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Editors Comments.

This is my last Pedlar's post as editor. The July issue will be edited by your up coming Immediate Past President. Hopefully we shall continue to be regaled by excerpts taken from his inexhaustible compendium of Irish jokes, one way or another, but I do not know when he would like contributions, from the rest of us, for the July issue.

I have learned a lot about my ancient P.C. and yes, I do need to replace it. Many thanks to you, the contributors and you, the readers. Without you there would be no Pedlars Post

Kayar

engine through to the current Christmas show. This was an enthralling talk, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were present.

I know that you all rush through the above section to get to the JOKE!! So here it is.

The matron walked into a ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital and saw a man wrapped in bandages from head to toe.

"What on earth happened to you, young man?" she said.

"Well, matron," he mumbled through the bandages. "I'm a member of the English skiing team, and we were taking part in the British championships at the Craigavon ski slope this morning."

"And did you fall?" said the matron.

"No. We met the Northern Ireland team coming up."

Regards,

Alan

Presidents Message

*Well it had to come - my ultimate President's Letter! but never fear. I shall still be enthralling you with my incisive ramblings and amusing reminiscences, from July, as your new editor!!!
(now now, it could be worse – ed)*

May was a very quiet month for Rotary, with two Bank Holidays.

The Business Meeting/AGM/Club Assembly on 14th May passed off without too much controversy & we all managed to get home at a reasonable hour.

The only other meeting this month was a presentation from John Cushing on the history of his family's work at Thursford. From his father purchasing an old steam

Club Service Committee

Programme for June is as follows :-

June 4th L - Duty Member, Simon Thair - Polly Stott - Smith on Riding for the Disabled.

June 5th E - Council Meeting (for 2007/8 Council)
7.30 pm The George

June 11th E – Duty Member, Mike Cornwell.
Visit to SCWS Dereham

Arranged and coordinated by Mike.
He will need to know asap whether
or not you will be attending.

June 18th E - Duty Member Stuart Nairn
Business Meeting

June 25th E - Visit to Beales Roses at
Attelborough followed by supper
in their Bistro
(Cheques £23 per person made out
to the Club and given to the
Treasurer asap please)

Denis Bishop has kindly agreed to
take over responsibility for this
event, as I shall be in Spain. Any
last minute changes ---- please
avoid, or at least, inform Denis

If you have not let ST know your chosen
menu (as per e-mail) **PLEASE DO SO
IMMEDIATELY.**

July 2nd is the Club Handover
meeting. It would normally be a lunchtime
meeting, but it will of course **be in the
evening and Partners will be very
welcome.** Please remember to inform The
George of extra meals required. It will be
nice to have a good attendance.

I hope you have enjoyed the programme
over the past year and I am sure we all
look forward to the events that Neville,
Colin and Robin are planning for the new
Rotary Year.

Events in Split

Eileen and I arrived by ship in Split on
the morning of May 2nd at 6.30am. From
the window we could see the dockside and
there stood a car with a large Rotary badge
on the door in the queue for a ferry. Our
first thoughts were that we were being
followed by the Whittleys !! When the
arrival procedures were completed and we
were able to disembark the car was still

there and we found that there were also
two large vans sporting Rotary emblems.
This seemed worth investigation.

We eventually found four Rotarians who
were attached to the convoy. They were
from the Rotary Club of Colli Briantei,
one of several Clubs in Milan. Needless to
say they did not speak a word of English
and we have no Italian so the conversation
was rather stilted, although there was
much laughter and hand waving !! They
were clearly planning to travel in convoy
and were trying to sort out problems with
their radio to keep in contact.

They had two large vans full of food,
medical supplies and useful household
items which they were taking to
orphanages and the needy in Sarajevo. It
was a trip they made each year and they
said that they were always received with
great joy and their supplies were much
needed and appreciated.

When one is aware it is amazing where
and how often throughout the world,
Rotary appears. It is surprising that our
quiet good works do not receive more
publicity, although I am sure that they are
greatly valued by the recipients.

I do not think that such an operation is
possible in our own Club, but it would be
good if the Com/Voc Committee or
anyone who feels able, could find the time
on top of the programme announced, to
run a Shoebox Scheme. There would be a
chance to involve Schools and other
organizations to fill the boxes. The cost to
us would be to buy the boxes. The Rotary
Shoebox Scheme takes care of transport,
and the boxes are delivered to Eastern
Europe and other needy places.

Whilst talking to the Italians we were
joined by a Rotarian from the Sedan Club ,
in the Champagne area of France who was
also on our ship. So, even whilst on
holiday in Croatia, Rotary showed a
presence and it was possible to pass an
enjoyable and interesting few minutes.

Keep a watch out.....you never know !!

Let`s hope for a sunny June and a good finish to Alan`s year.

Simon

Secretary`s Report

Correspondence received in May 2007

RI mail

Call to Action for Paul Harris Fellows

RIBI mail

None!

District 1080 mail

Paul Harris Fellows – a check on the names, status and position of the Club PHF

Local Mail

MS Trust Information
Big Lottery Fund

It`s all in the Blue File!

District 1080

As mentioned above the District is checking up on the PHF`s in each Rotary Club.

Just to remind us all in this Club they are (members and non-members):-

Eddie Jenkins
Norman Phillips
Malcolm Whittleby (x 2)
Mike Cornwell
Sue Whittleby
Chris Parsons
Denis Bishop

The Clubs all time giving is stated as \$45702.85
The Club Foundation recognition points – 26767.64

In addition to the `local` PHF`s we also have in the Club a further double PHF in Simon Thair, our current President Elect.

The Family of Rotary

Why not add to the Family of Rotary section in the newsletter with family events, birthdays, anniversaries etc?

On holiday at this time are:

Tony and Pam
Dermot and Barbara

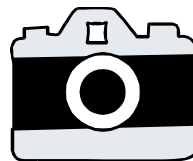
Leave of Absence – Chris Vardy. Hope the foot is improving?

And Alan Bunyan – it would be good to have Alan B back?

Colin and Tricia E have recently returned from 3 weeks caravanning in France. Shhhh! Don`t tell anyone, but between you and me they came back with a van full of Champaign!

Website

www.swaffhamrotary.org.uk



Various items have again been added recently and the photos of the French visit are on view.

Perhaps the committee chair persons could add reports and some items to the website. The website is continually up dated by Ellen Vardy – many thanks. So either tell me or Ellen and it can be added.

And now for something different

Quote – unquote.

“Woe betide any Club President who loses the ability to sense how the club and the members are feeling.”

(a slight variation on a quote by the CE of WS Atkins plc)

“Ability is of little account without opportunity”
(NAPOLEON)

“I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end”

(Margaret Thatcher)

STATs OF THE MONTH

190,439

Number of registered charities in the UK

The world second richest man

(behind Bill Gates of course) is :-

CARLOS SLIM HELU – a Mexican telecons magnet worth £26.9billion.

EIGHT WAYS TO STAY WELL

1. Drink 8 glasses of **water** a day
2. Limit your **caffeine** intake
3. Eat your **5 a day** fruit and veg.
4. Enjoy a **balanced and varied** diet
5. Aim for 30 minutes of **physical exercise** a day for 5 days a week
6. Maintain a good **work/life balance** (what ever that is?)
7. Cut down on your **salt** intake

8. Moderate your intake of **alcohol**.

How many can you tick?

I can meet 3 may be 4?? Oh dear!

Hints for any potential Club President (tongue in cheek of course!)

Know your stuff – all the rules, bylaws, regulations etc

Be decisive – it's your decision, and stick to it.

Trust yourself – you are the expert

Switch off the inner critic – focus on what you want to do, don't listen to negative voices

Use criticism constructively – listen and then go your own way.

Stay in control – keep on top of trouble makers and up-starts

Don't be afraid to ask – take wise council from everyone and anyone available and prepare to talk.

Stop and think – occasionally.

Be honest – as if a president would be anything else.

That's all for this month folks

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Denis Bishop