



The difference makes the story

We are dynamic - putting on the biggest dragon boat festival in the country, creating iconic town centre installations for Christmas, running, with Round Table, the best firework display in the Royal Borough and sustaining and developing, with other Clubs, *Kids Out*. On top of which we maintain international visits with link clubs and the youth exchange, film shows and adult awards, business games and mock interviews and give great support to *End Polio Now*. **We all know that but do potential members?**

Doing things for the community-- local, national and international to make a difference in people's lives - is in our DNA. Our activities create fellowship that, in turn, delivers friendships as we work together to make those differences. **We all know that too but do potential members?**

I believe it is the telling of the stories of the differences we deliver that makes us attractive and make potential members stop and listen. I believe they are attracted when we tell them:

"Through our Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge we create opportunities for adults with a learning disability, help premature babies survive, give relief to some young carers, enable 50 crews raise money for their chosen charity and facilitate the raising of £70,000 for good causes, providing a great community event."

"Through micro-finance schemes we

help families in Africa earn enough to give their children an education."

"Through mock interviews we give students the confidence to go for the job they wanted."

"Through *RotaKids*, children gain skills to act in an adult world and provide for the immunisation against polio for 1000 children."

"Through our Christmas activities we give work to students they can show on their CVs, bring joy to children with Santa, entertain people and help other good causes to help themselves."

"Through our grants we will provide a maize mill that removes the need for Malawian children spending their time carrying maize rather than going to school."

These are stories of the differences we make. Once told they will be followed by questions about how we do it. Potential members will be impressed with our ability, dynamism and capacity to create and deliver our projects so effectively. Our enthusiasm to talk of what everybody does will rub off and show the fun we have working together. Potential members may have the view that they might like join our club. We then need to be ready to ask.

"Would you like to join?" In my year as President I hope to tell and tell again these stories of the differences we make to attract new members. I hope all club members will tell them and tell them again. Of course, it is not just about stories. We need to be acting to find potential members. We will be reinvigorating the concept of vocations and skills to make a positive

difference and focussing our search for new members on any gaps. We will be holding interest meetings with potential new members to tell them our stories and of the fellowship, fun and friendship we create. And of course asking them to join. Our first membership drive to raise awareness will be at the Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge where there will be a Membership stall staffed by all four Royal Borough Rotary Clubs. We will all have big badges saying "Ask me about Rotary". And when asked, we can all tell the good story. At the end of my Presidential year, I look forward to being able to tell the story that we are a growing club. **President John**



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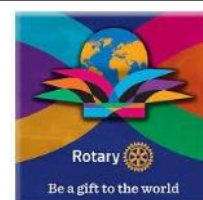
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Game, Set and Match!

My fellow Rotarians

Over the last year here as your President I have learnt a lot. The most important being

- ♦ Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm
- ♦ How to build relationships and rely on each other
- ♦ How to work together to help the community
- ♦ How to respect each other's differences
- ♦ How much we need each other to succeed



I came into this role a year ago in the knowledge that I had a very strong PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) and I wanted this to continue throughout the 52 weeks I was to be at the head of this amazing club. I am not going to go over all our achievements. We all know what they are and how we have worked towards them. As you well know I am a bit of a tennis fan so I thought I might just do a bit of a PLAY on words.

When I stepped on COURT following the previous match (Jackie) on 3rd July 2014, I wasn't sure if I would be an UMPIRE or a SINGLES PLAYER. I had LINES MEN and LINES WOMEN (Council) on my side to help make decisions if the BALLS were going too fast and BALL GIRLS and BALL BOYS (committee Chairs) to catch anything I missed along the way. My NET COURT JUDGE (Janet) kept her ears open in case a BALL skimmed the edge.

The REFRESHMENTS (Antoinette Hotel and Michael) were always supplied on time and in a professional way, although some DRINKS by the UMPIRE CHAIR were a bit thin on the ground. It was easy to play the GAME and with my RACKET (microphone) in my hand I was able to commence the COMPETITION (meetings).

The PROGRAMME was varied (thanks to Stan) and held all the important information for everyone to read (newsletter. Anne). The SCORE BOARD was never in doubt and I always hoped that I had the WINNING SERVE, that RAIN didn't STOP PLAY and we didn't have to CLOSE THE ROOF. I played the first of many

games, using GROUND SHOTS, FORE HAND and BACK HAND and the SCORING was just right: 15/Love; 15/30; 15/40; GAME. No one took ADVANTAGE and DEUCE was rarely scored. But there were lots of LOVE games!! Playing MIXED DOUBLES (John & Ramesh) and LADIES DOUBLES with Inner Wheel led to lots of fun and laughter. The TELEVISION & RADIO coverage was easy to get used to and the constant PHOTOGRAPHY became the norm. The TOURNAMENT REFEREE (District Governor Vivien) kept an eye on the progress of the ROUNDS to ensure that the FINAL would be on time with no WEATHER DELAYS.

And now the FINAL has been played. The ROLEX clock ticks on, the SCORE is irrelevant, there is only one WINNER, and only one TROPHY to hold aloft. The MEMBERS OF KINGSTON ROTARY CLUB have triumphed again with another amazing end to yet another amazing year. I hope the PRIZE MONEY (given by my Treasurer, Brian) will benefit BAG BOOKS and be worth its weight in gold.

GAME, SET and MATCH.

I would like to leave you with a poem my father found when he was Surbiton Rotary president in 1974/75 (see next page). And I would like us all to take a moment to remember our Rotarians who have recently died: David Berry, Dougie Cooke and Chrissie Hitchcock.

Lynda Rowland

Lynda's Poem

Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
To criticise and knock?

Do you take an extra part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied
To simply just belong?

When the business comes around
Do you pretend you're sick?
And leave the work to just a few
Then talk about the clique?

Think this over, member
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?



(Below) President John received his chain of office from Lynda on 2nd July and greeted, as our special guests, District Governor Peter O'Keefe and new Inner Wheel President Janet Hayward. Janet's gift to John was a clematis appropriately named 'The President'.



New Governor New District

On Sunday 28th June 2015 Peter O'Keefe of Guildford District Rotary Club was inducted as District Governor of District 1145, formally merging the two Districts of 1140 and 1250. The handover was conducted by President of Rotary in Britain and Ireland (RIBI), Peter King, at an informal BBQ held at Peter's home in Guildford.

Peter also presented Past District Governor jewels to Immediate Past District Governors, Vivian Gicquel, of District 1140 and Doug Pryce of District 1250.

The new District will have over 100 clubs based in Sussex and Surrey and will be one of the largest in RIBI. It substantially recreates District 14, or District 114 as it later became known before it was split in June 1982, when the two current Districts were formed.

Whilst District 1140 was a small District it always punched above its weight and in 2010/11 Kingston Rotary Club had the privilege of supporting PDG Keith Waller when he stepped in to become District Governor for the second time, which we understand is unprecedented in RIBI, if not Rotary International, history.

In the thirty three years of the District the Clubs of District 1140 also provided three Presidents of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland: Past President Len Smith of Twickenham upon Thames Rotary Club, its first woman President, Nan MaCreadie of Feltham Rotary Club and the current President, Peter King of Kew Gardens Rotary Club. **Paul Hickson**



KidsOut Promotion



Doreen did a splendid job in promoting *KidsOut* last month when she visited Walton on Thames Club's annual charity Golf day on 6th June and handed out *KidsOut* caps to all the players.

This event always raises a significant amount of money for charities, of which 50% goes to *KidsOut* Day. The other 50% usually goes to several local charities. This year however, it went to *Childreach*, an enormously worthwhile cause, that helps girls in Nepal from being sold into sex slavery.

Well done, Doreen. Your efforts are much appreciated!

KidsOut Dinner Celebrating 25 Years



The Official Party (above): Doreen Johnston, Di King, The Mayor, Lady Grantchester, the Mayoress, Peter King, Gordon Moulds and President Lynda. And Alan Stevenson (below, right)

It was lovely to be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the first ever *KidsOut* day on the 29th May.

It was not an “event” or a “function” – more of a private party, with many of us present having taken part on that first day out. We were delighted to have amongst our official guests Lady Grantchester and the widows of the three Kingston Rotarians who helped start it all off – Pat Jarvis, Sheila Saxton, and myself – as well as the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston, RIBI President Peter King and the CEO of *KidsOut* charity – Gordon Moulds.

We also had Chris Wadsworth, the man responsible for making the film of the first day. He proved what Graham always used to say, that it’s not what you know, it’s WHO you know – because Chris’s brother Nigel was a member at our Cricket Club, Malden Wanderers, and when Graham said he wanted to make a film – well, Nigel mentioned his brother! Chris kindly gave us some of his reminiscences of the day, including the fact (which I’d forgotten) that the Police Escort set off at such a lick that the planned convoy of cars rather fell into disarray, and the crew couldn’t get to Thorpe Park ahead of them to film their arrival!

Alison Webb, a Kingston Rotaractor at the time, started us off by telling us what she did in the car park. (Oh yes she did!). Dressed as clowns she and her fellow members entertained the children with balloons and lots of fun and laughter. Alison is still doing this, as you know, with friends and colleagues.

Douglas Reynolds and Alan Stephenson (then a mere Round Table lad) told us what they remembered as well. And it was good to hear what an enthusiastic supporter of *KidsOut*, Peter King is – quite right, too, when he’s one of “ours”!

Gordon Moulds brought us up-to-date with the charity, but he mainly paid tribute to Peter, Graham and John, and to Kingston Rotary Club, for having the idea, taking the initiative and starting it all off. We took, I think, some 200 children to Thorpe Park in 1990; this year, Rotary Clubs up and down the country took 25,000 children on a fun day out. Isn’t that fantastic?

We saw both the 5 minute film and the 15 minute film which was left running, and there were some lovely images of Rotarians and the kids to remind us of the first day. Phillip Holt also had some pictures of last year which were great to see.

We had a good meal at the Kingston Lodge Hotel and finished off with three cakes to cut (one for each of Pat, Sheila and me) – each one a different flavour. It seemed a lot of cake for the people present but there didn’t appear to be any left!

I am, personally, so pleased that we were able to have this celebration, and my grateful thanks to Lynda and Kingston Rotary Club for organising and hosting it. As Lynda said, we should all be so proud that WE started it here in Kingston and that it is such an ongoing legacy. Thank you.

Bobby Child



KidsOut Day 2015

*Up we go into the wide blue yonder,
flying high into the sun*

This quote from an old wartime flying song epitomises the excited anticipation of children and adults as we arrived at Chessington World of Adventures on Wednesday 10 June 2015 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kids Out Day. Even the weather was good to us, sunny and pleasantly warm, just like the day ahead. We knew the first occasion in 1990 could never be replicated but every effort had been made by the 4 clubs comprising the KO committee (Kingston, New Malden, Surbiton and Walton on Thames) to make this special occasion an EXTRA special day for our 420 children and their 300+carers. This year we took 9 schools, 5 Special schools, Bedelsford, Dysart, Linden Bridge, Walton Leigh and Woodlands, and 4 Primary schools, Kings Oak, King Athelstan and smaller numbers from St Joseph's and St John's, the latter joining us for the first time. A group of 10 children with profound multiple learning disabilities from Dysart School went to a Thames Valley organisation in Maidenhead which provides very specialist equipment and training to encourage greater independence.

Over 30 Rotarians from all 4 Clubs attended, all wearing bright orange rosettes so that our schools could identify them as their particular friends who would love to join in the fun with their groups, which I'm delighted to say many did. All the children wore blue Kids Out caps and t shirts with the 25th anniversary logo so they also were easily identifiable among the crowds of children there.

The Mayor of Elmbridge, Councillor Jan Fuller and Consort Mr John Caton attended and stayed for several hours, engaging enthusiastically with the children and clearly thoroughly enjoying the day. The Deputy Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Mary Clark, had been due to attend but unfortunately we were advised that morning that she had just had a fall and been taken to hospital. No news as yet but we wish her a speedy recovery. Rides and the zoo were strong competitors but the balloon race was the highlight of the day. Schools gathered on the Hocus Pocus green at 11.00am to release 25 anniversary balloons. The area was ringed with bunting and excited

children patiently waited to be given their balloons while Janet and I struggled to get them out of a very large bag. Unfortunately this was very difficult because all the strings had become entangled but we managed to get most out before one burst. Then a lady who offered to help by holding a bunch inadvertently let go of the strings and to cries of dismay five balloons went floating up into the "wide blue yonder" never to be seen again. Fortunately I'd thought to bring six spares, so on the Ready Steady Go command twenty five balloons went "flying high into the sun" much to the delight of the children. John Cannon later told me that St Joseph's children were thrilled to be part of the balloon race and all nine were holding the string and released it together, very good teamwork! All this and the rest of the day has been captured on film by Media Studies students, wonderful enthusiastic boys from Southborough High School for whom this was their first real commission. Their approach was very professional and the dvd will shortly be released and then circulated to the schools and our four Rotary Clubs.

Reports from Rotarians and schools have been very positive. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone as I'm sure you'll see from the photos and some letters which have been received. I also now know which balloon travelled the furthest distance of the two reported landings but as the schools have not been informed I can't yet release that information. Just watch this space.

Doreen Johnston

Chair of KidsOut Committee





KidsOut: A Perfect Day



Kids Out: A Thank you

Dear Doreen and the Rotarians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for the tremendous support that you have given over the past 25 years to ensuring that the tradition of "Kids Out" to Chessington has continued.

The annual visit to Chessington is a highlight of the year for the school. Staff and pupils all look forward to it and I have to say that this year seemed to be particularly well received and I am sure that this was due in no small part to the additional 25 year celebration that was held during the morning.

I am well aware of the time and commitment that is involved in raising the money to fund the event but also all the additional work involved in ensuring that the day runs smoothly: delivering t-shirts, organising packed meals and mobilizing volunteers to help on the day – to mention just a few. I am very appreciative of the fact that the Kids Out day could not happen without your generosity of money and time and would really like to thank you for your continued commitment to the event. I truly hope that it will continue to flourish in the coming years.

I am aware that we will need to look at arrangements for the arrival of our pupils at Chessington in the future, but I really did want to write to thank you for your hard work and kindness over the years. I just hope that you are aware of the impact that the annual visit to Chessington has for our pupils and the memorable moments that it affords them and the staff who work with them.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind regards, Adrienne Knight, Head teacher



Archery Contest

Budding Robin Hoods from Kingston and New Malden Clubs met recently for a friendly contest of bows and arrows (right). Sadly we were beaten but a good time was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all those who came.





Kingston was one of six clubs helping to finance the project: The others were Bad Bergzabern, Frankenthal and Pirmasens in Germany, Warrnambool in Australia and Limbe in Cameroon



Completion of the Cameroon project

Martin Pütz and Jürgen Monnerjahn from Bad Bergzabern together with Rotaractor Frederic Siebenhaar (pictured in a banana plantation above) recently visited Bonakanda in Cameroon for the celebrations on completion of the global grant water project. Martin is pictured filling his glass from a new tap. The water is now finally flowing in the village of Bonakanda so that more than 1,600 inhabitants now have access to drinkable water. Martin sends his grateful thanks for our help in financing this project. **Keith Maund, International Committee**

Warren House Visit

Tuesday 4th August at 6.30pm.

£12.50 per person with an option to dine

Friends & family welcome



Join us for a fascinating visit to historic Warren House, Warren Road, Kingston, now a conference centre, to see and hear about their newly constructed heritage garden celebrating the Veitch family's famous plant nursery that was once there. The garden has been constructed this year to celebrate 150 years of plants and gardening on the site and, although in its early stages, already contains a fascinating array of plants connected with the nursery. Garden designer, Andrew Fisher Tomlin has agreed to give us a special talk on the Veitch Nursery and will be telling us about the intrepid plant collectors who went all over the world to bring back rare plants. Vicky Good, historian, has just written a book called *Warren House Tales* and will also be there to tell us about the former owners of the house (constructed in 1865) and their famous visitors including Edward VII.

The tour, which will include a glass of wine and nibbles, will be around one and a half hours and you are welcome to eat in the dining room afterwards at 10% discount. Please let Anne McCormack know if you would like to come by 23rd July at the latest. anne.jeff@dial.pipex.com; 020 8398 5245. Please ask Anne for a menu if you wish to dine. www.warrenhouse.com



Join in all the fun of Dragon Boats, our best Charity fundraiser, in Canbury Gardens on Sunday 19th July!

RIBI Conference, 1st –3rd April 2016

Advance Notice

Registration for the 2016 RIBI Conference is now open. We are advised to book now and be prepared to be inspired, educated, motivated and entertained along with Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President, Peter Davey.

The vibrant cosmopolitan town of Bournemouth is the host town for the 91st annual event. It has a vast array of shops, restaurant and accommodation with miles of golden sand making the perfect setting for the 2016 conference. Speakers will include the inspirational Steve Brown and the highly amusing Geoff Miller. Past President Allan Jagger will be sharing his Rotary story and actress Jenny Agutter will talk about her work with the Shakespeare School Festival—and much more.

The conference takes place at the Bournemouth International Centre and there will be plenty of accommodation options. Book online before 1st November to take advantage of early bird prices. www.rotarygbi.org



Inner Wheel

President's Charity is Momentum

It gives us (some of us) a sense of history and continuity to have Janet Hayward as our incoming President for 2015/2016. Her late husband, Tony, was Chief Constable in Kingston quite a long time ago now and, whilst he wasn't here for very long, he WAS a member of Kingston Rotary Club. Since they left the area, Janet has been a member of a number of different Inner Wheel Clubs around the country, transferring to us from Gloucester. And if you've heard her, you'll know she has that lovely, soft west country accent! So she is a very experienced Inner Wheeler, and we're looking forward to her year in office.

Her President's Charity is *Momentum*, the Kingston Hospital based children's charity, of which she and her family have first-hand experience. Bianca Effemey from the Charity is our speaker at our 14th July meeting and I believe she's bringing a parent with her. It will be good to hear about the Charity's work, especially as it is such a local one. If you're interested, please come – just let me or Betty Griggs know.

I hope that many of you will come to our President's Tea Party which is on **Saturday 22nd August** at Pat Wingett's house. The profit from this will go to *Momentum*, so do please come and support them, and Janet. You can let ME know about that if you like.

Anyone who would like to join us for our Pizza Evening on **Tuesday 11th August** is welcome of course. We'll be mainly ladies, but gentlemen are not excluded! Helen Stickland is in charge of this.

Before that, we have organised a Concert in aid of Shelter Box – we realise that they will have used a lot of their stocks for Nepal, so we hope to contribute towards their new stock. A Hungarian violinist and Spanish pianist are playing a selection of music by Massenet, Brahms, Vieuxtemps, Debussy, Bartók, Albéniz, Satie and Piazzola. **Friday, 17th July, 7.30 p.m. at New Malden Methodist Church.** Do please come and support this – if you can let us know (Chris Hickson or me) that would help with the refreshments, but otherwise just turn up. It should be a lovely.

Lastly, in the now (short) tradition of Kingston Inner Wheel, our member Liz Davis has volunteered at the last minute to be Chairman of District 14. We wish her the very best of luck and know that she'll do a great job. She is being supported in a job-share by Denise de la Perelle who has been District Chairman before so knows the ropes. But Liz is young, enthusiastic and raring to go!

Our September meeting is on **Tuesday, 8th September**, our speaker is Harvey Howlett but we have yet to come up with a title for his talk!

Yours in friendship Bobby Child



Inner Wheel Charity Concert for Shelterbox

New Malden Methodist Church, 49 High Street, New Malden KT3 4BY

Friday 17th July at 7.30pm

Suggested donation £5
Coffee and cake available

Eszter Schutz (violin) and Anna Cassu Serra (piano).

LUNCH MEETINGS

DATE	SUBJECT & MENU	SPEAKER	V.O.T.	HOSTS
JULY 16	Pitcairn Islands Mixed seafood ragout or Cumberland sausage toad in the hole	Keith Waller	Douglas Reynolds	Stevenson, McCormack* , Rayner, Rinsche
23	RNIB Mediterranean chicken stew or stir fried beef in black bean sauce	Sally Hutton with Mark Powell	tbc	Stickland, Rowland* , Waller, McCormack
30	Club Lunch Moroccan lamb tagine or pork loin with onion & apple jus	_____	_____	Watts, Webb* , Webber, Willner
AUG 6	The Mayor of Elmbridge Lamb stew & herb dumplings or beef lasagne	Cllr Jan Fuller	President John	Buzasi, Bellias, Boullin* , Chandler
13	Shelterbox Braised chicken, tarragon, mush- room & tomato sauce or pork & leek sausages with onion gravy NB this is an evening meeting at 6.45 for 7pm	Tim Vile. Immediate Past President of Farnborough Club	Paul Hickson	Jethwa, Colley* , Frost, Gabb
20	Kingston Museum Shepherds' pie or Asian beef stir fry with noodles	Charlotte Samuels, curator	Anne McCormack	Kingham, Horstman* , Hickson, Kapadia
27	Club Lunch Lamb hotpot or beef stroganoff	_____	_____	Maund, Lifford, Rayner* , Webb

The person named in CAPS is the 'Cash Host' responsible for the money. The asterisk denotes 'Microphone Host'. Members who are Hosts should be available by 12.30pm at the latest to prepare the room. Please arrange for a deputy should you be unable to attend yourself. Please pay for lunch in cash to help reduce the Hotel's bank charges. If you need to pay by cheque please make it payable to 'The Rotary Club of Kingston upon Thames'. Cheques for lunch fines should be made out in the same way and handed to Assistant Treasurer, Maurice Tate or Treasurer, Brian Stickland. To apologise or book in guests contact June Kingham on 01372 376665 or junekingham@aol.com

	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
JULY 19	Dragon Boat Challenge	Leo
25	Youth Exchange Activity Week until 1st August	International
AUG 4	Visit to Warren House, Kingston and tour of new Veitch Garden 6.30pm	McCormack
11	Inner Wheel Pizza Evening	
17	Inner Wheel Concert for <i>Shelterbox</i> New Malden Methodist Church	Bobby Child
SEPT 7-12	Mary Preston Holiday	Rowland
12	Great River Race	Kingham
18-21	Outgoing visit with Bad Bergzabern to Berlin	Watts
OCT 2-4	District Conference Bournemouth	President
29	District Council Meeting Horsham	President
DEC 18	Rotary Christmas Meal (Evening)	Kingham

Happy Birthday

JULY

31st Doreen Johnston

AUGUST

16th Lynda Rowland

18th Bob Gascoigne-Pees

25th Alan Stevenson

29th Dougie Reynolds

30th Chris Frost

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