

# ROTARY NEWS

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## A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM US ALL AT HODDES DON ROTARY CLUB



# Rotary



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## President Martin Lynas

They do say that as you get older, time seems to pass more quickly but I must say I am very surprised to already find myself almost half way through my year as President. It may be because it has been such an enjoyable time with so many interesting events along the way. In addition to chairing our weekly lunches and other meetings and hosting some fascinating speakers, there have been official duties to perform and some great social events (seen above at lunch with our guest Mayor Carol Crump).



The first of these was the wonderful outdoor summer lunch to welcome me as President on what was surely one of the hottest days of the year. A further opportunity to welcome me and for me to spend time with club members was the President's weekend, which this year was in Stratford on Avon – well worth a visit. Our annual charity fundraising celebrity dinner was again a great success and a record amount was raised this year thanks to a lot of hard work by the organising team and very generous support from the people of Hoddesdon. Also in November, I represented Rotary in Hoddesdon and laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Being the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in 1918 made it a particularly moving occasion. More recently, I have been involved with the joint Round Table and Rotary Club Christmas sleigh, which has been welcomed with delight by large numbers of local children and their families. Round Table did a fantastic job building the sleigh and providing lots of helpers.

Looking forward, we will be using all the funds we've raised to make a difference in the lives of local people and also some needy people overseas where we can be sure the funds are used effectively. The annual Spring Tea and Concert is always appreciated by housebound, lonely and disabled folk in the town, as are the evening drives to a local pub for a meal. We hope to help even more people this year. One of our challenges is finding younger members to take over the running of projects that many faithful Rotarians have carried out over many years. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping us as a member or not, you can find out more and get in touch via <http://www.hoddesdonrotary.org> or Facebook. Contrary to popular belief, Rotary is not men only and our aim is to have a membership that fully reflects the diversity in the local community. There are meetings on an evening for those who cannot attend lunches or daytime meetings because of work commitments. As you can see from this edition, Rotary can offer new members a great social life, networking with other members and many opportunities to help those less fortunate than us.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



## Sharing Christmas at Home and Abroad

It is so often said that 'it is better to give than to receive' and the people of Hoddesdon have made a special effort again this year and sent hundreds of parcels to Eastern Europe providing gifts for families and children that would not otherwise receive presents. Organised locally by Hoddesdon Rotary Club this scheme has been operating for a number of years and has brought plenty of smiles to many people.



In 2016 a team from Hoddesdon Rotary together with young students travelled to Nepal and helped improve the lives of children at an orphanage in Kathmandu. We have kept in touch with birthday gifts sent to the twenty five orphans each year as well as a Christmas box of toys, T shirts and other suitable items. Sports equipment was also sent last month for the benefit of the children as well as a swing. (More on FB page—Hoddesdon 2 Himalayas).



Following a rebranding programme Qantas Airways has recently provided surplus blankets for distribution to local charities and our President Martin Lynas is seen here delivering forty blankets to Age UK with Hertfordshire Chief Executive Deborah Paniagua. Similar donations were made by Rotary across the UK helping homeless people, but also in other parts of the world. Cutlery and china was also donated to night shelters and soup kitchens.



## Hoddesdon really loves Christmas !

'Hoddesdon Loves Christmas' was deemed a big success this year when the annual parade wound it's way through Hoddesdon on 24th November. At local estate agent's Via Properties Father Christmas was available to meet local children and hear what their hopes and wishes were. Two local Rotarians Terry Fisher and Arnold Granat were able to assist with the afternoon (seen below) .



We have a new joint venture with Hoddesdon Round Table this year, a very impressive Santa's Sleigh having been built and Father Christmas taken around the Borough of Broxbourne (although excluding Hoddesdon which is covered by local Scout groups).

The sleigh took many man hours to put together and we thank PSL Automation Ltd -directors and staff - for investing so much of their own time to complete the project . At the time of writing the sleigh had started it's journey around Broxbourne together with collectors and all proceeds are to be used to support charitable causes nominated by both Round Table and Hoddesdon Rotary Club. Thank you also to all Round Tablers and Rotarians that ventured out over two cold December weeks to support Santa's Sleigh. It is hoped that this event will become an annual occasion bringing not only funds that can be put to good causes but lots of pre Christmas cheer to local children as they anticipate the festive period. Further details and confirmation of sums raised will be seen on our Facebook pages—Rotary and Round Table later this month.



## Essay Competition Winner's Prize Day Out

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August Gabrielle Laudrie's big day out began at 11 o'clock at the prestigious London Waldorf Hotel in the Aldwych. She met Karl Richardson, 33 year old executive head chef of the hotel and over a coffee in the lounge learned of his career progress from apprenticeship and training, via hotel kitchens and top restaurants to his current position in charge of one of London's top hotel restaurants.

All of this was of great value, of course to Gabrielle, a pupil at Cranbourne School, who in her winning essay in this year's primary school competition described passionately and with more than a little understanding and knowledge how her ambition was to be a top chef. Gabrielle already often cooks at home particularly if her mother is unwell. Unfortunately her mum was unable to join her on the visit but she was accompanied by her grandmother who enjoyed the day as much as Gabrielle.

Following coffee she was treated to a behind the scenes tour of the large function rooms, smaller conference rooms and several restaurants and of course the kitchens which amazingly were spread over three floors yet efficiently were able to serve hot food, via highly efficient preparation rooms, around the large hotel. Gabrielle saw the skill of the pastry chef, Alex and also met a live lobster with which she seemed a little less comfortable.

The day was rounded off with a fabulous afternoon tea most generously provided by the Waldorf and Karl presented her with a full chef's whites, which she proudly wore as soon as she was home. President Elect Chris Waddington—Vocational Committee



## A Celebrity Night to remember !

Over two hundred guests and Rotarians spent a happy evening at The Spotlight in early November, with a three course meal followed by entertainment from local celebrity Kev Orkian and supported by master of ceremonies Adger Brown. The duo entertained the gathering with humorous anecdotes and some interesting piano playing. Likened to Victor Borg, Kev gave his own interpretation to some popular classical pieces as well as his own slant on operatic favourites.



The main aim of the Celebrity Night is to raise funds for our Rotarian charitable causes, and the proceeds are used throughout the year to finance projects that improve the lives of both young and old people, whether here in Hoddesdon or in supporting worldwide Rotarian schemes.



Expectations were exceeded with over £10,000 raised on the night including the proceeds of a raffle and auction . Two signed photographs of Aaron Ramsey and Harry Kane reached a total of £1,000 as well as some generous bidding for holidays and golf days. Further funds were raised from 'Heads and Tails' with guests paying £2 to enter and after eliminating all but ten of the contestants the survivors moved to the front with two winners male/female receiving £50 each.

Over the years there have been some high profile speakers including Henry Cooper, Norman Wisdom, Dennis Taylor and Bob Wilson. There are many happy memories from the last thirty nine years, including an evening with Frank Carson ("it's the way you tell 'em") who continued his act with interjections and witty comments throughout the night.



Our local MP Charles Walker together with Mayor Carol Crump (seen left) were guests and we have always grateful that they support our Rotarian fund raising events. Broxbourne's Young Mayor Chris Bakalis also attended. Votes of thanks were given by our President Martin Lynas for what was a great evening.



Master of Ceremonies Adger Brown is seen here supported by our past president Ted Gradosielski in drawing the raffle prizes. Ted together with Chair of the Ways and Means Committee Roger Merton and other members were instrumental in bringing the evening together. Many hours are involved in contacting contributors, sponsors and in seeking donations for the raffle and auction .



## Stanley and his Ipad

At Hoddesdon Rotary Club our Community Service Committee receive a range of enquiries requesting support for various needs in our locality, and earlier this year we heard about local four year old Stanley Peacock. It was agreed that he would benefit greatly from owning his own Ipad and together with our friends at Ware Rotary Club we agreed to make a joint donation. As a downs syndrome child he has specific educational needs but as shown here he thoroughly enjoys the freedom and creativity offered by his Ipad and access to the internet.



## If you want to know more .....

As you can see from this newspaper we do get involved with our local community, and have fun along the way. If you would like to know more about our Club and Rotary International please see our FB page or website [www.hoddesdonrotary.org](http://www.hoddesdonrotary.org)



## Winter Shelter Scheme in Broxbourne

At Hoddesdon Rotary Club we were pleased to hear a talk given by Dave Lee-Team Leader (seen on left) for the local Winter Shelter Scheme set up to support homeless people. A team of 200 volunteers including Rotarians has agreed to assist this winter in giving a warm bed to those in need in our neighbourhood.



There are a number of reasons why people find themselves living on the streets, including rising rents, mental health, relationship breakups, alcohol and drug related issues amongst others. Nationally there are estimated to be 4500 rough sleepers but 300,000 homeless and in temporary accommodation. In the Borough of Broxbourne homeownership stands at 73% and generally our region has a lower number of homeless people (in single figures) but a review in 2013 showed that 28% of those identified were under 24, and the majority between 25-44.

In 2007 Broxbourne Street Pastors set out to assist a small number of rough sleepers, and liaised with Broxbourne Council Housing Dept. Broxbourne volunteers have also worked with Enfield, Haringey and Bishop Stortford Night Shelters gaining experience that will now support the local scheme. David Free had been influential and a key coordinator for Broxbourne Foodbank (established in 2011) and subsequently with the planning for a Night Shelter scheme. Sadly David Free died two years ago, but the committee including local church ministers continued their good work in his name.

It has taken four years to get to the point of offering a scheme and a project co-ordinator Andrew Wilkes has been appointed, previously employed as a Housing Manager with Broxbourne Council. Starting on 3rd January 2019 and operating for eight weeks the scheme will offer places to eight people each night at different church locations. The council have identified the individuals with all being suitable and not a risk to untrained volunteers. Food and a bed will be provided and clothing where possible.

As a pilot scheme and with funding from various sources including some Council money the hope is that this will be a successful and repeatable operation much as the Broxbourne Foodbank. Whilst a 'Christian driven initiative' the scheme is open to all and not intended to be evangelical although draws on the words of Jesus that we should 'clothe the naked' and 'feed the hungry'. We wish David Lee and his team every success with this project and look forward to hearing more next year.



## HELPING charity – The Gambia

During a recent stay in The Gambia in November Trish and I were fortunate to be able to visit one of the schools supported by the HELPING charity, which is based in Stanstead Abbots.

We stayed in a lodge on a mangrove creek south of the Gambia River for the first few days of our holiday watching the wild life and particularly some of the many hundreds of species of brightly coloured birds which inhabit or pass through the country.



We then crossed the river to the north of the country – the ferry an experience in itself and not for the faint hearted – on our way to Senegal. Our guide and driver kindly agreed to stop off at the Fass School and Nursery which is situated in a village just south of the Senegalese border. It turned out our guide knew some of the people at the school and we were able to spend nearly an hour touring the large site. I had been in touch with Margaret Meeks, co founder of the charity before our trip and we were able to take some crayons, pens, colouring books and puzzles to give to the school.



The school roll is currently nearly 800 and children attend either a morning or afternoon session. They have a hot meal while they are there, which we saw being prepared, and there is clean water provided by a new well which the Rotary Club of Ripon had helped to fund. They also have a small clinic where we met the nurse. One of her roles is as midwife and in recent weeks there had been as many as two babies a day

born. Their drug stock, I was shocked to see, was minimal, something I thought our club might perhaps be able to address and which I would be keen to propose as a project. Sourcing and transporting the drugs would be a challenge but one worth trying. Our club has, of course, helped the charity on a number of occasions in the past and, with the assistance of the other four clubs in our area, is currently funding a tuk-tuk which would be used to transport people and supplies between schools and clinics north of the Gambia River. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be able to see where the club's money is going and meet the lovely children whose lives are being transformed by this project. President Elect Chris Waddington



[www.helping-gambia.org.uk](http://www.helping-gambia.org.uk)



## Ron Mayhew and a 'Little Brown Jug'

I was pleased to speak to Rotarian colleague Ron recently and found how little I knew of him. Born in 1923 in Edmonton, Ron arrived at a time when Britain was recovering from the First World War and with no easy life for families trying to establish themselves. Ron's father worked for R&A Mains makers of cookers and part of industrial north London where Ron would learn his trade in future years. A sister completed their family later, living in St Malo Avenue N9.

Starting at a church school in Town Road costing a shilling a week, Ron remembers the strict regime then, but clearly intelligent he got on well and later attended Eldon Road and Homesfield Road schools then getting a scholarship to top school Latimer. With WWII commencing the children were to be evacuated to Clacton but Ron didn't go. North Mid Hospital beckoned with a spell of peritonitis, and convalescence at Walton on Thames. Ron recalls learning to play the piano at this time including favourite 'Isle of Capri'.

At sixteen Ron started at British Oxygen making pressure gauges where he worked his way up the ladder - initially in the stores, then a setter on shifts, and then later as foreman working between air raids. Making parts for Spitfires the type of work meant Ron's conscription was deferred for three years, but in 1944 Ron joined the RAF at Cardington as a meteorologist although he could have been a codebreaker, another story here! Many moves followed - on to RAF Horsham St. Faith in Norfolk, and then Cottles Hall, via Piccadilly and then interviewed at RAF Pitreavie Castle and a move to Scotland. Ron remembers the Polish squadrons and Flying Fortresses, with good Geordie pals. Local dances were an attraction— Glen Miller prominent. In fact Ron did see Glen Miller perform live whilst in Bedford, with an early version of 'Little Brown Jug', to become a timeless classic. Life was about to change permanently when RAF colleagues arranged a date with local girl Liz (they told her he was Canadian!). They married in Lerwick in 1947 and in December Ron was demobbed with the newly weds now homeless and travelling back to London to live with Ron's parents for the next eight years. Eventually home owners in Waltham Abbey Ron and Liz had three children, John, Karen and Chris, the family later moving to Harlow.

Leaving meteorology behind Ron returned to industry in 1948 with Horwood & Son Ltd., working with electro plating for £5pw, a business that Ron would ultimately own although he nearly quit not liking the work initially. The company grew and Ron became key to its success with plenty of post war contracts in chrome plating, leading to his promotion to MD and thirty employees. In 1988 the principal shareholder died and Ron bought the assets, forming what became and remains RCJ Metal Finishers Ltd. The company moved to Pindar Road Hoddesdon where they are now, with son John running the business alongside Ron some seventy years on. Ron says he still enjoys it as well as the variety of work, contracts for Gatwick and Heathrow airports, Debenhams, Chelsea Barracks along the way. Liz did try and encourage golf, but to no avail although Scottish Country dancing had always been a passion for the couple. Sadly Liz passed away in 2014 but Ron keeps active, also having six grand children. Many thanks to Ron. Lawrence Bone—editor.



## Rotarians Ted and Meirion receive their BEMs.

As reported earlier this year two our Hoddesdon Rotarian members received the British Empire Medal for work in the community, Ted with bee keeping and Meirion with services for young people.

Following his award of the British Empire Medal for services to young people in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in the Summer, Meirion Morris received his medal on October 11<sup>th</sup> at an Investiture held in the Council Chamber at Hertford County Hall (seen right).



Each of the five recipients, together with family and friends were present and were greeted by a guard of honour provided by the Army and Navy cadet force. Family and friends were escorted into the Council Chamber followed shortly after by the five recipients. After a short welcome given by the Chairman of the County Council each recipient's name was called in turn by Lord Cecil who then described the reasons for each award. The recipient then walked forward and was greeted by The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss CBE who spoke briefly to the recipient before presenting him with the medal and shaking his hand. Following the presentation recipients and their family etc. adjourned to the ballroom where they were served with refreshments and met local dignitaries. These included a number of Deputy Lieutenants, Council Leaders, local Mayors and both the High Sheriff and the Lord Lieutenant who was very interested in one's achievements and happily posed for photographs.



Ted Gradosielski a keen bee keeper was made a Liveryman in the City of London joining the Wax Chandlers who have always had a close relationship with the British Beekeepers Association. The letter informing him of his British Empire Medal came on 3rd May from the Cabinet Office. Ted said: "I was absolutely delighted and totally surprised! Never had a clue that a group of people thought me worthy of such an honour. Unfortunately I didn't get to meet the Queen – or visit Buckingham Palace! "My medal presentation was completed by my local Lord Lieutenant. The photo is of the Essex High Sherriff B R H Burrough Esq on the left, then my wife Jackie

Gradosielska, myself and on the right is Mrs. Jennifer Tolhurst HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex who conducted my BEM Investiture at Layer Marney Towe. I do get an invitation to a Royal Garden Party in 2019." Ted was interviewed on Saturday June 9, as the award was made public, on the breakfast show on BBC Radio Essex with Kath Melandri.



## We will remember them 1918 - 2018



Once again, in this Centenary year, The Rotary Club of Hoddesdon has been privileged to support the Royal British Legion in honouring all those whose ultimate sacrifice evokes such poignant sentiments and to make practical contribution to the needs of veteran and serving members of British Armed Forces their families and dependants.

At 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November at the War Memorial in Hoddesdon President Martin Lynas paid his respects, with many others from all walks of life and countless organisations, by joining a formal parade, laying a wreath and observing a minute's silence. It was a unifying and moving experience. For two weeks prior to this over 20 members and Friends of the Rotary Club helped by a few RBL supporters, had the best collection result yet, from a very generous Hoddesdon public at Morrisons in the Town Centre. There was the usual wide range of goodies but enamel brooches seemed the favourite this year. Donors, young and old, made a lasting impression on Rotary collectors for their willingness to help, to share a memory or simply a few words of encouragement. The results over the last five years have been: £2142, £3490, £4305, £4677 and this year the fabulous sum of £7495. So we say thank you to the people of Hoddesdon and wish every success to the Royal British Legion. **Past President John Hiscock November 2018**



In October 2014 Jasmine and I offered our services to 'plant' the ceramic poppies in the moat of the Tower of London. We were selected and duly completed four 'shifts' making and planting several hundred poppies. Anyone who witnessed the final display couldn't fail to be moved. During early October this year, as we had been involved previously, we received an invitation to light the commemorative lamps to mark the end of the 1914 / 18 war. These were again to be placed in the moat of

the tower of London. The process began with a two hour 'interview' at the Tower. This was necessary because the offer was heavily oversubscribed. Only 80 were required per 'shift' and all volunteers had to commit to several shifts because of the training given. Two weeks later we were asked to attend a training session at which we were shown how and where we would be lighting the flames. We were to work in teams of two and were dressed in fire-proof suits. Each lamp was covered by a metal dome which was removed with a magnetic pole allowing the partner to light the wick. The moat was divided into sections of approximately 300 square metres and the lamps were arranged in curved lines. The lamps were lit line by line until every lamp was illuminated. The teams of two then paused for a few moments with bowed heads before walking back to the changing rooms. It was all done in silence and accompanied by the specially composed music. As Jasmine and I had volunteered for several shifts we were given a section at the west side of the moat near the ceremonial lighting of the first flame. All eighty of us walked in pairs along the length of the moat to our designated area and waited quietly until the 'last post' and 'reveille' had been sounded from the top of the West Tower at 5 pm. The last notes signalled the beginning of the lighting. It usually took about an hour except for the Wednesday evening which was wet and very windy and several of the lamps had to be relit. As Jasmine's grandfather had been killed in 1915 we dedicated the last lamp to be lit each evening to his memory. Neither of us will forget the experience for a very long time if ever.



**Rotarians Meirion and Jasmine Morris**



## George Fuller Club - 67 years and counting

If you live locally you may have heard of The George Fuller Club but not be aware of what they are and do.

Formed in 1951 they originally met in the Toc-H room opposite the Hoddesdon clock tower with the purpose of supporting the visually impaired. George Fuller had been a BBC journalist born in Rye House, but having passed away that year Toc-H colleagues Dick Norrell MBE, Peggy Jackson and George Darton decided to form the club in his name. Funds were raised through social events including 'Indoor Cricket' and organised by fellow founder Joe Saunders. The club moved to the British Legion Hall in Esdaile Lane, and then on to its present location Bushby Hall in Wharf Road Wormley. Bill and Doreen Crumly now supervise the monthly meetings with gatherings on the third Monday at 7.30pm with entertainment arranged and with transport where needed.



## Rotaran Howard Connor writes....

'On 6th October Dorothy and I had the pleasure of representing Rotary at the George Fuller Club for the Blind for their annual dinner held at Bushby Hall'.

'We enjoyed an excellent meal and were entertained by a male singer with popular songs from the sixties. On reporting back to our members I said how I always feel humble when considering the tremendous effort that Peter Grant makes together with Bill and Doreen Crumly and their band of volunteer helpers. At Rotary we have been ready to support the George Fuller Club for many years and I expressed my hope that this would continue with both physical assistance in providing drivers but also with funds when needed'.

New members and helpers always welcomed, and for further information please contact us at Hoddesdon Rotary Club and we will put you in touch (07803 700919).



## Rotary v 41 Club Golf Day

After a number of unsettled days the weather was fine and dry for the annual golf day against 41 Club at Whitehills on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Sadly a number of our regulars were unable to play this year with the result we were unable to retain the trophy, though during the thirteen years this match has been played Rotary still lead with seven wins to six.



Robert Lorenzini seen above with our president Martin Lynas retained the Tim Buck Trophy with a very credible score of 36 points with Bob Cornish as runner up with 32 points. Our President Martin kindly attended and presented the prizes One of the regular players PDG Robert Browning sadly passed away recently and it was agreed to play for a trophy given by Robert Lorenzini in his memory for the over all winner including guests.



In the event it was won by John West with 40 points, playing for 41 Club, Cheryl and Leesa, Robert's daughter attended to present the Trophy.

Other prizes were given for "Nearest the Pin" to Robert Lorenzini and guest Andy Brooks. "longest Drive" was won by Graham Fry.

The day concluded with a very convivial dinner which was enjoyed by everyone. Seen below Rotarians John West, Robert Lorenzini, Martin Lynas, Graham Fry, 41 Club member Neil Hughes and guest.



## Weekend in Stratford upon Avon

In September a group of our Rotarians and their partners travelled to Stratford upon Avon for the President's weekend, marking the new presidential year for Martin Lynas and wife Angela. They enjoyed great weather, spending time boating on the Avon, touring around the city on an open topped bus and taking in the culture left for all visitors by the bard William Shakespeare. They enjoyed an evening meal (as seen here) followed by an



exchange of well versed Shakespearian lines. An unnamed source stated that the evening became quite heated as to who had the best line, until Martin reminded the gathering that "Men of few words are the best men".

## Farewell to Keith

On Monday 3rd December we were very sorry to have to say goodbye to Keith Theobald as he attended his last lunch before moving off to Cumbria. Keith together with wife Pat are moving to live in Carlisle where they will be closer to family, with one of their daughters already living there.



Keith has been an active member of our Rotary Club, always ready to join in with projects and as a past president he completed his presidential year in 2012. As chair of our Community Service Committee until this year he organised a number of our Spring Variety Shows and previously was involved with the Easter Dinners. In 2016 Keith was a leading member of the H2H project with our team travelling to Nepal taking young people from local schools and improving the lives of orphans at an orphanage in Kathmandu. They also climbed to Everest base camp. (Keith seen below in his 60's John Lennon outfit).



In his farewell speech Keith stated that he intends to remain a Rotarian and once settled will look to transfer his membership to a local club. It may be that we will see Keith again as our club are considering a walk along the Coast to Coast route and it may be that we can link with his new colleagues. We all wish Keith and Pat every happiness as they move north, and again thank you Keith for all that you did for Hoddesdon Rotary Club and for local people.



## Happy Christmas from Rotarians...

**MIKE AND HILARY MARSH  
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL  
NEW YEAR**

**JOHN AND WENDY  
NEIGHBOUR  
VERY BEST WISHES  
FOR CHRISTMAS AND**



**ROGER ABRAHAM  
PENNY AND ROGER SEND YOU  
ALL FESTIVE GREETINGS AND  
A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2019**

**MEIRION AND JASMINE MORRIS  
JASMINE AND MEIRION WISH  
YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY XMAS  
AND A HEALTHY AND PEACE-  
FUL NEW YEAR**

**JOAN AND BILL DULEY  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO  
ALL**



**PETER AND GLENYS LARDI  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST  
WISHES FOR 2019**

**JOHN AND ANN GLOVER  
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW  
YEAR**

**JEFF AND ROSEMARY RYAN  
WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL  
2019**

**CHRIS AND TRISH WADDINGTON  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

**JOHN HISCOCK  
LANG MAY YOUR LUM REEK..**

**TERRY AND PAT FISHER  
WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW  
YEAR**

**CHRIS AND LINDSAY JONES  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS !**



**RON MAYHEW**  
**A MERRY XMAS AND A**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

**JOHN AND BARBARA WEST**  
**HAPPY HEALTHY CHRISTMAS**  
**AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR**  
**TO ALL**

**DAVID BRADBURN**  
**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
**AND A GOOD 2019 TO ALL AT**  
**HODDES DON ROTARY CLUB**

**PETER AND JOYCE SHEPHERD**  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU**  
**ALL**

**TED AND JACKIE**  
**GRADOSIELSKI**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A**  
**BUZZING NEW YEAR !**

**LYN AND KEN AYLING**  
**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
**TO ONE AND ALL**



**TOM AND JACKIE SELL**  
**BEST WISHES FOR THE FES-**  
**TIVE SEASON**

**JOHN AND BARBARA WEST**  
**HAPPY CRISTMAS**  
**TO ALL**



**GRAHAM FRY**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**  
**MY FELLOW ROTARIANS**

**KEITH AND PAT THEOBALD**  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF**  
**OUR ROTARY FRIENDS**

**ROBERT LORENZINI**  
**WISHING A MERRY CHRIST-**  
**MAS TO ALL MY FELLOW**  
**ROTARIANS**

**TONY AND VAL POMFRET**  
**BEST WISHES FOR A VERY**  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A**  
**PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

***All proceeds from these messages will be donated to charity £135.00***



## You must be joking.....

Donald Trump decided to visit a junior school one morning. The teacher asked President Trump whether he would like to lead the class in discussion on the subject of tragedy.

And so Trump asked the children for examples of tragedy. A boy stood up and said "if my friend came to our family's farm and was killed by a tractor, that would be a tragedy". "No" said Trump, "that would be an accident".

A young girl stood up and said "if our school coach drove off a cliff killing all of us, that would be a tragedy". "No" said Trump "that would be a great loss".

The room went quiet, leaving Trump to ask "Isn't there anyone that can tell me what might be a tragedy?" A boy at the back stood up, and the teacher held her breath. Quietly he said "If your plane was shot down by friendly fire and destroyed, that would be a tragedy,....because it sure wouldn't be a great loss, and you can bet your life it wouldn't be an accident!"

A man was walking his aged three legged greyhound through Hoddesdon when he spotted something in the roadside. On closer inspection he realised that it was a lamp, and on giving it a rub a genie appeared. 'I expect you want a wish' the genie said. 'But I'm bored with giving out wishes all the time so you can only have one'.

The man had a long think because he only had one wish and he wanted to make it a good one. Finally he said 'Can you make my greyhound a race winner? No one would ever back a three legged dog, so I'll make a fortune.

The genie who was having a bad day said 'I'm a genie, not a miracle worker, can you think of something a bit easier?' 'OK' he said 'I'd really like it if West Ham won the Premier League as I'm a huge fan'.

The genie rolled his eyes and said 'Tell me a bit more about this greyhound'

A lady was feeling unwell and decided she needed to see her doctor. Having taken a seat in the surgery the doctor called her in and asked her what the problem was. "Well doctor for some days now I've had this uncomfortable feeling that there is a strawberry on my head". "Don't worry" the doctor said, "I can give you some cream for that"...



## Future Events

**9th February Rotary Quiz**  
**22nd May Spring Variety Show**  
**25th October Celebrity Night**

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