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# The St George Standard



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*August marks—Membership & Extension Month—why not ask someone you know along to a meeting this month to experience the Rotary family and fellowship? If you enjoy it, chances are someone you know will also enjoy it!*

## London to Windsor

**Sunday 04 Sep 2011**

Come and enjoy a late Summer's day cycling and help raise vital funds for the British Heart Foundation.

At the finish you'll find entertainment, food stalls, a beer tent, music and sports massage. Head for the circus big top!

**Start Richmond Green (off Kew Rd) Richmond, Surrey TW9 1LX**

**Finish Alexandra Gardens, Barry Avenue (off High St)**



A number of our members are braving the saddle for this great cause, not for the first time although we missed it last year due to conflict of events with the Thames Hospice Walk. There are 2 routes, one at 29 miles and one at 37 miles and I am sincerely hoping that we will be taking the shorter one.... We are also hoping for good weather, good cheer and lots of support along the way as well as at the end in Windsor.

As always with our fund raising events, we reach out to friends, families and colleagues to ask for support. I certainly know family members who have suffered heart problems, so I'm looking forward to peddling to our target to support them. Asking for donations is never easy and this is particularly difficult at this demanding time but if we don't ask, we certainly won't get, so please support us if you can. Support is really easy and can be given on line at our just giving website : <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/goteamwstg/join>.

We are hoping to raise £500 for this worthy charity. I have worked out that if all 27 club members ask 18 friends and family to donate £1 (plus gift aid) we will more than meet our target. Please help us to support The British Heart Foundation, who knows it might be you who needs their help next (but hopefully not!!)

We will keep you updated on our progress!

*Julia and Team*



## July, the first month of the Rotary year.... And what a swift start!

One of Rotary's particularities is that officers at all levels change year after year. I've always been amazed at the organisation's capacity to keep going and ensure continuity in spite of this and in the last month Windsor St George had shown me once again that it is possible by being as active as ever and taking new ideas on board at the same time...

Even before we had our handover a group of WStG rotarians spend the night stewarding Thames Hospicecare's night walk. As had been the case in the last 3 years we supported this charity's efforts, as without volunteers it wouldn't be possible for them to run the event, which raised around 65 thousand pounds. Unfortunately this year we didn't have any club members entering the event as walkers, there's a challenge for 2012!

The handover on July 5th was well attended by club members, partners and guests. A warm thank you was given to Andreas for his work in 2010-11 and some great photos from his year were presented to him as a memento of his year in office (a big thank you to our official club photographer Julia for arranging this). Personally, it was very motivating to receive all the club members' support on the night. I just hope I stand up to your expectations!

Our Business meeting was full of constructive discussion in which everyone participated and in spite of the time dedicated to the debates we managed to finish just 15 minutes late, not a minor achievement... On Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> Al, Pippa and myself together with Rtn Mike Ware from the RC of Bourne End and Cookham manned a stand at the 106<sup>th</sup> Windsor Royal Rose and Horticultural Society Show. The main objective was to raise awareness for the End Polio Now campaign and Rotary's polio eradication efforts while supporting a local organisation. Unfortunately there was very little public attending the show, probably due to the constant heavy showers that we experienced on the day but that didn't damp our spirits as we marvelled at the show offered by the birds of prey, ate some home-made scones with cream and jam and enjoyed watching Guy blow glass in front of a bemused audience.

The Committee meetings on a Tuesday night also had a good start of the year. While we're still trying to learn on what works / doesn't work, good feedback was given on having more than one committee at each table as it encourages discussion and the exchange of ideas. It was clear from the minutes that were circulated that there are a lot of good ideas being considered and events being planned. Let's take them to fruition in the next few months!

As ever, we send our best wishes to members and relatives who are either recovering or under the weather at the moment. Please remember that we are here for you if you need any additional support.

And last but not least, we all learned about the efforts of the Royal Borough to give a facelift to Windsor and Eton in time to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, through the interesting talk given by the Senior Conservation Officer of the RBWM.

*A thought for the month to come:* with such a big variety of activities and speakers there's something for everyone at Windsor St George so why not share the experience and invite someone you know to join us? August is in the Rotary world Membership and Extension month, an ideal time to think who amongst our friends, family or acquaintances could be a potential Rotarian. As our AG David Buckland told us at our Club Assembly, the secret to recruiting new Rotarians is simple: JUST ASK SOMEONE!!!  
Go team WStG!



**GABY**

## Changes you should know about for the new Rotary year

Rotary International News -- 29 June 2011

A new Rotary year is set to begin, and with it several programs aimed at supporting and strengthening clubs and districts. In addition, a fresh slate of leaders will take over at the club, district, and international level.

Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, will become Rotary's 101st president, and the third from India, on 1 July. Read a [profile of Banerjee](#) from *The Rotarian*. William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, will take over as Rotary Foundation trustee chair.

John Hewko will become Rotary International's 12th general secretary on 1 July. He has said his priorities include improving Rotarians' connections with the Secretariat and increasing awareness about what the Secretariat can offer.

Other changes include:

Four pilot programs will begin 1 July, designed to improve recruitment and retention, allow for flexibility in club operations and structure, and give clubs an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways to promote member diversity -- all goals of the [RI Strategic Plan](#). For each of three pilot programs -- corporate member, associate member, and innovative and flexible Rotary club -- 200 clubs have been selected to participate, and about 125 will take part in a satellite club pilot program.

The Changemaker Award will accompany the Presidential Citation during the 2011-12 Rotary year. The award will encourage Rotarians to focus on change and will recognize clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the [Avenues of Service](#).

- The World Community Service and Rotary Volunteers programs will be phased out as of 30 June, replaced by a new model designed to expand the resources available to clubs for connecting and partnering with one another. The RI Board approved a shift to a resource and support model for RI programs to reinforce the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

Efforts to enhance Rotary's public image will be undertaken by 49 [Rotary public image coordinators](#) (RPICs) working in partnership with their zone's [RI director](#), [regional Rotary Foundation coordinator](#), [Rotary coordinator](#), and district governors. RPICs, who are selected by the RI president or Rotary Foundation trustee chair, have professional expertise in public relations, journalism, or communications and will help support the RI Strategic Plan by conveying effective public relations practices to district leaders.

- *The Rotarian* magazine launches its digital edition with the July issue. Subscribers can now choose to receive either the print or digital edition, or both. This would be a good time to buy a subscription for your Interact or Rotaract club, to inspire them with Rotary's breadth.
- Rotary clubs' annual per capita dues to Rotary International will increase to US\$51 in 2011-12. The 2010 Council on Legislation also set dues at \$52 for 2012-13 and \$53 for 2013-14.

The RI Board of Directors will seat nine new directors 1 July, along with RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan. The new directors for 2011-13 are: José Antonio F. Antiório, of the Rotary Club of Osasco, São Paulo, Brazil; Kenneth R. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Kerman, California, USA; Yash Pal Das, of the Rotary Club of Ambala, Haryana, India; Elizabeth S. Demaray, of the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, USA; Allan O. Jagger, of the Rotary Club of Elland, West Yorkshire, England; Paul Knyff, of the Rotary Club of Weesp (Vechtstreek-Noord), The Netherlands; Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India; Juin Park, of the Rotary Club of Suncheon, Jeonranam, Korea; and Kenneth M. Schuppert Jr., of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA.

**GABY**

## A Rotary Weekend

Beginning with.....

### District Handover

Who arranged for this event to be held in Regatta week? Setting off from Datchet with Richard and Marilyn, progress was good until a mile or so before Henley Bridge when we crawled along taking furtive glances at our watches and hoping we would not be late. We reached Shillingford Bridge Hotel with 10 minutes to spare and just had time to get drinks before we were asked to take our seats. I had the honour of being seated at table one which meant we were served first but with 102 guests present being looked after by a staff of 4 the inevitable occurred which some might recall from St George's Night. Past DG Terry Kenyon presided and told us she would be speaking to the hotel staff later. The meal was very tasty and we had a lovely view of the River Thames. This provided the first shock of the evening. I had placed the briefcase containing my talk on the window sill. The staff decided to open the windows as it was a warm evening. Next time I looked my briefcase was no longer in view. I had visions of it floating majestically down the Thames where it would be discovered in years to come, trapped in the reeds, and I would be hailed as a great entertainer, far too late for me to do anything about it! But no, someone had placed the item behind a cardboard box of 2011/12 directories so all was not lost. We had a Rotarian guest from down under and after listening to him, DG Laurie gave his final speech in that role before handing over to our new DG Niall Blair. After Niall had spoken it was my turn. It was now getting seriously late and Terry had told me to keep my remarks to 10 minutes. Try to imagine it! Judith, Tony, Richard and Marilyn could see it but for the rest of you, there I was, juggling a hand mike and the papers for my talk with inadequate lighting, trying to see what I could leave out and what I needed to keep. I'm afraid the result was a rather disjointed effort but I think people were entertained and I offered my services to any Rotary Club who wanted to hear the full talk! My phone has not rung yet! Eric Malam from our mother club had wondered how I was qualified to talk on the subject of the English Language, knowing my Welsh roots but I hope after hearing what I had to say he felt I was justified! DG elect Judith proposed the final toast and after goodbyes to our hosts, we set off for home and bed....

Ready for.....

### RYLA Induction Day

I was up early ready for my trip to Bolter End. Where? I hear you ask. If you came to The Bull and Butcher at Turville with our German guests you would have driven through it. My trusty SatNav guided me there again and I followed the final instruction "Turn left...arriving at destination on left" I parked up and knocked on the door. No reply! I tried Mike's mobile. Switched off! I knocked again. Oh good, I thought as I heard foot-steps. A young lady in pyjamas opened the door. I asked for Mike. Negative response. Now Bolter End contains very few dwellings and surely everyone knows everyone else. I supplied the surname. The lady disappeared returning shortly with the information that the Cooke family lived on the other side of the road. Profuse apologies and I drove off where I found Mike waiting on the doorstep. The journey to Crowmarsh Gifford went across country with many single track roads. The Almighty looked favourably upon us as we encountered no enormous tractors, frisky horses or any other vehicles apart from a number of bikes and we got there in good time. 27 candidates presented themselves with 5 unfortunately missing and after refreshments we got down to business. Our new DG Niall was there on what was presumably his first task in the role – namely to give an overview of Rotary in about 10 minutes. The famous sauce bottle made a cameo appearance and we also learnt a new acronym for Rotarians – ROMEO – Rich Old Men Eating Out! Whoever thought that up hasn't been to our club! We had two excellent speakers from the centre at Rhos y Gwaliau and they took turns to explain a number of interesting and informative points about the week and what to expect.



After an excellent cold lunch which included some magnificent juicy strawberries the 4 teams worked their way through some practical problem solving exercises. I thought Mike's team worked particularly well together. In each exercise one of the team members had to watch and give feedback at the end. This led to an interesting final talk about how feedback can be used. All too soon it was time to hit the road again and tackle those single track lanes! Mike clearly enjoyed the day and is very much looking forward to the week later this month. After dropping him off, I made my way back to Windsor where I had time for a bit of a rest before stewarding.....

### The Midnight walk

There were 6 of us from the club. Chris was already there when I arrived. Phil and Nina L came soon after followed by Nina F and Gaby. We checked our marshalling points, put on our High Viz jackets and also our glowsticks! As I write, some hours after the event my glowstick is still glowing as probably are the feet of many of those noble people who gave up so much time in the service of others. Chris had also thoughtfully provided us with some flashing fibre optic novelties which kept us entertained. Nina allowed a handsome young man in pyjamas to take hers. I don't think she put up much of a struggle! Nina F and I were allocated to the junction of Frances Road and Kings Road so we set off and parked in York House car park. It wasn't long before our first customer arrived but this was a lady driver trying to find her way to Tyrell Gardens. I hope she got there before we finished our duty! It was absolutely fascinating hearing all about Iran and how it used to be before the mullahs, those joyless advocates of their religion, imposed so many changes to people's lives. We were so engrossed in conversation that the first walker was upon us before we realised, followed by a steady stream of close on 500 participants. We cheered them on and shouted encouragement and almost before we knew it, the "sweepers" were there to tell us that there were no more walkers to guide to the next checkpoint. Phil met a work colleague from St Albans and also reported that a number of ladies were wearing cow print trousers and that this might make Al jealous! Obviously something we don't know about here! Chris, Gaby, Phil and Nina saw the walkers as they went out and then on the return leg so finished between 3.30 and 4 am. Chris reports that the total amount raised for Thames HospiceCare is likely to be around £65000, a tremendous effort. So back we went to the Boys' School, removed our High Viz jackets and set off for home....then bed and up at 7 am to be ready to collect my ladies for church. Now, checking my calendar I see that I am due to play football with my grandson this afternoon. He will run rings round me so that will be another rotary experience!



### **Trevor Morgan**

Gaby & I and Phil & Nina, saw the walkers twice, so we packed up around 2:45, reported back to Windsor Boys and had a croissant. I got home about 3:30, so it would have been nearer 4am for Gaby. Great stuff from our new leader, leading by example.

As I drove home, there were still people wandering around in their pyjamas on the Maidenhead Road, Gally's Road and Longmead.

I spoke to Michelle when we got back. There was over 460 walkers expected and they think they have raised around £65,000. I said that I did not envy them of their job having to raise so much money for the hospice, year after year. She thanked us for our help and said they could not do it without us.

I hope we continue to support this event in our small way. It is a Windsor based charity that unfortunately some of our members and friends have had to use in the past, they do a great job are a lovely bunch of people to work with.

Finally, a huge thanks to you, Gaby, Nina F, Philip & Nina L for flying the WSG flag. "Go team WSG".

### **Chris Davies**

## Windsor Boys School—Annual Speech Day



On 30th June, Jane and I had the pleasure of representing the club at the Windsor Boys School annual speech day. As an "Old Boy", Richard Cox received the invitation, but was unable to attend, so it was arranged that we would instead.

Jane & I have been involved with the Windsor Talking Newspapers for the Blind for a number of years. Jane does the reading and I do the recording and occasional reading. For the last two years we have had additional help from two Windsor Boys School pupils. During that time these two lads have regularly turned out every 6 weeks (when it is our group's turn) on a Friday evening to support the charity.

These two lads are real gentlemen and a credit to their school. Alex Bates (pictured on the right) was also Head Boy, Captain of the First XV Rugby Team, won the Kelsey Prize for History, the English Prize and the Old Windsorian Prize for House Captain. He will be going to Cambridge University to study Japanese culture. Stuart King (left) was a Deputy Head Boy, plays for the first XV Rugby Team and going to Oxford University to study primates. They both made excellent speeches and are soon to head off on a rugby tour of South Arica, New Zealand and Fiji. We were very proud of them.

At the start of the evening we were entertained by the Windsor Boys Big Band who appeared at our Schools Music Concert.

The Guest of Honour was Lord Bilimoria who gave a very interesting and inspirational talk about his life in India as the son of a high ranking army officer, setting up the Cobra Beer company, attending Cambridge University and sitting in the House of Lords.

The only slight downer on a great evening was that the Rotary Club of Windsor & Eton were credited in the programme instead of Windsor St. George!!!!

*Chris Davies*

### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WINDSOR TALKING NEWSPAPERS Windsor TN

Provides visually-impaired people in the Windsor area of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead with weekly tapes of news from the local newspapers serving the Windsor area; and a monthly magazine of more general interest from wider sources. We are currently introducing use of digital formats to replace tapes.



### Publications

This TN has 3 publications listed.

- **Express**
- **Publication frequency:** Monthly
- **Monthly Magazine**
- **Publication frequency:** Monthly
- **Observer Series**
- **Publication frequency:** Monthly

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## Bike Alert!

After a recent spate of bike thefts in Windsor, our friendly policeman Al Gore kindly presented the Immobilise tag at a recent meeting. This ingenious device helps protect your bike by activating an electronic chip, once inserted into your seat post tube. Providing you register it on the website [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) website, it will support police efforts to return your bike to you if/once recovered.



In return for a donation to our club funds, Al has a limited supply of immobilise tags which are available to club members.

Having been one of the unlucky victims of this malicious and frustrating crime I am certainly going to tag mine and would urge all other cyclists to follow suit—especially those embarking on our sponsored cycle ride



## Speaker & Guest's Friend

### August

02.08.11 Richard Cox  
09.08.11 Chris Davies  
16.08.11 David Davis  
23.08.11 Judith Diment  
30.08.11 John Driscoll

### September

06.09.11 Tom Farrell  
13.09.11 Nina Farzam  
20.09.11 Al Gore  
27.09.11 Roy Hockedy

If you are unable to fulfil these duties, it is your responsibility to arrange for another member to substitute and to advise the Secretary.

Duties: Guests' Friend - Grace, Vote of Thanks to the Speaker and Objects of Rotary (if required). When there is a Speaker, the member who has arranged for the Speaker to attend will be expected to introduce

## Attendance

In order to register your apologies for a meeting, simply contact our new Attendance Officer **Rohit** on;

[attendance@windsorstgeorgerotary.org.uk](mailto:attendance@windsorstgeorgerotary.org.uk)

Or e-mail: [rk\\_sagaruk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rk_sagaruk@yahoo.co.uk) Mobile: 07785 242918

### ~ Birthdays ~

Guy Moore—1st August  
Judith Diment—2nd August  
Mervyn Simmonds  
—20th August

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## Anniversaries of Joining

Gaby Gaut—12.8.08

