

Trust of which Norman Macdonald was asked by the EU to be a partner to oversee St. Marcellin and four other orphanages. (Lead Trust will also be heavily involved in the rural areas although Norman will not.) Donor wants to make St. Marcellin a pilot project for possible expansion to other orphanages in the future. Answer expected imminently.

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Refurbishment of existing (working) borehole motor - * see attached quotation
2. Sinking of new borehole - * see attached quotation
3. Black plastic for breeding ponds - about 100 square metres (to cover three fish and one duck ponds)
4. Grass - to feed ducks and geese
5. Toys and books and pictures - children's houses are blatantly bare and have no 'home comforts' in evidence. (Nathalie Hunt and I have started trying to collect some.)

Suzanne Robinson

The Inner Wheel Club of Totnes

The Ladies of Inner Wheel have had a very busy six months including attending other Clubs in the District for their Rallies since Greta King became our President.

Our district Chairman Margaret Kempton joined us for our Christmas Party at the Royal Seven Stars.



A number of Fund Raising Events have taken place with £580 being donated to The Children's Hospice South West from our Wine and Cheese Evening in November held at the Totnes Boating Association.

In January we held a luncheon for 30 at the Ackland's for World Inner Wheel Day raising £200 in aid of Operation Sunshine (SOS Africa) - the speaker on the day was Felicity Derry-Thomas South West Area Organiser.

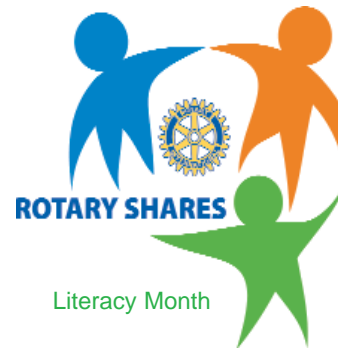
In February we held our Zone Rally at the Royal seven Stars and raised £256 for Sight Savers.

Coming up to date in March children from Local Schools will be displaying Bookmarks they made and entered in competitions at their Local Schools. The Children are supporting RNIB Talking Book Services and three of the Bookmarks will be selected and exhibited at The Inner Wheel National Conference for final judging.

Hospice at Charlton Farm



At a visit to the Children's Hospice at Charlton Farm Don Halstead of the Rotary Club of Totnes presented a cheque for £1750 to Jane Powell for the Children's Hospice South-West. The money being raised from the Rotary Christmas Float Collection.



The Rotary Club

of Totnes

50th 50th

Chartered in 1958
Club No.867

President: Carole Angliss
Secretary: Don Halstead
Editor: Peter Thornhill



50 Years This Week



Totnes TeamPlay Deck Quoits - Paignton on the 27th February 2008



Ian Whitlock

I now have a very pleasant duty to perform: that of introducing to you Ian Whitlock for a PHE. What can I tell you about this kindly, gentle, quiet man who almost always has a glint in his eye, and likes a bit of fun?

Well perhaps I can shed a little light on his past when I tell you that as a young Round Tabler. He and his friend Stan Harvey entered a District Car Rally. Ian was driving an old Morris Minor and Stan was navigating.

Ian drove like a racing driver around those lanes and Stan, who had to sit in the back, because the other person in the car was travel sick, was thrown about like a pea in a pod. The highlight came when they hit a mile long lane that had just been resurfaced that day. As Ian drove screeching around every corner the workmen jumped for the hedge amid shouts and curses. So he's not quite so mild and gentle as we think.

Ian went on in 1972 to become an initial founder member, along with five others, of the Rotary Club of Chelmsford Mildmay, where Stan was founder President.

He later moved to Devon where he joined the Totnes club and has remained since. He was President in 1994/95 and is always at the centre of the clubs activities were his energy belies his age. For the last four years he has run the club Treasury with great skill and dedication, ensuring that the whole club has been kept informed of our financial status.

He has had several connections with charities in the town including The Totnes Talking Newspaper and Totnes Caring.

I give you Ian Whitlock, a true Rotarian.

President's Ponderings!

Here we are nearing the end of February-how time flies when you are e n j o y i n g yourself.



We left Christmas behind with a very successful result from the Float and Father Christmas, which benefitted the Children's Hospice South

West and Macmillan Nurses. Most of the members of the Club who are able to, seemed to have some involvement and that was great to see.

We are now on the run down to the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration and President's Night which is looming up very fast, and by the time you read these columns it will be over. I hardly dare say it, but things seem to be going very well and at this stage, two weeks out, we already have our numbers which is marvelous.

We have a very busy time ahead because no sooner is our special night over than we welcome RIBI President Allan Jagger and his wife Rose to our Club meeting. The following weekend President-Elect, Peter and I are off to Birmingham for RIBI Assembly then, swiftly following Easter, there is our next Information Evening for potential Rotarians, followed very swiftly by the RIBI Conference in Blackpool and our own AGM at the end of the month-our feet won't touch the ground.

So thank you all again regards Geoff Fairall (Rotary Club of Harare West)

ST MARCELLIN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE TRUST

INTRODUCTION

St Marcellin is a trust registered with the Department of Social Welfare, PVO Number 9 / 2005 which looks after orphaned and destitute children. Trustees are Dr Carlo Spagnoylli (chairperson), Norman Macdonald (vice chairperson), Sybil Macdonald (secretary) and a representative of the (Catholic) Marist Brothers order. (Due to a transfer of the previous brother another will be nominated by the superior soon.)

Registered with Ernst & Young, which audits the Trust's books.

There is a village committee which consists of Lucy Mambeshora (chairperson), Mercy Bell (vice chairperson), Geraldine Prince (secretary) and Sybil Macdonald (member).

There is an office block, a creche and nursery school and this all exists on a seven acre stand. All children and fed and clothed by St Marcellin's - 22 of whom attend Hatfield Junior School, three are at St Giles and one is at St Catherine's - all paid for out of St Marcellin's funds.

CHILDREN

72 residents who are orphaned / destitute / deaf / blind / abandoned / affected by HIV or AIDS. All children are referred to the Trust via Social Welfare, with whom it is believed a very good relationship exists.

About 20 children live in houses built for them and are looked after by a mother plus an assistant. Each house functions for itself with all children helping to keep it clean, tidy and to do chores - washing bathrooms, cooking, setting tables etc. (I found each house to be immaculate and all children quite cheerful, polite and pleasant.)

STAFF & WELFARE

Day-to-day running falls under Sybil and her

team's portfolio and all infrastructure and ongoing development is handled by Norman as and when he has time. (He also runs the Braille Library for Sister Catherine Jackson.)

Medical care is provided by Dr Spagnoylli (who also sources medication when he can) and Dr Margie Pascoe of the Connaught Clinic in Newlands looks after the HIV / AIDS children and supplies the ARVs. Doctors Chipamaunga, Masire and Powell (paediatrician) look after the children's medical requirements, too.

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Two boreholes exist - only one is working (using a borrowed, second-hand pump) - services all houses, main house, office, crèche and school. Danger of giving up completely
2. Vegetable garden (impressively large, tidy and well-tended - provides food for every house, every day)
3. Rabbit farm - small and will expand once rabbits start breeding - to be used for food
4. Fish farm - two huge ponds have been prepared but need black plastic to line and can then get fish in to breed - for food
5. Chicken / geese / duck farm - to begin once water is more freely available - for food
6. 10 acre vacant area next door - is in process of being transferred to the Trust and is earmarked for a chapel, a school and proper clinic. Requires walling all around before building can commence, otherwise construction materials will be stolen
7. Generator - but little or no fuel to run it and lots of power cuts

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (continued)

8. EU donor approached as proposals for several projects put forward, including:
 - Recycling of grey water
 - Solar systems (for heating of water and solar pumps for grey water to keep toilet cisterns full and watering grass for children. Solar lighting for specific essential areas in each house in the event of frequent power failures)
 - Series of underground separating tanks for grey water (PVC Storage tanks for each house to harvest water from the roof of each house).

If application to EU is successful, funds will be allocated over a three-year period (approx several thousand euros). It will be managed by the Lead

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonald's, KFC, Subway or Red Rooster.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy fruit tingles and some crackers to blow up frogs with.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and cubby houses and played in creek beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendos, X-boxes, no videogames at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms..... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns at Easter time. no really!

We were given BB guns and sling shots for our 10th birthdays,

We drank milk laced with Strontium 90 from cows that had eaten grass covered in nuclear fallout from

the atomic testing at Maralinga in 1956.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet!

Footy had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

Our teachers used to belt us with big sticks and leather straps and bullies always ruled the playground at school.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

Our parents got married before they had children and didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade'

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 70 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned

Dear Peter

Sorry for the delay in replying to you but I was away at the time. I am pleased to confirm your latest contribution to the medical fund has been received by St Marcellins with their usual joy and gratitude - sincere thanks once again to your kind members.

Conditions in this country continue to worsen and we really have to admire what Norman and Sybil are doing despite immense difficulties.

We are working on a project to rehabilitate their water boreholes as not only do they need this for their vegetable growing but also for human consumption given the frequency in water cuts here.

The amount required to get one borehole working is 500 pounds which is too small for a matching grant - I thought I might as well mention it in case you are looking for a project. I am attaching a report produced by a member of my club for your interest.

Meanwhile life goes on .

I would like to think that our recruitment programme will prove to be as successful as it was the first time that we ran it, and I would ask all members to rack their brains, and if they have any names, to let me have them as soon as possible.

Having recently visited several other Rotary Clubs I am beginning to realize what a special bunch you, so keep up the good work!

Carole.

Study the five brain teasers, then, see if you can answer without looking at the answers...

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd.

But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Answer later

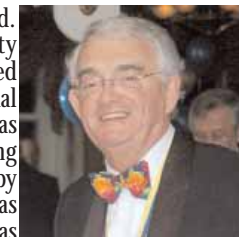
Rotary Fellowship

I last reported on the meetings and activities of the club on the 10th December and needless to say there has been quite a lot that has taken place since then. I am not too good at precise but will try and

outline what we have been doing over the last 3 months.

In the two weeks run up to Christmas we were very busy with our Christmas Float . Everyone involved enjoyed themselves particularly the children and grown ups of the town

The formal Dinner Meetings were well attended with the job talk by David Stevens very interesting. This was the meeting that District Governor Elect George Kempton from Barnstaple Club attended. The Christmas Party function was well received although the professional entertainment was somewhat disappointing. However the sketch by the five Witches was brilliant. The sketch was scripted by President Carole and it showed that with the obvious talent we have in the club we have no need to rely on getting in outside entertainment on future occasions!



Whilst January was a quieter month we nevertheless held a Skittles Evening at Buckfastleigh Football Club with 27 of us in attendance. John Palmer gave a very interesting Job Talk at which members of Paignton and Babbacombe & St Marychurch Clubs came along and joined us. Further events were the District Skittles at the Jolly Sailor and Ten Pin Bowling at Torquay . Both very enjoyable - those taking part in the latter having a Fish and Chip Supper at the usual favoured venue! We also had an enjoyable night at the Civic Hall when 21 of us went along to see the annual Pantomime - this year it being Cinderella. Not as good as previous years - hopefully next year will be better! February started off with the Youth Speaks Bay Finals and whilst we supported the afternoon event no team took part from Totnes which was a little disappointing.

We were entertained by Lionel Harper at a Dinner Meeting when he spoke on the Boer War . Whilst we all enjoyed the night Lionel's talk was not particularly inspiring. However the visit to Paignton Club at The Harbour Lights by President Carole and five other members was a very enjoyable lunch meeting with a guest speaker

There were a number of other visits to clubs in the Bay and to Ivybridge mainly in connection with drumming up support for our President's Night and 50th Charter Anniversary Dinner and also the presentation of the Zimbabwe Project which hopefully will bring in assistance from the various clubs by way of contributions of £500 towards obtaining a matching grant.

The first day of March saw the International Forum taking place at the Belgrave Hotel in Torquay with clubs attending from all across the District. All those that were able to go along which included a number of our new members enjoyed the very informative day.

The main event for March is of course our President's Night & 50th Charter Anniversary Dinner at the Grand Hotel Torquay on Saturday 8th Having exceeded the required minimum number and with everything virtually in place this will be an occasion to remember. This special night is to be followed by our Formal Dinner evening on Monday 10th when Allan Jagger President of RI Great Britain & Ireland with wife Rose along with District Governor Felicity Murdin and other visitors from neighbouring clubs will join us.

As always there will be one or two things I have left out so please refer to the calendar to bring yourselves right up to date.

Peter Ackland (Fellowship Chairman)

STROKE:

Remember The 1st Three Letters.... S.T.R.

My nurse friend sent this and encouraged me to post it and spread the word. I agree.

If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks. Seriously..

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die.... they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally . He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke .

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)

(i.e. It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other , that is also an indication of a stroke.

Humanity in Motion IV coming soon

RI will launch its newest set of public service announcements (PSAs) later this month. Humanity in Motion IV (612) will be distributed to all

living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, later on a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, 'I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!

ANSWERS:

1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.

2. The woman is a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband,

developed it, and hung it up to dry.

3. Charcoal.

4. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

5. The letter "e" (the most common letter in the English language) is missing from the entire paragraph!

ARE YOU OVER 60?

Q: Where can women over the age of 60 find young, sexy men, who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore under fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done you will have a place to live.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+-year-old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take

off your glasses.

Q: Why should 60+-year-old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 60+-year-olds to have problems with short-term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem; retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where do 60+-year-olds look for fashionable glasses?

A: Their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60+-year-olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "I remember these!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1920's, 30's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitch-hiking

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a Ute on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps.

(1) When you forward an e-mail, delete all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). Highlight them and delete them - it only takes a second. You must click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities. If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do not use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. If you're forwarding something to more than one person, please be courteous and use the BCC for more addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing all the e-mail addresses. If you don't see the BCC: option, click on To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC.

(3) Remove any 'FW:' in the subject line. You can rename the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) Always hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent. Also, while you're in 'forward' mode and deleting previous names and addresses, scroll to the end of the message and delete all the ads and anti-virus information. It's frustrating to read a joke, then have to scroll down past pages and pages of this stuff to see if there is any more of the message. So when you forward, delete the junk before AND after the intended message.

(5) Have you ever received an e-mail that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The e-mail can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and e-mail addresses. The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and e-mail addresses contained therein. Do not put your e-mail address on any petition. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and e-mail addresses on a

petition. (And don't believe the ones that say that the e-mail is being traced; it just isn't so!)

Most e-mail petitions are worthless because they do not fully identify the signer by street address, etc., nor does it prove that the signer really signed it. It could be just one person writing all those names on the list. Don't forward them. Some of the other e-mails to delete and not forward are:

a. The one that says something like, "Send this e-mail to 10 people and you'll something great will happen." Or sometimes they'll just tease you by saying "something really cute will happen." It won't happen, no matter how many you send it to or how long you wait - it isn't going to happen.

b. Don't let the bad luck ones scare you either. They should be deleted as should the ones that try to guilt you into thinking that if you don't forward certain e-mails that you are ashamed of Christ and He will therefore be ashamed of you! Come on ... if you choose to delete and not spread the spam, there is no way that Christ will be ashamed of you, and forwarding it doesn't automatically get you into heaven!

c. Before you forward an "Amber Alert", or a "Virus Alert", or some of the other e-mails floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for years! Just about everything you receive in an e-mail that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to <http://www.snopes.com/>. It's easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on. So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses.

Also get rid of the advertisements at the bottom of your e-mails! You pay for your internet - why advertise free for them? If they want advertisement, let them pay you to use your space!

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married - for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

'He's a funeral director,' she answered. 'Interesting,' the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a

district governors-elect during the 2008 International Assembly and sent to every club. Please alert your club president to ensure that your club's public relations team receives it.

This four-disc set contains new TV, radio, print, and billboard PSAs, all designed to help you promote Rotary. Postcards, along with a poster, wallet card, and newspaper supplement, are also included, providing an efficient and professional way to share Rotary with your community. Download Rotary PSAs from previous editions of Humanity in Motion here.

Rotary in the news

For the 11th year, District 1190 (England) hosted a culinary competition to help youth develop their cooking skills, ability to prepare healthy food, and knowledge of local produce. Get the full story from the newspaper Buckingham Today and on the RIBI Web site.

Refer a prospective Rotarian today January is Rotary Awareness Month, so share Rotary in person! If you're an active member of a Rotary club and have friends, family members, or colleagues who would be a great addition to Rotary, consider referring them for membership. Read more about the referral process here.

Celebrate World Understanding Day

Every club is encouraged to promote Rotary's good works on 23 February, the organization's 103rd birthday. The day, designated World Understanding Day, provides a tremendous opportunity for clubs and districts to share the story of Rotary's local and global contributions.

Though 23 February is the official Rotary anniversary, you can designate any day to celebrate Rotary in your community. Most important, Rotarians are encouraged to select a day to communicate to the public what the organization is and does around the world.

To help Rotary clubs and districts coordinate a celebration, RI provides a few resources. For starters, view a list that offers ideas on events and activities your club can organize. Additional materials, including a sample proclamation and two promotional posters, are available on the Public Image Resource Group page of the RI Web

site. You can also contact a Public Image Resource Group member.

Protect Rotary's Marks

Rotarians must protect Rotary's emblem and other marks in all their public relations efforts. Before starting your PR work this year, please review the RI Visual Identity Guide (547-EN), which explains how Rotarians can use the Rotary emblem appropriately and effectively in their print, electronic, and outdoor promotional activities. It also provides information on choosing colors and designs and identifying club and district projects. Download the guide or order it online.

Digital trends in 2008

Last year, many Rotarians promoted their work through online videos, club and district blogs, and podcasts, as well as through Web sites harnessing social media. In 2008, social media will continue to spread, especially through electronic means such as mobile technology. Read how you can use digital trends for public relations outreach here.

Rotary PR Tips, an international resource

Did you know that Rotary PR Tips reaches nearly 4,000 people in 115 countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe? It's a great opportunity to learn how the media works and how other cultures promote their projects. What PR tip would you share with readers? Send it to pr@rotary.org.

Two Irish nuns have just arrived in the United States by boat and one says to the other: "I hear dad d'people of dis country actually eat dogs."

"Odd" replied her companion. "But if we shall live in America we might as well do as dey do."

Nodding emphatically the mother superior points to a hot dog vendor and they both walk towards the cart. "Two dogs please," says the nun.

The vendor is only too pleased to oblige and he wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over the counter.

Excited, the nuns hurry over to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs'. The mother Superior is first to open hers. She begins to blush and then staring at it for a moment, leans over to the other nun and whispers cautiously: "What part did you get?"

Oh, What a Night! The Rotary Club of Totnes Goes Gold

The Rotary Club of Totnes celebrated its Golden Jubilee and President's Night in fine style on Saturday night at The Grand Hotel Torquay.

Totnes Rotarians together with over 160 guests including Rotarians from 20 different clubs and 6 Rotary Districts dined well, and danced the night away into the wee small hours to Jeremy Huggett's Band of Gold.



Guests included the Major of Totnes, Councillor David Horsburgh and his wife Irene.



Governor of Rotary District 1170 Felicity Murdin, spoke of the clubs vibrancy, and principal guest, Past Director of Rotary International, Tony de St Dalmas paid tribute to the clubs many achievements, showcasing the fact that it has sent over 80 Shelterboxes to aid those suffering the trauma of natural disasters.



President, Carole Angliss said that she considered her major role was to serve the club and its members and to help the club achieve all that is best in Rotary.



Amongst the greetings received was a message from the President of the Rotary Club of Lagny, France which is twinned with Totnes and kind words from President of the Inner Wheel Club of Totnes, Greta King.

Rotary Year 2007 -2008 Calendar of Meetings and Events for two month period

Monday 10th Formal Business Dinner Meeting - 6.30 pm With Special Guests Alan Jagger President of RI Great Britain & Ireland with wife Rose and District Governor Felicity Murdin.

Also Old Peoples fellowship Transport

Thursday 13th Club Members Visit to Torbay Sunrise Club - Venue Belgrave Hotel Torquay Time 7.30.am

Friday 14th -Sunday 16th - Inc - RIBI Assembly - Birmingham

Saturday 15th Youth Speaks Regional Final - Hosted by District - Venue & details tba

Wednesday 19th Executive Meeting - Birmingham details will be given if required

Monday 24th Bank Holiday - No Meeting

Friday 28th Evening with Rotary @ Oldway Mansion Paignton - Special Speaker - Founder & Chief Executive of Shelterbox Tom Henderson - Time 7 pm - Cost £12 Buffet & Glass of Wine

Sunday 30th PETS - Tiverton Hotel details to tba

Monday 31st 5th Monday Formal Dinner Meeting to include wives/husbands/partners & Inner Wheel Members with husbands/partners - Speaker Prof John Bryant subject 'Who's Designing your Genes' - Time 7 pm for 7 30pm

April

Tuesday 1st Visit to Preston Club by International - Re Zimbabwe Project - Redcliffe Hotel 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd DOTS - Tiverton Hotel 7pm

Sunday 6th Exmoor Challenge - Further Details to be advised

Monday 7th Council Meeting - 5.30pm Seven Stars Hotel followed by New Members Drive 7.pm

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th Inc RIBI Conference Blackpool

Monday 14th Formal Dinner Meeting 6.30pm - Possible Job Talk - Details to be advised + Old Peoples Transport

Friday 18th 60's Night Dance - Dainton Golf Club - Details to be advised

Thursday 24th District Council Meeting - Tiverton Hotel 7pm

Monday 28th Formal Dinner Business Meeting - AGM - Seven Stars Hotel 6.30pm

Wednesday 30th Incoming Executive Meeting - Tiverton Hotel 7pm

Great success from the Rotary Club Christmas Float.

The Rotary Club of Totnes once again brought their Christmas Carol Float to Totnes from the 7 to the 22 December. Attended by Father Christmas, they visited Bridgetown and Follaton areas as well as being in the Town and at Morrisons on numerous occasions. Collections were made for charity and once again the Rotary Club is very grateful to the generosity of the people of Totnes and visitors. At a recent meeting of the Club it was decided that from the monies collected, £1,750.00 would be presented to the Childrens Hospice South West and £250.00 to the MacMillan Nurses and a small sum kept in hand for other charitable demands which will occur. Tribute is also made to the schools who sang carols and which were played on the float to the delight of all. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way to the wonderful results.

George Taylor-Hunt
PRO Rotary Club of Totnes".

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