



humanity in motion

rotary club of chislehurst / district 1120

## **PRESS RELEASE**

For immediate release: June 25 2010

### **Millennium mystery solved**

A number of local organisations in Chislehurst have worked together to unveil the answer to the question posed by the anonymous black stone situated on the common in Chislehurst High Street.

Ten years after it was put in place, the Millennium boulder will finally carry the information that solves the mystery of its origin. Originally it was felt that the huge dark rock was in a natural environment so information was not added to it. Now it seems timely to enlighten local people as to its history, both recent and ancient.

On Tuesday 29 June 2010 a group of local representatives will mark the recognition of the rock as a local landmark. The plaque will read: "This boulder of Lewisian Gneiss from Lochinver in N W Scotland was presented to the people of Chislehurst by the Highland Council to commemorate the Millennium year 2000. It is a metamorphic rock over 2000 million years old and is one of the oldest rocks in the British Isles. The Highland Council made the rock available to Chislehurst and the Ravensbourne Geological Society organised delivery from Scotland. There are 18 other similar boulders in other locations around Bromley Borough."

The local groups involved include the Trustees of Chislehurst Commons, The Chislehurst Society, Chislehurst Rotary Club and Bromley Council.

Sue Thorogood, Secretary of The Chislehurst Society said: "We are delighted that the rock will now have its origin explained to all." Janet Boylan, President of Chislehurst Rotary Club added: "I am sure local people will be glad to have this information – we notice that people stop and look at it on the way to our Summer Fair. Now they will know exactly what it is and why it is there."

### **For more information:**

Contact Maggie Gebbett, Rotary PR, 07833 741508 or 0208 467 6051

For information about the unveiling contact Jan Ward On 0208 295 1945 or 07814616063

### **Note to Editors:**

Chislehurst Rotary Club started in 1967 and is part of the Rotary International organisation. Its members meet weekly at Chislehurst Golf Club. Current President is Janet Boylan.

For more information please check out our website on [www.chislehurstrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.chislehurstrotaryclub.org.uk)