

The Bulletin

News from THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEWES

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The views expressed in this Bulletin are not necessarily the official views of the Club or the Editor.

The Editor welcomes contributions and letters.

There has been a debate recently about the way in which the Bulletin should be promulgated and made more accessible. Indeed your Editor has been involved in a number of discussions about this. You Editor raises below some issues which he thinks should have wider circulation. The Editor hopes that the new Committee under its new President in the forthcoming year can give some time to consider these issues and how best the Club might be served by the Bulletin.

1. What is the Bulletin for ? To:

- (a) Inform Members of past and forthcoming events ?
- (b) Provide Members with details of Club Officers, Duty Roster, committees ?
- (c) Vehicle for Club comment ?
- (d) Window on our Club from the outside?
- (e) Information about other Clubs, District, National, International ?
- (f) A recruitment aide ?
- (g) Source of entertainment ?

2. Who do we want to read it and if so what information should they have ?

- (a) Members ?
- (b) Inner Wheel ?
- (c) District and higher echelons ?
- (d) The public ?
- (e) The media ?

3. Content – do we want in it:

- (a) Photographs ?
- (b) Lists of activities ?
- (c) Lists of members ?
- (d) Adverts ?
- (e) Commentary on Rotary issues ?

4. How should it be circulated:

- (a) Internet on our Lewes site ?
- (b) Hosted on someone else's site ?
- (c) Paper ?
- (d) Weekly/monthly/bi-monthly/yearly ?

5. Some thoughts:

- (a) Source material is held by a large number of officers and members. Collecting it is the primary problem in production.
- (b) The current website is not modern and cannot handle memory intensive material (photos are a particular problem)
- (c) Paper production is expensive, time consuming and has uncertain delivery
- (d) Some members still not have broadband internet access.
- (e) Does all the info currently contained in the Bulletin have to be held in the same place – split it into a shorter e-mail letter and put the other info on the site only ?
- (f) How many Members use our site, how often and why ?

INNER WHEEL

January 2011

The first Inner Wheel Club meeting of the new year was a frugal lunch at Beechwood Hall, Hamsey.

President Christine Fogden welcomed members and invited p.p. Jessie Butler to light the Candle of Friendship and read the Aims and Objects of Inner Wheel G.B. and I. The proceeds from the lunch are to be divided between the President's charity for the year, Knowles Tooth, and Overseas Charities. President Christine announced that she had already forwarded £200 to her chosen charity prior to Christmas. This gesture was to enable the Charity to buy a few extra items for the families in their care over the festive season.

Prior to Christmas a few members of the Club joined the choir of St Anne's Church, Lewes to sing carols at the Victoria Hospital, including Meadow Lodge. P.p. Rotarian Cyril Mann joined the group as a jolly Father Christmas and handed out a small gift to each patient in Meadow Lodge on behalf of the Inner Wheel Club. Members of the nursing staff expressed their appreciation for the visit.

A group of members is going to Eastbourne later this month to see a production by the Moscow City Ballet of the Nutcracker'.

It was agreed by the Club to support the Lewes Rotary Club Bridge Evening at Ringmer Village Hall on 18th February, by serving refreshments.

A date has been arranged (7th April) for a visit to Chichester by members of the Guingamp Inner Wheel Club, France. Lewes Inner Wheel Club will join them for lunch at a venue to be arranged and afternoon tea at the home of p.p, Anne Bennett.

March 2011

The March Club meeting of Inner Wheel was a Business Meeting held at Shelleys Hotel. President Christine opened the meeting and invited P.P. Diana Gooding to light the Candle of Friendship and read the Aims and Objects of Inner Wheel.

It was announced by President Christine that she and P.P. Stella Tompsett had visited the premises of the charity Knowles Tooth (President's preferred charity), to deliver gifts of food etc. An invitation was extended to President Christine for members of the Club to visit the premises. This has been arranged for the 5th May.

A cheque had been received from Lewes Rotary Club for catering undertaken at the Club's "Songs from the Shows" evening.

The visit of members from the Inner Wheel Club of Guingamp, France, to Chichester in April has been postponed. P.P. Ann Bennett would still like to invite members of Lewes Inner Wheel for lunch and afternoon tea as planned.

A team representing the Inner Wheel Club will be entered to take part in the Rotary Quiz Evening in April.

Nominations for Club Officers for the coming Inner Wheel year – 2011/2012 – were announced. Vice President Joan Fowlie will take office as President on Tuesday, 5th July.

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sale will be held at the home of Jean Dibley on Monday 14 March, 10.00 a.m. till 12.00 noon.

April 2011

At the start of the April meeting President Christine Fogden welcomed members. The meeting was held at the Deans Place Hotel where afternoon tea was taken. Past President Pat Powell read the Aims and Objects of Inner Wheel.

It was reported that a cheque had been received from the Rotary Club for catering undertaken by members of Inner Wheel at the Bridge Evening. This money has now been donated to Wateraid.

A number of members will be attending the Lewes Operatic Society's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" later this month.

A visit to the premises of the Knowles Tooth Charity has been arranged for the 5th May at 11.30 a.m. A packed lunch will be required.

Catering during Rotary's Skittles Week is in hand. The Club was very pleased to learn that a new hut is being provided by Rotary to house the catering equipment during Skittles week.

The next Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May. This will be an Overseas Supper Evening to be held at the home of Past President Gail Elhinn.

Sylvia Rimmer – Club Correspondent

(Inner Wheel is the only Committee or group of the Club to provide the Editor with regular reports, even without having to be asked)

POLIO PLUS

You will all by now (save those on leave of absence) been given some Wilkins [] Tomato Sauce. The idea is to fill these with coins (preferably 0.20p pieces), just like the Smarty collections of old and fond memory. The aspiration is to collect at least £5 in each bottle and hand them in to Jim Hatfield by June.

(WARNING: You are advised to empty the contents onto a giant beefburger first and then clean out the bottle before putting the money in)

Deric Horace Spruce



1920 - 2011

A Celebration of his Life

St. Anne's Church, Lewes
Tuesday 1st February 2011
at 2.30pm

EULOGY

Deric Spruce

As many of you who knew my father well, and has been mentioned in many of the cards and letters the family have received, my father had a unique sense of humour and I hope in this eulogy I will be able to recount some of our memories of father with a sense of fun he always had for life.

My father was born on the 24th May 1920 in Leeds above, as he always led us to believe, a fish and chip shop. The chefs at his favourite local pubs near Lewes, the Blacksmiths and the Cock will testify to that, as father always had a liking for brown crispy chips with his meal and woe betide any chef if they were not that colour! The owner of the Cock always said that as father's car drew into the pub car park, the chip fryer automatically came on in the kitchen.

He spent his school years in Northumberland and often spoke of Tynemouth and Cullercoats with great affection. At 18 he came to London, as he thought, to seek his fortune.

Paul Spruce

NEWS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Foundation Committee

The two main events this year were a success, despite fears that members of the public would stay at home and a different competitor profile at the Quiz Night – we were without a number of the big beer drinkers this year which affected bar prices !

The Music Night was well attended and the raffle was better supported than before. A cheque was given to Inner Wheel for their charity this year, Knowles Tooth at Hurstpierpoint. The event was a great success and raised about the same as last year.

The Quiz Night was slightly down on numbers but the effect of this and absence of hearty drinkers affected the fund raising less than feared. As usual Mr Boyse, our quiz master, was in top form and a good night was had by all.

Our last event for the Rotary Year is a Frugal Lunch which will take place on 19 June.

Community Service

The highlight of the month for many must be the visit to the Royal Chelsea Hospital. We twenty-one Rotarians and wives were taken by a very comfortable and new coach to our pre-booked parking space inside the Hospital grounds. We started with a tour of the military museum which had such interesting artefacts as the fully assembled skeleton of Napoleon's horse (slightly odd) and the note written by Lord Raglan with the orders for the charge of the Light Brigade(fascinating). Following a light lunch we met our guide, Brian, dressed in his scarlet jacket, for the tour of the Hospital. This included the grounds, 36 acres in all of prime London property, the dining room for the 400 retired soldiers with it's splendid and lengthy menu, the chapel and an individual bedroom measuring 9ft by 9ft and then, after a cup of tea, back onto the coach and home. Everyone agreed that it had been an excellent day out and all our thanks go to Peter P (and Gill) for organising the whole day.

It is hoped to have a tour of the new football stadium some time in July/August.

The Twilight Evening is on Wednesday 25 May and Gordon is busy organising what should be another enjoyable night.

The next meeting of the Community Service Committee is on Tuesday 31 May, 6pm at the Sports club.

Graham Kirker



Skittles Report – May 2011

After the winter lull, arrangements are in hand for the skittles tournament starting on 20th June. The event will follow the usual format but, as over the last few years, gradual improvements are being made.

John Burfoot has done a lot of work recently in collecting an email address data base of past competitors. To supplement this and improve marketing and co-ordination, Nigel Mason has worked up a designated and independent web site for Skittles (www.lewes-skittles-tournament.org.uk) which is now live and I recommend members to log on and view it. This can be used as the main promotional tool and eventually allow an easier paperless entry system and possibly on-line payments. The site can also be developed to record the event history and be up-dated each year with winners, photographs and articles. Nigel is also planning video clips for next year which would be great in attracting people to the event. Any other suggestions and comments would be welcome.

To improve event marketing, we are linking in with Carnival and arranging for a new Skittles banner to be hung across Cliffe precinct. That will promote the event through the web site. Newspaper adverts will also promote the web. Sussex Express is happy to advertise the event across a wider area circulation.

After many years of service, the Inner Wheel Hut is being replaced with the Mark II version. This is of a similar design and scale as the old one, but of more robust construction and more easily fabricated design. The shed will also have the advantage of being lockable so equipment can be stored inside for the duration and save significant time in avoiding the need to stock and clear the hut every evening. Thanks are due to John Burfoot and his apprentices Brian and Peter O. Also thanks are due to ICS Cladding for supplying the roof sheets free of charge.

As always, we rely on club manpower. That is not a problem for the pleasant evening duties, but over recent years we have been short for the hard work of the Sunday set-up and dismantling and it is really for the younger (relatively) members to take that on. A board will be circulated with duty time slots to be filled in.

David Clarke

DUTY ROSTER**Past President****Members**

JANUARY	6	Pat Howard	Nigel Mason
			Patrick Newman
	13	Alan Jackson	Richard Powell
			Peter Pratt
	20	Cyril Mann	John Rawlins
			Paul Rowland
	27	Graham Midmer	Michael Sword-Daniels
			Colin Tompsett
FEBRUARY	3	Tony Powell	Roger Webb
			Bob Wilkins
	10	Derek Rimmer	Tony Woolnough
			Mark Barrett
	17	Tom Sholl	Paul Birkbeck
			Tim Birch
	24	Arthur Snell	Robert Barrett
			Ken Bridger
MARCH	3	Graham Thompson	Marcus Brown
			David Clarke
	10	Peter Spence	Graham Kirker
			Peter Gartrell
	17	David Thrush	Jim Hatfield
			Mike Keeping
	24	Ned Binks	Simon Lawrence
			Peter Pratt
	31	Peter Boyse	Ian Loughborough
			Brian McCarthy
APRIL	7	Roy Butlet	Nigel Mason
			Patrick Newman
	14	John Burfoot	Richard Powell
			Peter Pratt
	21	George Elhinn	John Rawlins
			Paul Rowland
	28	Peter Boyse	Bob Wilkins
			Colin Tompsett
MAY	5	Gordon Fowlie	Roger Webb
			Michael Sword-Daniels
	12	Graham Midmer	Tony Woolnough
			Mark Barrett
	19	Reg Goodman	Robert Barrett
			Tim Birch
	26	Pat Howard	Paul Birkbeck
			Ken Bridger
JUNE	2	Alan Jackson	Marcus Brown
			David Clarke
	9	Cyril Mann	Michael Craggs
			Peter Gartrell
	16	Donald Gooding	Jim Hatfield
			Mike Keeping
	23	Tony Powell	Simon Lawrence
			John Lawrenson
	30	Derek Rimmer	Ian Loughborough
			Brian McCarthy

PROGRAMME AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Club events	Inner Wheel Barbican and Castle	District and other
April 2011			
23	Trip to Chelsea Hospital		
28	Speaker MEETING		
May 2011			
3	Visit to Chailey Heritage (Graham Kirker + 3)	IW Meeting – Overseas meeting; champagne tasting	
5	Speaker MEETING - Citizenship Awards		
7			District Assembly
11	Council Meeting		
12	Speaker MEETING Auction of Promises Committee		
18		IW Coach trip to Polesden Lacey	
19	BUSINESS MEETING		
20	Auction of Promises (provisional date) – Foundation Committee		
26	Speaker MEETING		
27	AUCTION OF PROMISES (Pelham House)		
June 2011			
2	Speaker MEETING		
5			Disabled Sports
7		IW AGM	
8	Council Meeting		
9	Speaker MEETING		
14	Membership Committee		
18	LEWES CARNIVAL	Castle Club organising Lewes Carnival	
19	Business meeting & frugal lunch SKITTLES set up		
20	SKITTLES week		
21			
22			
23	Speaker MEETING		
24			
25	Twilight outing		
26	Speaker MEETING David Pocknee talking about The Samaritans SKITTLES TAKE DOWN		
30	HAND-OVER MEETING		
July 2011			
5		IW Handover Meeting	