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Rotary in Boscombe and Southbourne

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On the 9th of August President Bill Jones inducted our new member Mihai Gheorghe. We celebrate Mihai and Ksenia becoming part of our Rotary family and look forward to their participation in our active and social life for many years to come.

Our photo shows President Bill Jones, Rotarian Mihai and Ksenia with District Governor Allan Smith.

At the age of 26 years Mihai represents a new generation in the club



Mihai's introduction - in his own words

"When I was 6 or 7 years old, I was a member of the Students Club sculpting pottery. I remember shoe boxes arriving from England which were given to the teachers. In my shoebox was a 'Gameboy', scarf hat and a lot of small toys. I still have the small toys. Being just 6 or 7 the boxes seemed very big and decorated, there was also a letter inside with a message.

"I remember being very happy because I didn't receive presents that year from my parents as we were poor and they could only offer us fruit. It was a hard winter, but we always waited eagerly for Christmas.

"I received my shoebox which had a big impact on my life. I always considered the Rotary Club as being very big and influential. I imagined myself being a member of a Club in England and 20 years later my dream has come true. Now that I have joined Boscombe and Southbourne and the Rotary family I will do my best to support the community and invest my time so that many people can benefit from my service. There are so few of us and so many things need to be done.

"The Shoebox initiative is still very important in my home country Romania because many people live in poverty and I am now in a position to help them directly".





The Grub's Up! Story

Back in Feb the Rotary of Boscombe & Southbourne came up with an idea to put together a new networking group, sceptics may think it was devised to be a bit of a recruitment drive. The rotary members were invited to bring a new local person that they thought would both work well with the community and benefit from a new network of business connections.

In the first week (February 2018) somewhere in the region of 20 people turned up, the third meeting it was down to about 5, lacking any sort of leadership or direction the group whittled itself down to two.

These two were Jack and Matt, and with the help of four or five Rotarians, one evening decided that by under taking a project, the new group would find some sort of purpose and thus have a chance to recover some of the missing members of the original group.

Through discussion it seemed a worthy cause to direct our prospective efforts was towards a problem around holiday hunger.

'Holiday Hunger' is the term most frequently used in the press, it effects 3 million kids in the UK, and in short occurs when children who are used to having lunches (their main meal of the day) provided for them by the school miss out during school holidays.

So these are the kids who get their free school meals and nothing else because their parents are for want of another term 'neglecting them'. When I tell friends about it they generally come back with; Sky TV, fags, booze, bookies etc etc and essential bad prioritisation of funds and time from parents.

The fact remains, the children are growing up hungry, and there are ramifications a plenty as a result both nationally and locally.

According to a report produced by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger, children were reported to have *vomited from lack of food*, while others were *being fed flavoured water or cereal* as their parents could not afford proper meals for them.

Too many children return to school malnourished, sluggish and dreary, says the report.

At our next meeting the group received it's first piece of good luck, and that was in the form of a new recruit, Gill.

This meant that Grub's Up! as we were soon to name ourselves was Matt, Jack and Gill with the invaluable support and efforts from Brian and John of the Rotary.

We had an idea of a worthy cause to tackle, but he yet to find a school, it was important to us to find somewhere local, and ideally in Southbourne.

Finding a school to help wasn't as easy as we had hoped, but after a little toing and froing we met with Alice Smith the family officer at Stourfield Infant School, who was over the moon with the prospect of help.

She told us that they have 18 families that they have on their Pupil Premium register, and that these 18 families make up a total of 32 children.

To aid them we wanted to put together some sort of packed meal containing something along the lines of; a sandwich, a couple of pieces of fruit, a drink, a savoury snack and a yoghurt.

Over a 6 week period, this equates to 960 meals.

Our original idea was to approach local businesses involved in catering hoping that we would be able to have all we needed donated, and although local business has been supportive, it appears that there are many charities and organisations out there chasing the same thing.

As an alternative and backup plan, we looked at the cost of purchasing the relevant parts and putting them together ourselves, and this looked possible at a cost of £1.75 per meal, £1,680.00

To raise funds Gill held a garden party for the cause and single raised around £700. Not content with her efforts, Gill and Matt walked the length and breadth of Southbourne High Street asking local businesses for support in whatever shape or form they could, be it cash, useful donations or even time to help.

To date we have raised a total of £1,725 along with the invaluable services of The Peppermill in Southbourne who have donated a huge amount of time and effort into preparing our sandwiches, our support has even reached New Milton where the Costa Coffee located in Tesco have provided a very generous amount of savoury products and packaging.

The final piece of our jigsaw was a venue to distribute from, without the help, and active support of the Beaufort Community Centre this project would have been even more difficult to get off the ground than it was. Seamus, Matt and Peter have been tremendous in their daily assistance.



The Grub's Up! Story

Since the last week of July when school summer holidays started, everyday at 11:45 two or three of us (bolstered in numbers by the kindness of the rotary) set up shop in the gym at the Beaufort Community Centre (whose support certainly deserves a mention) until a little after 1pm to give out food and generally interact with the families who attend. These families are incredibly grateful of the support we are providing between us.

Even with the best planning, intention and preparation there's always scope for the unexpected.

As previously mentioned Stourfield Infant school had anticipated that we would need to provide 960 meals, each highlighted family was given a list of days that they wanted their children to be fed by us.

The sheets were returned to the team and showed that instead of needing to provide close to 1,000 lunches, in fact only 373 had been requested.

Our target was also altered by one donor (not listed above) not delivering what we had expected, which we had anticipated being a day's worth of food per week for all concerned.

The reduced number did mean that we questioned just how important a need this actually was for the children, but once we were into the 'thick of it' we were reassured that this was indeed a very worthy and thank-filled cause, and that perhaps it was an opportunity missed by some families that perhaps given the chance again would embrace more readily.

The net result of the lower than expected take-up has been that we have excess resources and should be able to manage at least one more school holiday, should the need exist.

Our next step is to try and get some of the families involved in the organisation of Grub's Up! to help us deliver even greater results...

#watchthisspace



Natalie Newman came to talk to us about Amelia's Rainbow.

This is a charity that honours the memory of Amelia-Grace Cooper who was born on 27th October 2001, developed Stage4 Neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer, and sadly died on 24th June 2010.

Bare facts that hide the vivacity of a lively child who became a Second in her Brownie Pack, whizzed around the hospital on her wheelies, went through many painful stages of treatment without complaint, visited Lourdes, rode her Christmas present bike, enjoyed the thrills of EuroDisney, received Cancer Research UK's Little Stars Bravery Award and had made such an impression on those about her that she inspired the launch and operation of "Amelia's Rainbow".

Amelia's Rainbow supports children in Dorset and the surrounding area who are suffering from terminal, life-limiting and serious chronic illnesses. They aim to create an environment full of fun, laughter, achievement and memories; through providing funds for activities and play which will enrich the lives of children who are suffering from any terminal, life-limiting serious and chronic illnesses.

Amelia's Rainbow also opened "Amelia's Retreat", their new holiday home in New Milton, which will be offered to families in Dorset whose children are suffering from chronic, life-limiting and terminal illnesses.

Amelia's Rainbow is happy to be able to provide access to a beach hut fully kitted-out for the benefit of sick children and their families from across Dorset.

More information at www.ameliarainbow.org



Read Easy started as a reading project at Dorchester Prison where it was introduced to improve the life-skills and employment prospects for ex prisoners transitioning into the community. Once the principles had been tested and approved there was a move to engage with non-readers in the wider world and "Read Easy" was born.

Susan Ridd told us about how teaching adults to read has resulted in improved job and promotion prospects, Being able to vote, increasing confidence and self-esteem, helping grandchildren learn and grow, and generally seeking acceptance within the adult world.

The scheme relies heavily on the work of committed volunteers who work with their students, usually in coffee bars and public spaces.

Could you help an adult to reach greater levels of their potential?

Look up the testimonials at www.readeasy.org.uk for evidence



Summer BBQ at Spinnaker Lake



Over 30 Rotarians and wives were joined by members of Sailability and Ringwood 41 Club for a barbeque at Spinnaker Sailing Club. Apart from having a great time, the event was an opportunity to present a cheque for the Sailability charity which provides facilities and sail training for disabled sailors. Special thanks to Colin and Chris for planning the evening and manning the barbeque.



Sailability Chairman Malcolm Bentley being welcomed to Northwick



Thanks to Bill C. for the photographs of members and guests enjoying the wonderful facilities at the Spinnaker Sailing Club, near Ringwood.

Cheques for £400 were presented to Sailability and £44 to the Spinnaker Club Youth Sailing Fund





KENYA – *Flooding Assessments*

Since March 2018, heavy rains and flooding across Kenya have forced almost 300,000 people from their homes. We first responded to the flooding in Kenya on Wednesday, 16th May. A Shelter Box team deployed to assess the situation, meet with potential partners, and determine whether we can support families affected in a timely matter. We have now partnered with the Kenyan Red Cross and an MoU has been finalised. The Kenyan National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) granted permission for our aid to be imported into the country, however this was not sufficient to proceed with shipping the aid. To overcome the hurdle of plastic on our aid, in July we sent teams to Belgium and Dubai to work with our suppliers to remove all plastic packaging from Shelter Kits, sleeping mats, water carriers, and kitchen sets. Mosquito nets will be procured locally in Kenya, this is because they need to be wrapped in plastic to protect

the chemical with which they are treated. This plastic will be disposed of appropriately. Our teams have visited some of the hardest hit regions in Kenya, Tana River and Kilifi, to understand the problems that families are facing right now. The next steps of the response are to work with the Red Cross on beneficiary selection and training on the use of the aid ahead of its arrival.

Guatemala - *Volcano Remote distributions*

Following the deadly eruption of volcano Fuego at the beginning of June a team was deployed and working with local Rotary, the Guatemalan Red Cross and local authorities, carried out assessments. With the help of Rotary and the Red Cross, tents were erected in collective centres to provide families with a safe space for breastfeeding and medical and psychological support. The team also investigated the wider shelter needs within affected communities, but found that there were no gaps for Shelter Box to respond. At the beginning of July after the Shelter Box team had departed the last remaining midi tents were distributed in collective centres by local Rotary.

Ethiopia – *Conflict and Flooding Assessments*

In Ethiopia, severe flooding and conflict have forced people to leave their homes. Nearly one million people have been forced to flee because of violent conflicts in the Guji-Gedo zone since last April. Severe flooding that started last April has also left thousands of families without homes. These rains have continued, triggering recurrent flooding and landslides. Thousands of people in the Oromia region have been forced to flee after these devastating floods. In July a Shelter Box team were deployed to start planning the distribution of aid to support 2,000 families affected by conflict

Somaliland – *Drought Planning*

Throughout July the team have continued to work on plans and logistics for a third phase to support a further 2,000 families, affected by severe drought. These families are living across 7 different camps for internally displaced people. In July two containers containing aid arrived in Somaliland and the planning of distributions with in-country partner ActionAid got underway.

CAMEROON - *Lake Chad Basin Crisis Remote distributions*

In Cameroon, together with our partner IEDA Relief, we have now provided shelter to more than 7,000 families. Boko Haram attacks have caused 241,000 Cameroonians to be internally displaced since 2014, and in addition, over 95,000 Nigerian refugees have fled into Cameroon. Many of the internally displaced and refugees have relocated to Minawao camp, which now accommodates more than 70,000 people. We have been working closely with IEDA Relief to support households inside the camp. Throughout July, 327 AMG tents were distributed to new arrivals in Minawao camp, along with 548 blankets, 91 kitchen sets, 277 mosquito nets, and 116 water carriers.



CHAD – *Lake Chad Basin Crisis* Remote distributions

More than 10 million people across the Lake Chad Region are currently in need of humanitarian assistance. Extreme poverty and climate change, alongside growing insecurity caused by horrific Boko Haram attacks, are some of the factors that play into this crisis. In Chad we are working with our local partner ICAHD to support vulnerable families who have been affected by the conflict. So far, we've distributed aid to over 2,300 families. In July, part B of phase 3 of distributions was completed in Chad by ICAHD. 1,100 households received kits containing a selection of suitable aid items and 250 of

these received UN spec tents. Post-distribution monitoring by ICAHD was also completed in July, we have received the results from this and our MEAL team are analysing the results. Recent Boko Haram attacks in the area have led to an increase in the number of people displaced, we are now working with the Shelter Cluster to see how we can support.

An invitation from District Governor - Allan Smith

12-14 October 2018



Conference and Autumn Break in
Jersey

Inspiring Success is the theme of my year as your District Governor and for this Conference.

What does this mean to me and to you?

I have tried, with the help of your conference committee, to put together a programme of speakers and projects that have inspired me and which I hope will inspire you to return to your clubs with renewed vigour to:

1. Try out new projects
2. Continue existing successful projects
3. Gain recognition for Rotary's contribution to your community
4. Attract new members to expand Rotary's activities where you live.

Each of our speakers has an inspiring story to tell, whether from outside Rotary or within. Those introduced to you now are all

confirmed. I expect to announce a few more who will only add to the occasion.

All work and no play makes Allan a dull boy! So, we have a wide variety of entertainment available for your enjoyment! From fireworks to dancing, not forgetting a dinner, via coastal walks, beach cleans and local Rotary projects, plus tours to island beauty spots, WW2 German Occupation heritage, and Jersey Zoo showcasing Durrell's conservation work.

As part of my club's Peace Island project, Jersey was declared a Rotary Peace Community in May 2015. This coincided with the 70th anniversary of Liberation after WW2. We are hosting a PeaceJam Slam on the Saturday of our Conference in another arena adjacent to our conference hall. I do hope that you will take the opportunity to see the youth of today embracing values which we can all support.

I now realise I have yet to mention the attraction of the beautiful island in which I am fortunate to live. Whether it be scenery, cliffs, beaches, countryside, restaurants, shops, pubs that take your fancy, we have plenty to offer and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

To sample all these wonderful offerings, you will need around a week to fit them all in. Can I suggest you consider taking this opportunity to make a holiday out of the conference? And that you take advantage of the special weekly rates negotiated by our travel partners CI Travel.

My wife Lynn and I look forward to welcoming you to Jersey in October 2018.



"Inspiring Success"

Dates for your Diary

September

3rd	Monday	International Meeting	at 19.30 hrs	Chez Chris
4th, 5th, 6th		Phoenix Stroke Club assist - Contact Philip to help		
4th	Tuesday	Tour at RNLI College		
5th	Wednesday	Bournemouth Promenade walk		
6th	Thursday	Swanage Railway		
6th	Thursday	Community Meeting	at 11.30 hrs	@ Northwick House
6th	Thursday	Membership and PR Meeting	at 11.00 hrs	@ Northwick House
8th	Saturday	Sturminster Newton Rotary Annual Cheese Festival		
13th	Thursday	Youth Meeting	at 11.15 hrs	@ Northwick House
17th	Monday	Club Council Meeting	at 1930 hrs	

October

12th, 13th, 14th	District Conference	<u>Inspiring Success - Jersey 2018</u>
19th Friday	<i>"Concert of music and song"</i> in aid of McMillan Caring Locally and other Rotary Charities at the Salvation Army Hall, Boscombe	

November

20th	Saturday	Quiz @ Northwick House		
3rd	Saturday	Christchurch Rotary	Rotary Fireworks	Stanpit Marsh
10th	Saturday	District Council		
22nd	Thursday	B & S Charter Night @ Gilbey's Restaurant		

December

11th	Tuesday	Carol Concert	Boscombe Citadel	
13th	Thursday	Christmas Rotary Family Lunch	12.30	
19th	Wednesday	Rotary Tree of Lights		



Howard's humorous (?) anecdotes

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago"

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed,

"God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



A hearty welcome to Marilyn Curtis as President of Inner Wheel and an Honorary Member of Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary

Marilyn is shown receiving her regalia from Ann Coleman, retiring Inner Wheel President

Rotary



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You can identify with Rotary by wearing Rotary corporate clothing when you are taking part in a Rotary event, and beyond. Wear your B&S signature Sweatshirt or Fleece or consider the **End Polio Now** badged clothing that identifies you with this most successful of causes and financially supports the programme. Wear your **End Polio Now** vibrant designs on and around Rotary **World Polio Day on Wednesday 24th October 2018**. Some items are listed here but more can be seen by logging in to the Guernsey Rotary website at -

endpolionowguernseyshop.org



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Dementia

Why it is Britain's biggest killer



The Summer edition of "Rotary" is now available. It makes very interesting reading so please don't leave your copy in the room.

When you have read it, why not leave a copy in the Doctor's waiting room; or Dentist's, or anywhere where people can see and read and find it inspirational in showing what Rotarians do?

Diary September 2018

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30th August Speaker Alice May Surviving the House that Sat Down

Registrar John Lloyd
Host Philip Duncan
Raffle by Chris Knight
Bar Brent Coleman

6th September Speaker Golf in the ROK

Registrar Robin Scott
Host Ron Emmitt
Raffle by Mike Lambert
Bar Brian Smith

13th September Bill Coombes New Website Presentation

Registrar Harold Payne
Host Eric Frampton
Raffle by Richard Lerner
Bar Mike Lambert

20th September Business

Registrar Ron Emmitt
Host n/a
Raffle by John Lloyd
Bar Neal Curtis

27th Sept Speaker Nick Dobbs The Dorset Wildlife Trust

Registrar Malcolm Freeth
Host Ian Gillespie
Raffle by David McMahon
Bar Ian Monkhouse

4th Oct Speaker Jim Cregan Founder of "Jimmy's Iced Coffee"

Registrar Mike Lambert
Host Peter Goodhead
Raffle by Ian Monkhouse
Bar Bill Rushworth

11th Oct Speaker Will Deamer Chartered Physiotherapist

Registrar John Lloyd
Host Chris Knight
Raffle by Steve Nagle
Bar Malcolm Freeth

18th October Business

Registrar Ian Monkhouse
Host n/a
Raffle donated by Russell Oaten
Bar Brian Smith

25 October Speaker

Registrar Robin Scott
Host Mike Lambert
Raffle by Harold Payne
Bar Mike Lambert

1st Nov. Speaker Martin Stewart Stewarts Garden Centre

Registrar Brent Coleman
Host John Lloyd
Raffle by Celia Pepper
Bar Neal Curtis

8th November Speaker

Registrar Harold Payne
Host David McMahon
Raffle by Trevor Philips
Bar Ian Monkhouse

15th November Business

Registrar Ron Emmitt
Host N/a
Raffle by Stan Randell
Bar Bill Rushwprth

This Diary reflects requested changes for participants. Disregard previous Diary
Please note that, if you are unable to carry out any duty, you should arrange an alternative or exchange of duties and notify the Secretary of the change.

We could do with a couple more volunteers for Registrar and Bar so.....
If you are happy to do the occasional duty, please give your name to Brent or Mike Lambert