

ROTARY NEWS

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Thank you

to all Hoddesdon residents in this the season of goodwill, for your contributions to our Rotary Shoe Box scheme (see page 6), and in donating money at our coin collecting days. Most recently at the Hoddesdon Loves Christmas' Event (Rotarian Father Christmas left), and with further collections to be made at Tesco's Brookfield Farm



and at Morrisons in our town-Hoddesdon this coming week. All proceeds are distributed to a range of local causes i.e Hoddesdon Christmas Parcels Scheme, youth groups and to worldwide trouble spots where Rotary funds can make a difference.



In early November our annual Celebrity Night took place at The Spotlight, Hoddesdon, with our guests entertained by snooker's Steve Davis. Despite Steve's reputation, the evening was far from boring and together with an auction (including signed cues) and a raffle, it raised over £6,800.



Rotary



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President David Johnston

As we approach the festive season and a new year I can reflect on a very busy six months as President at Hoddesdon Rotary Club, with a range of events having been completed by our members.

As many of you will be aware we are arranging to take students from Robert Barclay Academy and John Warner School to the Himalayas in March 2017 with the aim of providing a life changing experience and whilst there we will complete some refurbishment work at a local Nepalese school. The H2H project is progressing at pace.

Whilst we have been busy in raising funds for this expedition with a Race night in July, our Sixties Summer Lunch in August, and a 'Guys sings Dolls Night' in November, we have not been distracted from our ongoing charitable work. On 4th November we enjoyed another great Celebrity Night, and were entertained by snooker's Steve Davis. Always a date to look for on the calendar (next year already booked), the evening went well and as noted raised over £6,800. These monies will be added to our Charitable Fund, used to good effect in our local community and for a range of causes identified by Rotary International.



Nothing would be achieved without the dedication and commitment of our club members and as noted opposite I was very pleased to present Past President Chris Waddington with a Paul Harris Fellowship, the highest of Rotary's honours. Many congratulations again to Chris.

As Rotarians we also know how to enjoy ourselves. Martine and I were joined by a number of our members and wives on a long weekend in North Yorkshire, with visits to Whitby and notably a ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (see page 6).

In our last issue I mentioned that during my presidential year my aims are to strengthen the links with youth and as Rtn. John Hiscock reports on page eight we are making good progress in achieving this objective with a wide range of events and schemes to ensure that the next generation have experience of the mutual benefits gained from volunteering and in serving the community.



I look forward to reporting further on the second half of my presidential year, but for now I would wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



Jake Cox

At Hoddesdon Rotary Club we were recently joined by teenager Jake Cox and heard of his ambitions to pursue his passion for canoeing.



Currently studying at John Warner School he spends much of his non school time at Waltham Abbey Lee Valley White Water Centre where he is an accomplished and experienced competitor. Having just finished the season he has been promoted to the Premier League where there are experienced national level paddlers. There are real hopes that Jake will be chosen to represent Britain at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 and at Hoddesdon Rotary Club we have recently agreed to sponsor him for the next four years.

Earlier this year Jake was interviewed for BBC Radio 1 and the interview can be heard by going to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/37159401/tokyo-2020-olympics>. We look forward to hearing more from Jake and wish him well with what looks to be a promising career in his chosen sport (seen below with President David Johnston).



On Monday 31st October Rotarian Chris Waddington was presented with Rotary's highest award—a Paul Harris Fellowship. Chris has served the club for over twenty five years and as Chairman of the Vocational Committee he has helped support many young people in achieving their chosen careers. As a Past President Chris embodies much of what is expected from a Rotarian, principally in putting 'service before self' and providing exceptional support to those in need. Many notable Rotarians have received this award—President Jimmy Carter, Boris Yeltsin, Astronaut James Lovell and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar .



Vocation visit Lea Valley Growers

A group of about 20 of us visited the VGN business in Paynes Lane, Nazeing after our Rotary lunch on Monday. We were greeted by co-owner Jimmy Russo who gave us a conducted tour of the site lasting about two hours.

Jimmy was an excellent and informative guide and he was pleased to meet up again with some former contacts including a bank manager who had turned him down for a loan many years ago!

The Paynes Lane site has about 30 acres under glass and a further 10 acres or so are ready to go ahead and should be up and planted by December 2016.

Jimmy told us there are three generations of glass on the site. We first visited the oldest which are currently planted mainly with tomatoes.

Everything today is grown on suspended blocks of Rockwool which are fed with water containing a precise mix of fertilisers. A specialist comes over from the Netherlands weekly to advise on changes in the feed mix based on his examination of the crops. Pollination is dealt with by introducing a specific type of bee appropriate for the particular crop and pest control is dealt with biologically. The tomatoes are picked "on the vine" and, once the first picking has taken place, the stems are laid down and the leading shoot trained up another wire. This way the same plant can produce several harvests.

The second generation glass is currently devoted to peppers and Jimmy gave us an insight into the different varieties and the fact that some can be used as either green, orange or red, whereas others cannot be used at the green stage.

The final generation of glass is a lot taller than the other two and there is a larger gap above the plants. The majority of the structure is painted white and we were told that both of these facts were designed to create more light for the plants. Temperature is not a problem as the heating can be turned up or down as necessary but the use of artificial lighting is not economically viable so whatever can be done to increase the amount of light naturally is a bonus. Apparently a 1% increase in light represents a 1% increase in yield and there is the added advantage that the increased light can accelerate the ripening of the crop by up to two weeks.



Crops are harvested from March through to November with the main yield occurring in the summer months. After the last picking the houses are cleared completely with as much as possible being recycled. Planting of the new crop occurs mainly in December.

The new houses are hi-tech in a number of other ways. The current crop is again peppers and the pickers use automatic trolleys. Once these have been filled they are sent to the end of the row where they line up with magnetic tracks in the floor. The trolleys then drive themselves to the unloading bay where they are tipped onto a conveyor belt. A team of packers then select the best quality fruit which will go to Waitrose with the next best being sold to the wholesale market.

The company has three of its own lorries which are used to transport products as far as Milton Keynes. Deliveries further north are sub-contracted to other hauliers because the scale of the delivery and the distances involved are prohibitive for in-house distribution.

The main concern with Brexit is the impact it may have on the labour market. The majority of the staff are from Eastern Europe and work extremely hard. The old chestnut about EU regulations for the straightness of cucumbers was debunked by Jimmy. He told us that Waitrose themselves impose stricter regulations than the EU on this subject.

Judging by the questions and comments raised by members, they were impressed by the scale and efficiency of the operation. Jimmy said his main concern was to provide a first-class product in a sustainable and ecologically acceptable manner. All the water falling on the glass-houses is recycled into their own reservoir and re-used for growing the crops.

We left at the end of our two-hour visit with a much clearer idea of what goes into producing the salad crops we take for granted in the supermarket.

Once again, a big thank you to Jimmy for giving up his time to us.

Report from Rtn. John Neighbour

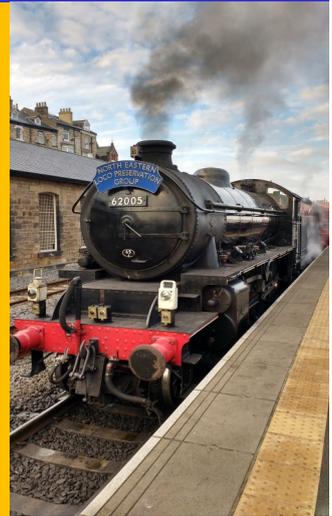
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President's Weekend in North Yorks

Anyone who remembers the age of steam will know what a thrill it is to revisit the experience by riding on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, travelling from Pickering across the moors to Grosmont.

In October thirty of our members and partners travelled up to Yorkshire to enjoy the annual President's weekend away. Some of the party including President David Johnston and wife Martine arrived two days before everyone else in order to walk the moors in readiness for the Everest trip next March (it is rumoured that they spent disproportionately more time in the Lion Inn at Blakey Ridge).



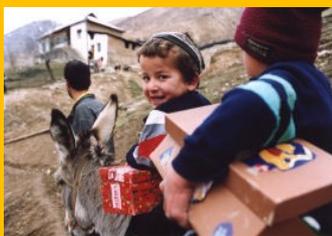
The weekend included a trip to Castle Howard as well as time at Whitby Abbey. On Saturday evening a meal was followed by an entertaining comedian from Halifax (seen below). All reports confirm that this was a great weekend to remember!



Rotary Shoe Box Scheme

Started in 1994 by Rotarians in the North West, the annual Shoe Box Scheme gets into full swing every November with the objective of making a difference for the people of Eastern Europe at Christmas.

Across the UK boxes are filled by schools, churches and other groups with toys, household items, sportswear, warm clothing etc and sent by road and sea container to countries such as Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Albania where many people live in a world of poverty. About 30,000 boxes are sent each year with around 400 sent from Hoddesdon. More information at www.rotaryshoebox.org



Completely Christmas Crackers

It is claimed that Tom Smith, a baker of wedding cakes from London, invented the Christmas cracker probably in the 1840's. On a visit to Paris he saw some sugar almonds [bon-bons] wrapped in twisted paper. On his return to England Tom designed a cracker shape; also inspired by the sound of logs crackling in a fire, and founded a cracker manufacturers in 1847, which still exists today - possibly the largest manufacturer in the world.



What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? **He got 25 days!**

What do you call a line of men waiting for a haircut? **A barberqueue**

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor? **Because he had a low "elf" esteem!**

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born? **They had a weigh in a manger!**

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? **Freeze a jolly good fellow**

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? **Stick with me and we'll go places!**

What is the best Christmas present in the world? **A broken drum, you just can't beat it!**

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars? **Because their days are numbered!**

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? **He had no body to go with**

H2H & "ESCAPE INTO HUMOUR" BOOKLET

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Puns, one-liners, stories, poems and pictures that will bring more smiles than grimaces - restrained enough for the more sensitive readers.

e.g. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony



Ideal stocking filler for Christmas.

All proceeds go to the H2H Everest project of The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon – a community service adventure, taking a group of sixth formers from 2 local schools (John Warner & Robert Barclay Academy) to Nepal for village reconstruction work and a trek to Everest base camp.

Modestly priced at £3.00

Thanks to Rtn. John Hiscock



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HODDESDON

Our Club members (especially the Vocational & Youth Activities team) focus years of practical experience on challenging and encouraging young people, the next generation of local community leaders, citizens of the world and possibly Rotarians. The range of opportunities we create is almost without limit and the response from teachers, parents and the young people themselves has been excellent.

Here are a few brief examples:

1. Technology Tournaments in each of the last 22 years. Four (local) Clubs join with Hoddesdon in a plan/design/build/demonstrate project announced only on the day: 10 schools, 28 teams and 112 youngsters took part in 2016 and feedback from students, teachers and VIP guests was uniformly positive.



2. A Primary Schools Essay Competition (“What I want to be when I grow up). The winner has a day out experiencing the occupation of their choice at Club expense e.g. with fishermen of Grimsby or at Addenbrookes Hospital. Equally very motivating for Rotarians involved .



3. Creative Writing Competition – an innovation for our Club in 2011, next coming up in September 2017: Around 400 youngsters and their teachers gather at Paradise Wildlife Park, hear from a children’s author then enter a story competition for prizes.

4. Mock Interviews: since 2007, each year we supply volunteers (about 18 this year) to Hertfordshire County who provide interview practice and counselling at six local schools.

5. What’s My Line: a light-hearted event for local schools where Rotarians expose their business backgrounds to guesswork by teams of pupils with twenty questions: one Rotarian was immediately asked if he was an accountant. He is!

6. Bursaries: we have issued cheques for up to £300 to a number of deserving applicants this year – they must meet stern criteria but are able to gain life skills, confidence and



CELEBRATING YOUTH

experience that might otherwise have eluded them. They make presentations to our Club members after their experiences e.g. Olympic team canoeist and a GB archer.

7. Everest Base Camp: in 2015 we embarked on a huge new project costing £18000 - a trip to Nepal for 10 pupils from 2 local schools, involving work experience in a Nepalese village then a trek to the Everest South Base Camp. The youngsters involved must work hard to qualify, organise fundraising events and publicity and join in Rotary community service events. Their commitment has been truly rewarding. See <https://www.facebook.com/Hoddesdon2Himalayas/>

8. Spring Variety Show: with our Community Service team we put on an extravaganza for the elderly and infirm of our community at the Broxbourne Spotlight on 12th May. Acts were engaged, sponsorship raised and transport arranged. Pupils from Hailey Hall school helped on the night.



9. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a scheme sponsored by our Club each year in which youngsters attend a physically and mentally challenging course at RAF Henlow to learn about effective leadership and communication, problem solving, self-confidence and good citizenship. The feedback is very encouraging.

10. Kids Out is an annual outing for certain school children sponsored by Hoddesdon Rotary Club - 2016 involved a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park.



There are many other youth activities to keep our members young - Scout Fetes, Interact, International youth camps, Youth Makes Music concerts and more.

Investment in the next generation is not only essential. It is very rewarding for all concerned. Rtn. John Hiscock



Vocation—Essay Writing Competition

On August 26th Trish and I took this year's essay prize winner 11 year old Elisa Salvo of St Cross School to Capel Manor Gardens and College. In March this year, out of twenty seven finalists from nine local primary schools, she won first prize in our "What I want to be when I grow up" essay competition.



Elisa wanted to be a market gardener like her father who runs the family business in the Lea Valley so a visit to our local horticultural college seemed ideal. She wasn't disappointed.



Accompanied by her mother Mima she was shown round by the head gardener Tom Wheatcroft and whilst the rest of us enjoyed the beautiful gardens bathed in glorious summer sunshine Elisa and Tom were often to be seen deep in conversation, no doubt about some aspect of growing or the new animal department which is being developed. Tom is a gifted teacher and we all learned a lot. We

were joined at afternoon tea by college principal Steve Dowbiggin who told Elisa about the courses Capel Manor offers and an official photo for their in-house magazine and possibly display in the college was taken.



This year's competition was the 22nd the club has held and it remains as popular as ever. Invitations have already gone out to the local primary schools and next year's presentation evening will take place in the children's section of Hoddesdon library on Wednesday 8th March 2017.

**Capel
Manor
College**

Rtn. Chris Waddington—Chair, Vocation Committee
www.capelmanorgardens.co.uk



Vocational visit—French and Jupps

An elite group of just six Rotarians enjoyed an early evening visit to French & Jupps Maltings in Stanstead Abbots.

Our guide for the evening was Doug Horton, the head of the company's laboratory, who had previously been on a Rotary Exchange visit at the suggestion of the current managing director David Jupp, himself a Rotarian.



The company was started in 1780 by William Jupp in Brentford and by the mid-1800s had a number of sites in London. They supplied malt to the Whitbread and Truman breweries using a local carrier run by Margaret French and in 1867 she was taken into partnership. In 1868 the company purchased an existing maltings in Stanstead Abbots in the middle of a prime barley growing area with good connections to London by rail and water, and the entire operation was moved there in 1896.

We started our visit with tea and biscuits and then looked at and sampled various different malts, all of which are produced from barley. The whisky industry is a major consumer of malt but uses only white malt. French & Jupps used to produce both white and coloured malts but in 1977 they decided to concentrate on producing only coloured malts.

The process starts when a lorry load of barley arrives on site and is weighed and checked for moisture content and general condition. The barley is cleaned to remove straw and chaff, and magnets remove any small items of metallic debris. Water is added and germination starts.



A substantial amount of the company's production is for the beer brewing industry and the company exports world-wide, especially to the craft brewing market in North America. Crystal Malt is the most widely used coloured malt in the UK. It is lightly coloured and used in the lighter beers, whereas darker malts such as Chocolate Malt and Roasted Barley are used in darker beers and stouts. Malt is also used in the production of vinegar, a number of bedtime drinks, and, of course, Maltesers.

We finished our visit by returning to the museum where we saw a number of items previously used in the industry. We learned that in the days when the grain was shifted manually, maltsters would have their own individually-constructed shovels to suit their particular body shape and size. Many thanks to Doug for giving us such an interesting and informative tour. Report by Rtn. John Neighbour



Sailing away with Neil Haynes

Having sold his local business interests, Past President Neil Haynes and wife Elaine moved to Bude in Cornwall for a fresh start, with proposals to open tea rooms and cater for hungry tourists. With the future planned a phone call one evening changed all of that. Friend Kenny Fagan wanted to know whether Neil would like to join him to crew a sixty foot yacht travelling over two months, visiting the Galapagos and Easter Islands sailing across the South Pacific for one leg of the yacht's journey, and flying home from Chile.

With a solicitor instructed to obtain the lease for an ideal high street shop Elaine agreed that Neil could be spared for this once in a lifetime trip, and she would make the arrangements for their new business. However, best laid plans were scuppered when Elaine received a call to say that the owner had decided to let the shop go to a hairdresser friend. With this disappointing news, Neil and Elaine decided to abandon the Cornwall idea, and to move permanently to their existing holiday home in Fuerteventura.

Once packed up in Cornwall a hectic period followed, travelling between the Canaries and Hertfordshire staying with friends (the Spanish home was rented out for a period) and once empty, making significant improvements to their home in Fuerteventura.

Life didn't get any easier, an earthquake and tsunami hit Equador delaying Neil's travel plans to join the yacht. Then the propeller shaft broke on Novara whilst in the Gulf of Mexico as it headed south. This needed urgent repair, and a replacement shaft had to be flown to Mexico from Holland, a time consuming process.

In early May 2016 Neil flew from Heathrow to Mexico to meet the yacht (skippered by Steve and crew), but with much concern at leaving Elaine behind as her sister was unwell. After ten days in harbour, the yacht was at last repaired and with life jackets on and much excitement, Novara set sail.

Neil quickly learned 'the ropes' as a crew member, with early morning watch, use of navigational equipment and a link to home with a satellite phone. Rewards soon followed with sightings of shark, whale, marlin, flying fish and turtles alongside, and at night the calm seas were lit by moonlight.



Plankton rich waters gave off electrical charges like phosphorous bombs when disturbed, illuminating the sea with millions of glowing white/green lights. But it wasn't all sights and plain sailing.

With water a scarce commodity (albeit the seas at a depth of twelve kilometres) it was good to have a desalination machine on board, converting 600 litres of drinking water per day, but not enough for all to have a good shower. Tropical storms up to force nine ensured a good soaking on deck, and Neil said that the experience was like being sprayed by a Karcher! Extreme heat didn't help either, making uncomfortable conditions at times.

Once across the Equator problems occurred with the yacht's sanitation unit, and despite attempts by the team to repair 'the head' no solution could be found and a repair in port would be necessary.

Unfortunately, the plans to visit Galapagos had to be abandoned and the journey curtailed, with Novara set for Equador and an eventual flight home to Fuerteventura for Neil. There was time to recover at a good hotel in Equador, and get used to dry land, Neil's wobbly legs still at sea. The yacht was put into dock for repairs, and the crew had a few days to explore and meet the locals.

A full transcript of Neil's experiences and daily log are available and if you would like an interesting read, send an email to me at

Lawrencarbonemail.com.

www.sv-Novara.com



Creative Writing Competition 2016

The 15 September saw the fourth biannual Creative Writing Competition sponsored by The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon, Elaine Penrose, who is a book supplier and literary event organizer and Paradise Wildlife Park.

The event was held in the Jungle Theatre at Paradise Wildlife Park and over 200 primary school children attended the morning session and about the same number in the afternoon. The speaker was local author Tamsyn Murray who spoke about her latest book 'Tanglewood Animal Park – Baby Zebra Rescue, which was written from an idea gained during one of her regular visits to the wildlife park with her son.



Not only did she talk about the book that she has just written but she also gave the children advice and hints on successful writing. She is certainly well qualified to do this as she has also had 13 books published for children of all ages and also has written adult fiction as Holly Hepburn.

The children returned to their schools to write an imaginative story pretending that they were one of the animals that they had seen at Paradise Wildlife Park. They were encouraged to make the stories as exciting and unusual as possible and the schools then selected the best three from each school and these were submitted to a trio of judges who picked the finalists, and ultimately, a winner.

On Tuesday 29th November twenty seven children, together with parents, returned to Paradise Wildlife Park and were presented with various prizes by Mayor of Broxbourne Martin Greensmyth. The overall winner was Malachy Pedlar from Broxbourne School (seen above), with runners up Josh Horner of Wormley School and Millie Carter from Roselands School. Two other entries from Bella Brennan were highly commended. (See our Facebook page where the essay is copied).



A Clean sweep by Rotary—Annual Golf Day

A beautiful day welcomed the golfers to Whitehills Golf Club for the Annual Golf Day with the Hoddesdon 41 Club on Wednesday 14th September.



The competition between the two clubs for the "Peter Haynes Trophy" was narrowly won by Rotary by 209 points to 204. Robert Lorenzini was on fine form winning the Rotary "Tim Buck Trophy" with 36 points, Graham Fry secured the runner up spot with 30 points.



John West playing for 41 Club narrowly beat Trevor Brown on a "count Back" to win the 41 Club Trophy, each with 32 points. Keith Theobald secured the longest drive on the 18th hole and Graham Fry was nearest the pin on the 17th hole.



Our Rotary team of Robert Lorenzini, Eric Cockman, Peter Haynes, Graham Fry, Lindsay Jones and Keith Theobald are to be congratulated on regaining the trophy for Hoddesdon Rotary Club. A number of our partners joined us for an excellent dinner to conclude the day.



Report from Rtn. Lindsay Jones





Christmas Greetings from



**David and Martine
(Johnston)**

**Best wishes for a Happy
Christmas and a prosperous
New Year**

Keith and Pat (Theobald)

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all**

Peter and Glenys (Lardi)

**Wishing Happy Christmas
to all Rotarians and
friends.**

Lindsay and Chris (Jones)

**Happy Christmas and an
inebriated New Year !**

**Peter and Sandra
(Haynes)**

**Wishing you all a very
Happy Christmas and
healthy New Year**

Eric (Cockman)

**Fellow Rotarians—have a
pleasant and peaceful
Christmas**

David (Bradburn)

**Wishing all my Rotary friends a
wonderful Christmas and prosper-
ous New Year**

Roger and Jenny (Merton)

**Happy Christmas and
New Year 2017**

Robert (Lorezini)

**To all my fellow Rotarians and
their families, Merry Christmas
and Happy 2017**

**Ted and Jackie
(Gradosielski)**

**A very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all**

Tom and Christine (Sell)

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

**Chris and Trish
(Waddington)**

**A very Happy Christmas and
Healthy New Year to all.**

Lyn and Ken

Seasonal greetings to all





Hoddesdon Rotarian members



Martin and Angela

All good wishes for Christmas and New Year

John Hiscock

A very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

**Barry and Sheilah
(Fitzpatrick)**

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New

Jeff and Rosemary (Ryan)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Ron (Mayhew)

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year

Roger and Penny Abraham

Penny and Roger send festive greetings to Rotarians and their families

John and Anne (Glover)

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year

**Colin and Audrey
(Keighley)**

Best wishes to all for a great Christmas

**Meirion and Jasmine
(Morris)**

At this special time of year we both send messages of cheer Christmas greetings and New Year too, health and happiness we send to you.

John and Barbara (West)

A very Happy and healthy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all

Ian and Estelle (McEwen)

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Mike and Hilary (Marsh)

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Eric and Carole (Beard)

Wish you seasonal greetings, health, happiness and peace for 2017



H2H Presentations to Clubs

Having decided on a road show to promote this Everest project, students from John Warner and Robert Barclay Academy (led by Tom Culey and Carl White) designed Powerpoint material and President David produced a roll-up banner. The presentations were “tested” on Hoddesdon and Enfield Clubs and at RBA, refined then rolled out to District 1260 with DG support by John Hiscock. 16 presentations were scheduled, each made by two students with a Hoddesdon Rotarian as chauffeur, guide, introducer and on hand if needed.

The first outing after the “test” shows was at Verulam Golf Club, St Albans and involved Adam El Shafi and George Wooldridge both Sixth Formers of ARB aged between 16 and 17. Their “minder” was JH who Googled and misjudged the travel time at 6 am so the party arrived to closed doors!



After that the presentation was a huge success. St Albans members gave a warm and friendly welcome, a decent breakfast and a wide range of questions, demonstrating keen interest. The students were well presented and prepared: they spoke confidently – if there were nerves they were hidden – and they gave an excellent account of the background, aims and activities of the project, focussing on the many links forged with Kathmandu Club and the Jana Sewa School, on the Nepalese community service work and the sustainable improvements it will bring to the lives of ordinary people disrupted by natural disaster. They spoke of their personal goals, the life-skills and knowledge benefits.

The Hoddesdon party came away with a warm feeling of a job well done, an excellent welcome from our hosts and positive effect on Rotary image at many levels.

Though not a specific fund-raiser, St Albans were impressed enough to volunteer two cheques - £50 contribution towards “expenses of getting the young people to our Club for a most impressive presentation” and £100 “enthusiastically” agreed by their Council towards the project.

From comments from other Rotarian minders of other student presenters, this is a common story. Our students have made us proud, have committed to everything we have organised for this adventure and are standing up to talk about it with great initiative and skill.

Report provided by Rtn. John Hiscock



Future Events

Haileybury Carol Service 21st Dec

Dates for 2017

Quiz Night(R Bclay School) 4th March

Essay Competition 8th March

17th May Spring Variety Show Event

18th May Torus Club visit

20th June Technology Tournament

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