members per club—so at 42 members we are well above average. We knew that anyway!

We welcome the following, all of whom have joined in the last year:

Tony Wiffin - Project Manager; Ian Ward - Youth Service; Doreen Gregory - Domiciliary Care (Retired); Sue Roberts - Artificial Trees and Creative Silks; Arun Watts - Consulting Engineer; David Crystal - Options Writer; and Richard Kirby - Dry Cleaning/Alterations Business Owner.

Our future Council for 2010 to 2011

President ROGER MAY
President Elect JAN WARD
2nd Vice President JOHN HARRIS
Immediate Past President JANET BOYLAN
Treasurer JOHN DURRANT
Secretary ROBERT GOLDSMITH
Other members to be announced

These are the people who will lead us into the next decade. Please give them all your support.

So farewell then Bulletin...

It has been my quarterly pleasure to edit, produce and distribute Bulletin for about the last five years. Ian James was the editor before that. It has been a fun role and I shall continue to take photos for the club, send releases to the press and help with PR and marketing matters.

The new style news sheet, starting after July, will be more frequent, shorter and much more immediate. Iain Hart is going to put it together monthly. I hope you will enjoy the new format.

Maggie Gebbett

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