

## Diary, cashiers and hosts

### January

- 4 Club meeting, Fellowship evening: Jenny Edgell leads a discussion on club banners. **Cashiers: Fuller E and Jefferson. Host: Heath.**
- 11 Club meeting: Visit of District Governor Nigel Barnfield. **Cashiers: Rasheed and Roberts. Host: Clear.**
- 12 Club board meeting, Brookfield Hotel.
- 18 Business meeting. **Cashiers: Blake and Chawner. Host: Hogg.**
- 19 Group 7 round of Young Chef competition, Park Community School. 6.45pm.
- 25 Club Family evening at Newton House Hotel, Hayling Island. Speaker: Dr Muriel Wright on "A History of Feminism." **Cashiers: Jenny Edgell and Ponsonby. Host: Holmes.**

### February

- 1 Club meeting, Fellowship evening. **Cashiers: Hammonds and Cope. Host: Nightingale.**
- 8 Club meeting. Speaker: Jamie Cabbage on "The Navy Lark." **Cashiers: McCarroll-Davies S and Davies. Host: McCarroll-Davies V.**
- 10 Mayank's Curry Night at Petworth. Provisional date for Vocational visit to Southwick House.
- 11 Charity Auction at Thorney Barracks.
- 15 Business meeting. **Cashiers: Taylor R and Fuller C. Host: Davies.**
- 22 Club meeting. Speaker, Christal Clasher-Oreilly, Ambassadorial Scholar. **Cashiers: McCarroll-Davies V and Pike. Host: Fuller C.**
- 23 Worldwide Rotary Day, Thanks for Life and End Polio Now themes.

### March

- 1 Club meeting. **Cashiers: Meeke and Hooper. Host: Hopkins.**
- 8 Club meeting. **Cashiers: Griffith and Gupta. Host: Barnard.**
- 9 Club Board, Brookfield Hotel, 7.30pm.
- 15 Club meeting. **Cashiers: Valentine and Cope. Host: Smith M.**
- 19 Club Quiz, Hayling Island Community Centre.
- 22 Club meeting. **Cashiers: Raper and Blake. Host: Galloway.**
- 29 Club meeting. Fifth Monday. **Cashiers: Cox and Hogben. Host: Holmes.**

**OTHER DATES TO NOTE:** **April 17:** Stroke Awareness Day. **April 19:** Club annual meeting. **April 23:** St George's Day parade, Emsworth. **May 2:** Bed push at Langstone Technology park. **May 16:** MADDness at the Fort. **June 9:** Kids Out. **June 26:** Planned departure date for Indian trip with Mayank Gupta.

**The deadline for the next Bulletin is February 27**

## The Rotary Club of Havant

# The Bulletin

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•Bosmere pupils with some of the shoeboxes they filled for the Christmas appeal. See p5

Havant club President: Bill Taylor. Rotary District 1110.

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## From the President

The Christmas period has been our busy time. With regenerated collection projects at the Havant Garden Centre and Tesco store, this year has been no exception.

The palatial Santa's grotto, so expertly constructed and decorated by Gerry Clear and his team, made a huge difference to the joyful experience for so many children and parents.

We were very much feeling our way at the reopened Tesco: where to station ourselves; what to wear, thermal underwear or tropical gear. However, this has proved to be a worthwhile location.

Thanks to the hard work of club members and members of Inner Wheel and the generosity of local residents, we collected much to fund our projects. Collecting in Havant town centre, outside the garden centre and accompanying Santa's sleigh has been exhausting but equally rewarding. Wet or freezing nights, excited children carried out in their night clothes to meet Santa: this is spirit of Christmas and our contribution to the local community at this time.

The float received many compliments this year and we thank John Blake and his team of constructors and drivers for making the job of collecting so much easier. The final sum may be up or down, but this has been a huge effort by the club during difficult times, masterminded by the indefatigable Gwilym. I raise my glass to you all (the sun has now risen above the yard arm!).

The community carol service, brilliantly arranged by Chris Fuller and the Community and Vocational Committee, was memorable. The carol singing was robust and joyful and the readings said with feeling. The pleasure of listening to the Val McCarroll-Davis' musicians of Warblington School will be remembered long after the tastes of mulled wine and mince pies have faded. The local dignitaries turned out in strength.

Meanwhile, committees have met, projects pursued and other clubs and occasions visited: Young Chef; our donation to the Rotary Club of Cockermouth to help with families who were flooded out; 500 shoeboxes collected contributing to a District record of 27,000; the covered spring in Uganda opened; another Literacy Box cheque dispatched; and MADD Productions moved forward.

Immediate Past President Graham and I were well entertained by Inner Wheel when we presented a plaque on which the past presidents' bars were mounted to celebrate their 50th anniversary. A trip to Southampton one evening to see off the Group Study Exchange team members to Bihar and the District Council meeting kept me in touch with District events.

Our banners have now been beautifully mounted and catalogued by Jenny. The club will discuss banners in the New Year.

I am now over half way through my year. It's been hugely enjoyable so far, but time is flying by. I do hope you have had a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

**Bill Taylor**



## Obituary

# Trevor Juniper 1930-2009

Trevor Juniper, the eldest of three, was born in Portsmouth in 1930. His parents were Charles and Molly (née Hooper). He attended Portsmouth Grammar School, Churchers College, and won an art scholarship to Canford School.

It was at Canford that his lifelong interest and talent for photography became apparent. The cadet force discovered his shooting prowess, and he continued to shoot at Bisley for many years. After National Service, Trevor chose to turn down an apprenticeship at Ealing Studios (with the film industry being an uncertain career at that time) and joined the family ironmonger business, Hoopers, in Kingston Road, Portsmouth. It was at this time that Trevor's long involvement with service clubs began with joining Portsmouth Round Table. He was an active member throughout his long service with the Table. Many fundraising events, community service events and cabarets are recorded by Trevor's exceptional photography. His lifelong interest in cars was fostered by his membership of Southsea Motor Club and Trevor competed in the Monte Carlo rally in 1956. As he approached 40 and Round Table life was ending, Trevor joined his father Charles in Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club where he served until a career change forced a gap in Rotary service. In the Portsmouth Club Trevor is well remembered as being the club photographer, together with his service on many committees. His photos of the opening of a Rotary House (part of the large Portsmouth Rotary Housing Scheme, a particular interest of Trevor's) by the Duke of Edinburgh are a treasured memory.

He joined the Athurian Lodge, Round

**Talented photographer:  
Trevor Juniper**



Table's own lodge. He took Masonry seriously and brought great credit to his mother lodge as he progressed to Grand Lodge rank.

Trevor was married to Madeleine in 1957 and they lived in Chance Cottage, Bedhampton, for 51 years until their recent move to Emsworth.

Like Trevor, their children Nigel and Claire, also loved nature and machines. Birdwatching, wildlife photography and the sound of a good engine were very much a part of family life.

Latterly, Madeleine and Trevor continued to enjoy their holidays in France until the constraints imposed by the dreaded Parkinson's took hold. Madeleine was a constant support as an active member of Portsmouth Ladies' Circle and Havant Inner Wheel.

His later working years saw Trevor using his photographic talent in a professional capacity, and his work photographing large buildings was appreciated by the architectural and surveying professions. Trevor suffered with Parkinson's for 22 years and this restricted the jobs he could do when he rejoined Rotary in the Havant club in 1994. He was not one to sit idly by and made the job of weekly cashier his own until illness forced him to resign in 2003. The club was pleased to recognise his lifetime service to the community by making him an honorary member in 2004.

**John Hooper**

## Out and about

A party of 13 Havant Rotarians, led by President Bill, visited the Rotary Club of Portsmouth and Southsea's meeting at The Mountbatten Centre. We were met by more than the customary greeting, as many of us were old friends of some of their members. They too had been having difficulties with their catering and it seems that it was our luck that efforts to redress the situation were made that evening.

We were served with lasagne and garlic bread with salad, peas and cheese potatoes followed by profiteroles. We tried to split ourselves up but still ended up in the company of members we knew.

When we were introduced by our President, P.P. John Blake mentioned that he had brought the Rotary badges of his grandfather from the National Conference of 1923 and the president's badge of Frederic Blake FSI FAI, his great grandfather (pictured), from 1929/30. Both were members of the Portsmouth and Southsea club at the same time. Other visitors were the Lord Mayor, her husband and consort, and



## Our club visit reveals close connections

the chamber of commerce chairman. Steve McCarroll-Davies made a new friend in Dr. John Owen as they found that they hailed from the same area and had several things in common. I had not told our members that the Lord Mayor was the speaker. She spoke with great knowledge and humour of the city of Portsmouth. Having held, among other things, the portfolio for leisure, she said she was proud of the facilities that the city afforded its citizens but she found the best part of her Mayoral duties was meeting the ordinary people of Portsmouth.

• *The next club visit will be on January 14 to Fareham, We have been invited to sit in on their committees. Their meetings are at Cams Hall, 12.15 for 12.30pm. with a 1.30 prompt finish, cost £8.50 per head.* Gerry Model

## Lunch will bring plans for summer flowers

The Inner Wheel Club of Havant is delighted to invite Rotarians and friends to our Overseas Service Lunch on Thursday, January 28, at the Hayling Island Community Centre. We think that you will find the new venue more comfortable and there is much better parking provision.

The morning will begin with coffee on arrival, from 10.15 am. Once more the speaker is Andrew McIndoe, managing director of Hillier's Nurseries and Garden Centres. His talk will be "Adding Colour with Perennials."

The illustrated talk will be followed by lunch.

The menu is savoury mince with rice, followed by fresh fruit salad with cream. Special dietary requirements can be catered for if advised in advance.

The cost is the same as last year at £12. A cash bar will be available.

The proceeds of the event will support Africa Now, which helps poor farmers to become self-sufficient, the Philippine Community Fund, and StreetWise, which helps the children who live on the streets in Durban, South Africa. Please reply by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January,

Jan Holmes, Inner Wheel of Havant  
Overseas Service Organiser

## Working with schools



## Young Chef Sonny shows his winning ways again

The meals produced by entrants of the first round of this year's Young Chef competition looked and smelled delicious.

The venue on November 10 was Park Community School where Lesley Carter provided excellent kitchen facilities, a hospitality room and a display area for the prepared meals. Shirley and Lyn registered the competitors.

Taking part were two pupils from Staunton College, three from Park and two from Glenwood School.

The three judges, Amanda Thomas of the Brookfield Hotel, and retired food study lecturers Margaret Taylor and Ann Barnett, were kept very busy while for

one and a half hours the five boys and two girls prepared a healthy balanced two-course meal and presented them on carefully laid and decorated tables. Sonny Dixon from Staunton, who was last year's winner, came top again having impressed the judges with his menu of Sea Bass on a bed of Herby Couscous and Sauce Viage followed by Pear Compote with Granola Topping. Liam Benham from Park School was runner-up with his Leek and Parma Ham Pasta and Tuscan Pudding. The silver cup was presented to Sonny by President Bill who also handed out certificates and cookery books to all who took part, and wine to the judges.



The next round, which will include competitors sponsored by Waterloo, Fareham and Gosport clubs, will take place in January, again at Park Community School. All are welcome to come and witness extraordinary young talent.

Robert Winnicott

Left: President Bill is pictured with the Havant round winner Sonny Dixon (left) and Liam Benham. Top: Sonny at work

## Golden gift



• All the names of the first 50 presidents of the Inner Wheel of Havant are mounted on the collar presented to the club by Havant Rotary Club to celebrate their golden anniversary. Our picture shows the presentation being made by President Bill and Graham who attended an Inner Wheel meeting at the Brookfield Hotel on Wednesday, November 18, to Inner Wheel President Val Robins and PP Dot Hunt.

## Celebrating 50 years of Inner Wheel

## Honour for Betty

Betty Jefferson, at present on leave-of absence, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal from the Queen via the Commander, HM Naval Base Portsmouth, for her 25 years faithful service and has received a medal and letter from the Queen.



• Father and son: Gerry proudly introduced his son Jock, principal engineer for Braun, when he spoke to the club at the beginning of last month

John Baker

## e-directory will bring benefits

Last year it cost £4,500 to print the district directory and it was out of date by the time that it was issued to members.

Our Rotary District 1110 is proposing that members' details should be put on an internet database so avoiding the cost of printing the directory. An advantage is that the data can be updated currently (by the member personally if he or she wishes to do this).

I have seen this system live on the internet and it looks to have many uses; and I believe it will have more advantages than disadvantages. However you will not have a paper pocket-book unless you print, (or have one printed) for personal purposes. These can be in many formats with various levels of district or club detail. An up-to-date club directory can be printed from this information too, containing the data in our present version. If the district decides to adopt the District 1170 model, I would be happy to help you with any printing that you need – or to print on plain paper any appropriate booklet for you. You should be able to find more about it if you Google 'Rotary District 1170 members'.

## Ugandan project



• Making someone happy: The new village spring

## Protected spring is now open

The protected spring that we agreed to sponsor in the area covered by the Rotary Club of Jinja has been officially opened.

The project, in Naziri village, Bundondo, was organised by the Rotary Club of Jinja in Uganda.

The spring now provides some 1,500 rural villagers with clean water for the first time in their lives. It's great to see our club name on the celebration banner and it is also on the plate within the spring which has been named Kyomusangavu, translated as "someone is happy."

Shirley Varnish

## Club meals, at home and visits

Having worked out the attendance figures for July to December and I found that I had booked 855 meals and only 847 meals were paid for.

The new policy of the Bear is to charge for the number of meals ordered so the club will pass on the charge for the uneaten meal to the member who failed to attend.

Just a reminder: members are assumed to be attending unless they let me know by the Sunday before the meeting.

**The President invites members to accompany him on our next club visit which is to The Rotary Club of Fareham on Thursday, January 14, at Cams Hall, 12.15 for 12.30 with a 1.30 prompt finish. The cost £8.50 per head.**

The club devotes a [buffet style] meeting to committees. We are invited to be included in their meetings to share ideas.

Gerry Model



• Two talented young sailors from Emsworth were presented with the club's Lamont Youth Award 2008/9 at the fifth Monday meeting at Southwick Park Golf Club in November. They were George and Alex Mothersele, pictured with President Bill.

## Club matters

There is a trend to which I wish to draw the attention of the club. Over the last year, four women members have resigned and current numbers are down to eight.

In 1997 membership of the club was exclusively male and had fallen to 29; and there had been no new recruits for several years.

A recruitment committee was formed and it identified two main factors hampering any planned increase in membership. The club still met at lunchtime every week although there was a clear national trend towards evening meetings in order to meet changing needs of potential Rotarians. There was also a growing number of members anxious that the club should be dual gender. Each of these problems was debated, indeed they had each been considered already on several earlier occasions during the '90s. The outcome was that evening meetings were phased in over the next few years.

More importantly after several earlier tries the club finally voted, with a considerable majority in favour, to become dual gender.

Each of these changes proved a great help as membership reached the mid '50s by 2006. At this time women members had risen to 12 or about 20 per cent of the club. The 1997 committee then handed over to Mike Valentine and he has had some notable success in maintaining good membership levels.

There have sometimes been difficulties for women members over the last 10 years; the Rotary movement was exclusively a male preserve for many years and inevitably club structure and many activities still reflect that past.

There has been some insensitive behaviour as the former membership has been

# We must halt this worrying trend in our membership

required to accommodate the new intake. It has been no surprise that resignation rates of women have consistently been significantly higher than for men in our club.

At the same time, any of the early doubts about the likely contribution of women to the club must surely be quelled when we consider the current and past contributions of women members.

The 33 per cent loss of the women members in the last year is a wake-up call and we need to consider how to ensure that we remain genuinely dual gender and indeed increase the proportion of women.

I have been taken to task in the past for suggesting that we must pay particular attention to the welfare and integration of women members. The argument against has been that we are all simply Rotarians and there is no need for any special attention. I would respectfully suggest that this attitude is self-evidently a total nonsense.

Our club has achieved a reputation over the last decade for setting the pace in the District. Our women have played a notable part in this success. We need now to ensure that this has not been a passing phase.

**Tony Cox**

## Christmastide

# Young musicians play at carol service

The traditional community carol service held on Sunday, December 13, was the sixth year that it has been held at the parish church of St Faith's, Havant. The new charismatic Rector, the Rev Peter Jones, put the accent on community this year with pupils from Warblington School, under the skilled direction of Val McCarroll-Davies, swelling the music of the organ and choir. The church was crowded as everyone sang lustily and the lessons were read with aplomb by the lay readers from St Faith's and our five VIPs, Val Robins, Bill Taylor, DG Nigel Barnfield, Sandra Hopkins the CEO of Havant Council and Mayor Jackie Branson. MP David Willetts also attended.



• Service with a smile: Above, Elizabeth (right) with her mother, and Marilyn before the service. Top, Steve, Chris and wine muller John

Thanks to all who helped on the day to make it such a success. John Blake deserves a special mention for the tremendous(ly) alcoholic mulled wine. I have helped organise the service with Clare Kennar of the Parish Office for the past three years, I will miss the 'buzz' but not washing up 200 glasses.

**Chris Fuller**

## Shoebox appeal brings in 500 boxes to check

Several Rotarians and members of Inner Wheel were in good spirits as they gathered at Anna and Viv's house on November 11 to check over the contents of more than 500 shoeboxes.

Anna and Viv saw their home invaded by all of us again, plus all the boxes and the large cartons into which the boxes are packed. It is such a familiar process that we can chat and have a giggle even as we check for food and liquids and other unsuitable gifts. We now

seem to have an effective "system", with some from checking to packing them into the van for delivery to the collection point in Southampton from where they go on to needy children in Tanzania, Montenegro and Romania. Of course we couldn't do this without the support of the participating schools. This year I have sent each of them a Certificate of Appreciation together with a letter of thanks. A huge thank you to all who helped.

**Shirley Varnish**

## Christmas in pictures



■ Santa's transport: Gerry collects by the sleigh



■ Santa's helper: George outside the new grotto



■ Just checking: The shoebox team at work



■ On grotto duty: George and David

# Fundraising, fellowship ... and fun

Carrying out all our Christmas activities was hard work but the result proves it was all worthwhile.

Activities included building the sleigh for members to tour the district's streets, building the grotto for Santa at Havant Garden Centre, and collecting at Tesco with members of Inner Wheel, and collecting in Havant town centre.

We also arranged the collection of 511 shoeboxes filled with presents from schools and sorted them.

A provisional figure of just over £11,000 gross was raised, with expenses to be met and a share of collections still to go to Inner Wheel.

The pre-Christmas week was rounded off with a adaptation of *Cinderella* presented by Inner Wheel members.

## Christmas in pictures



■ Santa's arrival: Horses steal the reindeer's thunder



■ Job done: The grotto is built



■ Panto dames: The Inner Wheel cast of "Cinderella"



■ Cameo role: The Ugly Sisters



■ Construction workers: some of the grotto building team takes a break