

# ROTARY NEWS

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## Rotary



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## President Roger Lee

**With six months of my presidency gone I can only say how quickly the time has flown!**

**As Rotarians we agree to put 'Service above Self' and I am pleased to say that at our Club we are staying true to our commitment and helping those around us as well as those in need overseas, with the emphasis on giving.**

**I opened my year in July with the Summer Lunch where Jane and I hosted the event at Landcroft. This was most enjoyable and everybody had a great time. Soon thereafter in September I hosted the President's Weekend which was very kindly arranged by Tom Sell in the New Forest. This was a most successful weekend where we visited Montagu Motor Museum and Buckler's Hard.**



**In October we had our Annual Celebrity Night (see p3) and raised in excess of £7000. Thanks go to the Ways and Means Committee for another successful evening, these funds to be put to good use over the next twelve months.**

**In November I laid a wreath on behalf of our Rotarian members, joining many Hoddesdon residents and uniformed groups at the Clock Tower in remembering those that gave their lives for us, sacrificing their tomorrows for our todays.**



**It is always a pleasure to recognise the endeavours of others and following the H2H trip to Nepal and Everest earlier this year I was pleased to present past president David Johnston with a Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary's highest award for his work in organising and leading the trip.**

**As you will read in the following pages we have been busy with Christmas gifts sent to Nepal and Eastern Europe (Shoe Box Scheme), grants awarded to young people as they pursue their dreams, and in supporting schemes such as the Wormley School Art Bus (see p10). We also enjoyed an 'Abba Night' at John Warner School with proceeds to be used to support Jake Cox in his aims to join the Olympic canoeing team in Tokyo 2020.**

**And so on with the next six months I would like to send Seasonal Good Wishes and a Happy Christmas to all of our readers, and a prosperous new year.**



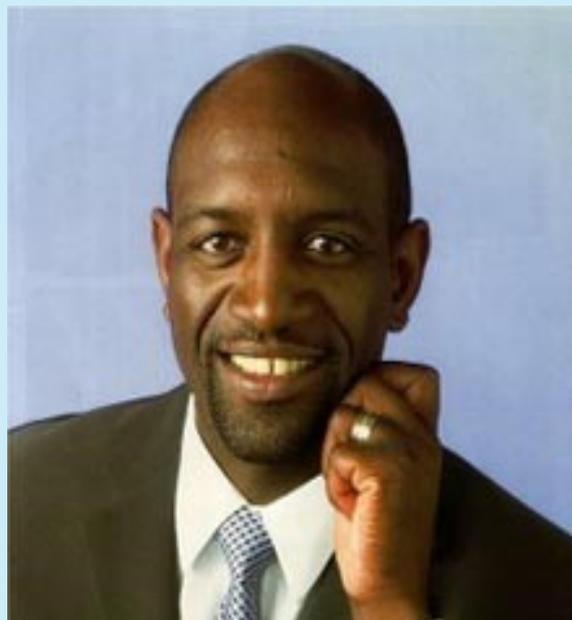
## **Celebrity Ian Irving entertains...**

**Since the first Celebrity Night way back in 1989 Rotary members and their guests have enjoyed an evening of entertainment and good food, but with one big difference —there were no ladies only a hall full of black dinner jackets and bow ties.**



**A time for change and with the men came their partners and wives bringing a welcome splash of colour and perfume to the annual fund raiser. Lobsterpot provided a three course meal, and regular master of ceremonies Roger Dakin entertained with amusing stories from his past.**

**The evening was made by the brilliant comedian Ian Irving, first seen on television's New Faces and later on Surprise Surprise. A professional entertainer he certainly knew how to get the audience on side and spoke freely for forty five minutes on his life experiences and without the need for strong language in deference to the mixed audience. Certainly a hard act to follow next year.**



**After expenses the evening raised a total in excess of £7,000 and these monies will help pay for all of the events and charitable functions organised by Hoddesdon Rotary Club in the following year.**



## Vocational Visit to Bywaters

Eleven of us turned up at Bywaters in Bow for a really “rubbish” visit on Wednesday 4 October.

We were met on arrival by Sian Glover, a member of the founding family. The original principal back in 1883 was John Glover, and there were two more John Glovers (father and son) on site who had photos taken with our own member of the same name.

Our guide for the day was David, who gave us an introductory talk while we enjoyed coffee and pastries. We then visited the control room to see a mural of the whole process. This was taken from an Usborne book on the subject which was produced after a visit to the site.



Bywaters have been on their present site since 2006. The operations are carried out in a closed “shed” 150 metres long by 90 metres wide and 12.5 metres high. David told us that many of the people living nearby had no idea they were a waste-recycling plant because the whole process is contained within the building. There are no noxious odours outside, no vermin and no pollution.

The plant is capable of processing 165,000 tonnes of waste per annum and recycles about 95% of input. Nothing goes to landfill but anything incapable of recycling is sent for incineration. The site is largely powered by solar panels and is very nearly energy neutral.

Customers are businesses within the City of London and local authorities in the North and East of London. There are basically two types of recycling and the type used by Bywaters is “co-mingling”. Under this method, all recyclables are combined and will be sorted out at the facility. The alternative is for items to be sorted into the various categories at source (by the householder for instance). There is evidence that the co-mingling approach is more effective but it does rely on there being a suitable recycling facility in the area.



Lorries arrive with recyclable waste which is tipped in a large area and moved onto a conveyor belt. The first process is manual and involves pickers using gloves and masks to remove as much unwanted material (such as food waste) as possible. The remainder passes onto a series of rollers which allow the heavier items, such as bottles and cans) to drop through and also sorts paper from cardboard and segregates the cardboard into large, medium and small. Bottles and glass are diverted to a storage area, metals are then separated into iron and other, using electromagnets. Paper is segregated into different qualities and plastic is passed through a scanner which can detect the type of plastic and segregate it accordingly.



The glass is sent to be processed into industrial aggregate for use in the building industry. The other waste, which has now been segregated and classified, is baled up into units of about 1 tonne, and is then sent for reprocessing – some to facilities in the UK or Western Europe but some as far as the Philippines by way of a “return load” on ships which have brought manufactured goods here from China. This is therefore still energy-efficient despite the distances involved.



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The facility runs about six and a half days a week. Engineers are on site to fix any jams in the machinery and there is an automatic cut-out to ensure that the machinery can't be restarted while the engineer is working on it. A deep clean is carried out on the half-day of down time.

At the end of our tour of the plant Dave gave us a presentation of the various services provided by Bywaters and Sian told us about their involvement with a project to reduce and reverse marine pollution. There were many questions raised by members and we all went away with a much clearer idea of the issues if not the solutions.

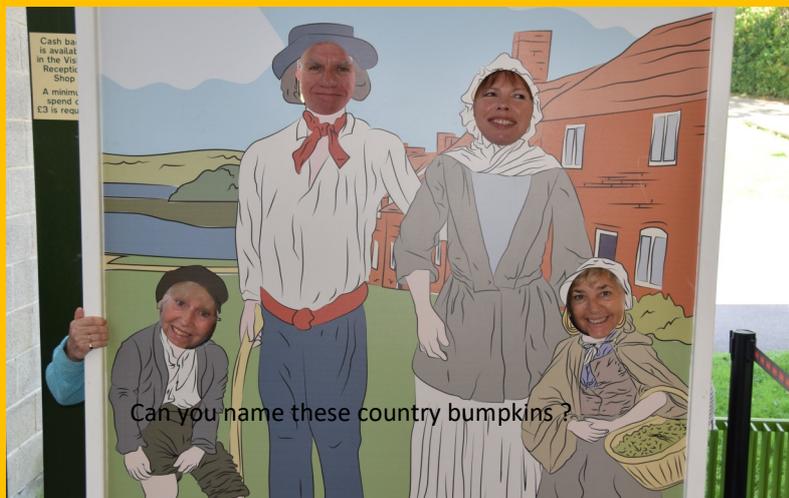
A big thank you to Sian and David for their hospitality and for providing a very interesting and in-structive visit.  
John Neighbour - Vocational Committee



## President's Weekend to Beaulieu



**A delegation of Hoddesdon Rotarians travelled to deepest Hampshire in August for President Roger Lee's weekend, staying in Beaulieu—home to The National Motor Museum. Time was spent enjoying the scenery and visiting the museum, as well as Beaulieu Abbey and gardens. They also visited Bucklers' Hard on the banks of the Beaulieu River, the unique and picturesque village where warships for Nelson's navy were built. With plenty to eat and drink an active weekend was enjoyed by all guests and was deemed a great success!**



## Christmas presents to Nepal

For the majority of children in the UK Christmas will bring an array of toys, electronic gadgets and the latest in technology.

In Nepal however the twenty five children at the Kathmandhu Orphanage could not expect much on 25th December, not until local Rotarians agreed to fill shoeboxes with toys and gifts all to be posted out in good time. This is not as easy as it sounds with security checks and formalities to be completed with stringent Nepalese regulations to be complied with.

A large package (right) was posted off last month and this will ensure that the children receive a gift on Christmas Day.

Thanks to all the people that made this happen.



## Shoe Boxes to Eastern Europe

Another successful appeal to Hoddesdon school children, churches and local residents saw over 400 Christmas boxes donated for despatch to needy children in Eastern Europe. Presents included toys games colouring books, and also household items for adults that were donated and taken to the central depot ready for packing into lorries and driven across Europe in time for Christmas. The scheme started in the North West in 1994 and has grown from strength to strength. If you would like to participate next year contact us at Hoddesdon Rotary Club. Also see website: [www.rotaryshoebox.org](http://www.rotaryshoebox.org)



## Rotary/41 Club Annual Golf Day

**The Annual golf Day between Rotary and 41 Club has taken place in September for the last 10 years although our Rotary Club has been competing for the Tim Buck Trophy for the last 27 years.**

**Tim Buck a local travel agent was a member of our club until he retired to the west country and being a keen golfer he presented the trophy to the club on his retirement. A number of our present members have their names on the trophy as winners - Eric Cockman, Peter Haynes, Meirion Morris, John West, Keith Theobald and Robert Lorenzini.**



**This year the match was played on Wednesday 13th September at Whitehill Golf Club on a dry but windy day. Some thirteen members of Rotary, 41 Club and guests enjoyed some very good social golf followed by dinner. President Roger Lee presented to trophies and prizes.**

**Winner of the Rotary Tim Buck Trophy for the second year running was Robert Lorenzini with 34 points. Runner up was Graham Fry with 31 points.**

**The winner of the 41 Club Peter Haynes Cup again for the second year was John West with 37 points, John Barney was second with 31 points.**

**Graham Fry, David Hughes and John Barney were nearest the pin on the 4th, 15th and 17th holes, Steve Read secured the longest drive on the 18th hole. Rotary won the club competition by a small margin for the second year running.**

**With the number of active golfers in both clubs declining it has been suggested that we open the day up to other local Rotary Clubs. Any comments welcomed! Rtn. John West**



**Seen (L-R) Robert Lorenzini, President Roger Lee, Steve Read, and next with Graham Fry.**



## What's been happening ?



**Pictured above Keith Theobald and David Johnston attended the opening of the Wormley Primary School Art Bus with support having been given by Hoddesdon Rotary Club, following a donation from Mrs Jean Bignall.**

**Retired BBC reporter Bill Hamilton is seen right having entertained members at a Fifth Monday meeting in September.**

**Our Director General Cheryl Law spoke at our lunch in November, seen here with President Roger Lee. Topics including the fight to end Polio and ongoing charity work within our District 1260.**



**It's not often that we see one of our fellow Rotarians dressed as a yodelling Austrian but at a recent Vocational Committee meeting the host Eric Cockman (aka Eric Von Strudelheimer) appeared in traditional costume much to the surprise of all present.**

**An Austrian meal followed the meeting with much merriment due mainly to the fine Austrian wines, some liqueurs and some more wine.**

**Happily the group went on to solve many of the world's problems including North Korea, the UK deficit and all things connected to Donald Trump. A good evening all round and members departed steadily whilst whistling gently to the tune of Eidelweiss.**



# Hoddesdon Loves Christmas



**On Saturday 25th November Hoddesdon came alive to the sounds of early Christmas music and crowds were entertained with a parade through the town together with sideshows, a brass band and a funfair. The streets were decorated with bunting and bright lights, our town looking very colourful and festive.**

**At Hoddesdon Rotary Club we were busy with the staff at Via Properties where Santa Claus had his grotto and a place to rest, and coins were collected in buckets for local charitable causes. It is hoped that this will be a regular annual event much like the Dickensian Evening seen a week later in Ware.**



**The lights were turned on by the Mayor of Broxbourne Councillor Carol Crump and celebrity chef Gino.**



## Jenni Painter—Vocational grant

Earlier this year we agreed to support Jenni Painter with £500 which she put into the team pot towards funding a trip to Japan as part of the U19 Women's British Rafting Team. The travel, registration and accommodation costs per team member were £1,400. The teams receive no funding towards their costs from their governing body (British Canoeing) and had to fundraise and pay any shortfall in fundraising costs themselves.



**The U19 R6 Women's team did exceptionally well:**

- This was the team's first ever competition and they had only been rafting together for 12 months and had never been on a real river.
- They travelled to the competition with the aim of learning more about rafting on an international stage and had no expectations of medalling in any category
- The team achieved a Bronze medal in the Head to Head race beating Japan and Indonesia to claim their medal
- Team members ages ranged from 15 – 17 years old and they were the youngest team in the competition



**The team will go forward to GB selection again in February 2018 with the hope that they will be able to represent GB at the European Championships in Slovakia in July and hopefully World Championships in Argentina in October/November 2018.**



## POPPY DAYS IN HODDESDON 2017

**Once again, The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon called on members partners and friends as volunteer collectors at Morrisons supermarket between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November this year on behalf of Royal British Legion.**

**This excellent charity provides financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants. Their work really makes a difference and is a local community tradition that Rotary has been proud to support for many years.**

**Morrisons looked after collectors, giving them shelter within the store and occasional drinks.**



**RBL provides a wide range of goodies from which people may select – from large car and van poppies to enamel badges and snap-on wristlets for youngsters. Everyone gets value for money from their donation in terms of their items and the knowledge that they are helping those in need who deserve everything we can do for them.**

**The Hoddesdon public amaze Rotarians year after year by their generosity: old and young, rich and poor – they all want to help and many have a story or a few words to share.**

**So Rotary collectors say well done RBL, best wishes to their Armed Service needy, congratulations and our deepest thanks to the people of Hoddesdon. Total raised at Morrisons £4667 (£4305 in 2016).**

**Rtn. John Hiscock**



## VOCATIONAL TRIP—WEATHER WISE

**12 year old James Gilbert of Cranbourne School beat 270 starters in the latest Essay Competition of The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon. He wants to be a meteorologist so we organised a trip to the Met Office at Exeter for 25<sup>th</sup> November and I volunteered to be driver and escort for James and his mum Debbie.**

**At his St Margarets home, James has lots of weather measurement and analysis kit (anemometers, computer screens for data collections, records he keeps etc) and is clearly a very intelligent young man. Our Exeter visit was a most enjoyable adventure – not without hiccups, but nothing to deter us.**



**We joined a party of 40+ split into 4 groups for a tour of the very impressive Met Office buildings – an architects dream and as fit for purpose now as when built in 2003. There are work areas for a huge range of scientists some of whom need peace and quiet and some of whom need interaction. Work and meeting areas are purpose built. Though we could not invade space where people were working we could see everything, even the £90 million Cray supercomputer that captures millions of datasets every hour from worldwide.**

**We had lectures, demonstrations of weather measuring tools and guidance on the immense range of functions performed by Met Office. Weather forecasts are simply the best known. For example, climate data is collected in 10km and 2.5 km segments (1.5km for UK alone) and 70 upward layers into the atmosphere. The volume is mind-boggling. Humans are not yet able to create a supercomputer capable of capturing all of the data available globally.**

**Met Office provides information and advisory services to UK and foreign governments, the military and to commercial enterprise that can afford it, with precise weather mapping and forecasts for specific events and areas if needed. Weather prediction, climate change, flood forecasting, air quality analysis, shipping forecasts and computing services are all within its remit.**

**James was treated to a special tour extension. We three were guided into the Ops Room where the public are not normally allowed and we met the chief Forecaster then James received a bag of books and other Met Office memorabilia to take home. Our Met Office is clearly a world leader. The tour was a stimulating, high-intensity introduction to the hugely important work of their teams. James and Debbie appreciated this Rotary project but, after all, James had earned it. John Hiscock**



## **CLIMATE CHANGE - AND HEAD BURYING**

**Strangely there are still those who argue that Climate Change is a myth, that Earth is undergoing simply a cyclical modification of weather and other patterns. Ostriches are said to hide their heads in the sand to avoid predators though I am told this is a myth too!**



**Humans should not follow suit.**

**CC is a large-scale long-term shift in weather patterns &/or average temperatures. Earth has had tropical climates and ice ages many times in it's 4.5 billion years**

**Since the last Ice Age (about 11,000 years ago) our climate has been stable at c 14° C, but since the Industrial Revolution (land-use, industrial and agricultural practice shifts) the warming trend has been unprecedented. Humans have largely induced these changes – the evidence is mounting from myriad sources. They cannot all be wrong!**

- ◆ **16 of the 18 warmest years on record globally have been in the last 17. The last 3 decades have been successively warmer than any since 1850.**
- ◆ **Observed global rainfall patterns vary. In UK, average summer rainfall is decreasing but violent events are becoming more frequent and intense. Climate is what you expect and weather is what you get!**
- ◆ **Phenology – timing of seasons and behaviour of plants and animal species (hibernation, migration, growing seasons etc) are all changing noticeably.**
- ◆ **Heat expansion and water previously stored on land now pouring into the sea is increasing global average sea levels – 10cm around UK and 19cm globally since 1900.**
- ◆ **Most of us have seen evidence on TV of glacier retreat in the Alps, Rockies, Himalayas, Africa and Alaska (<http://wgms.ch/>). Since 1970s average Arctic ice volume has declined to a record low of 3.39 million sq miles. Decline is about 4% (an area the size of Madagascar) per decade. Antarctic ice has increased but at a slower pace.**
- ◆ **UK has had 8 out of 10 warmest years since 2002 and 7 out of 10 wettest since 1998. 2014 was the warmest year on record for UK: apparently we can expect extreme weather events like the 2003 European heatwave twice a decade instead of the historic twice a**



**century as a result of human induced CC.**

- ♦ **UK extreme rainfall over 10 consecutive days is 7 times more likely (especially from the West and in the North) than the period before we emitted so much greenhouse gas. Coastal storms and disruption have been dramatically viewed on our screens. The same goes for wind storms., though we do not suffer the tornado impact like USA- with the exceptions of 2010 1nd 2013 widespread deep snow events are dropping and recorded air and ground frost days are reduced.**
- ♦ **Some of the consequences of CC for UK per UK Climate Impacts Programme may well be: temperature increase e.g. 4.2% in South by 1980s compared to 1961-90. Possibly health effects on population of higher temperatures. 2003 heatwave will become the summer norm by the 2040s**
- ♦ **Winter rainfall increases of 33% in Western UK, up to 40% less in summer in far South. Possible flooding and coastal erosion impacts on property values, business revenues and infrastructures.**
- ♦ **Water shortage for public supply, industry, agriculture and energy generation. Ecological trade-offs may become the norm**
- ♦ **Risks to terrestrial, coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems, domestic and international food production and prices from extreme weather events, new emerging pests /invasive species from warmer/ wetter conditions and so on.**

**The future is NOT all doom and gloom.**

**International cooperation is improving and national laws on climate change coupled with target limits for greenhouse gas emissions help to build resilience into our systems and minimisation of, for example, fossil fuel reliance. There are plenty of things we can all do to reduce our carbon footprints but that is a whole new subject.**



**For the time being, if we at least accept the dangers to our planet for our children and theirs, we can keep open minds to change and not become ostriches.**

**John Hiscock October 2017**

**Sources - UK Met Office NASA NOAA (US National Oceanographic & Atmospheric agency) WGMS (glaciers) NSIDC (snow & Ice indices) IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on CC) UKCP09 (CC Risk Assessment.**





## **ROTARY CHRISTMAS MESSAGES**

**Chris and Trish Waddington**  
**A very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year to you all'**

**Mike and Hilary Marsh**  
**Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year**

**Graham Fry**  
**I wish all my fellow Rotarians a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**Barry and Sheila Fitzpatrick**  
**Happy Christmas to you all**

**John and Ann Glover**  
**Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year**

**Robert Lorenzini**  
**To my fellow Rotarians and families best wishes for Christmas and 2018**

**Roger Abraham**  
**Penny and I send you all seasonal greetings !**

**Eric Cockman**  
**Seasonal greetings with thanks for your fellowship throughout the year.**

**Terry and Pat Fisher**  
**Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year**

**Keith and Pat Theobald**  
**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all**

**Jenny and Roger Merton**  
**All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year**

**Olive and Tommy Knight**  
**Have a Happy and unbroken Christmas**





**Jeff and Rosemary Ryan**  
**Wishing everyone a very**  
**Happy Christmas and a**  
**healthy New Year**

**Martin and Angela**  
**Best wishes for Christmas**  
**and the New Year**

**Meirion and Jasmine**  
**We wish you all a very Hap-**  
**py Xmas and a healthy and**  
**prosperous New Year**

**Lyn and Ken Ayling**  
**Season's Greetings to one**  
**and all**

**Ted and Jackie Gradosielski**  
**Season's Greatings to all with a**  
**Happy Christmas and New Year.**  
**Wishing you a 'Honey Time'**

**Ron Mayhew**  
**Merry Christmas and a**  
**healthy and happy New**  
**Year to all**

**John and Wendy Neighbour**  
**Best wishes for Christmas**  
**and the New Year**

**John Hiscock**  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**David Bradburn**  
**May you all be richly**  
**blessed this Christmas and**  
**New Year**

**Bill and Joan Duly**  
**A Happy Christmas to all our**  
**friends in Rotary and a Happy**  
**New Year**

**Tom and Christine Sell**  
**Seasons Greetings to you all,**  
**and a Happy New Year**

**David and Martine Johnston**  
**A very Happy Christmas and a**  
**Happy New Year to all of our**  
**friends in Rotary**



## You have to laugh....

**On Christmas Eve, Henry thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for the next day. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be. Unable to decide, he entered Debenhams and in the cosmetics section asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?' She showed him a bottle costing £75. 'Too expensive,' muttered Henry. The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for £50. 'Oh dear,' Henry groused, 'still far too much.' Growing rather annoyed at Henry's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny £10 bottle and offered it to him. Henry became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see something really cheap.' So the sales girl handed him a mirror.**



**Christmas Spirit It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?' The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.' 'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?' 'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.**

**Myra was going to the Christmas office party but needed a new party dress. In the clothing store she asked, 'May I try on that dress in the window, please?' 'Certainly not, madam,' responded the salesgirl, 'You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else.'**

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**17 Feb Hodd. Rotary Club Quiz Night**

**7 March Essay Competition**

**30 April Fifth Monday Evening**

**16 May Spring Variety Evening**

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