



The New Centurion

The newsletter of The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds

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Programme

Forthcoming events

Monday 25 July

Walking Treasure Hunt of Chesham.

Meet 6.45 Watermeadow Car Park, Chesham
Finish in Pub

Monday 1st August

Karting and Pub meal
Possible event given enough interest

Saturday 10 September

Coach Trip
City of Chester
Fare £15
Enquiries to Roger King

Look out for the dates of other important events

Meetings at Foxhills

Monday 4 July

Presidential Handover

Monday 11 July

Talk from charity 'MIND'

Monday 18 July

TBA

All meetings 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start

Dinner is standard.
Apologies to Stella Haylett

Another new member!

We now approach the end of the Rotary Year at the end of June.

We look back on a successful "Find out about Rotary" evening and we congratulate our new member Stella Haylett who was inducted on the 23rd May. She gave a powerful and inspiring "Job Talk" about her career and her work in "The OASIS Partnership" supporting people affected by their own or someone else's drug or alcohol use. I am certain that she will make an excellent Rotarian. Welcome!

A number of visitors have come to our meetings since then. This edition of the New Centurion is aimed at you. You may already have visited us, you may have been tempted to visit but the dates didn't fit in with your busy schedule or you have just been on our web site? Anyway I invite you to take either your first or next step into Rotary. You will find Rotary very rewarding.

On Monday 20th June we host members of the incoming Rotary GSE Team from New Orleans, USA at our meeting. These are young people, mainly post graduate who have been sponsored by their local Rotary Club because of



New member Stella Haylett is inducted into the club by President Tony Divers

their personality or success to visit the UK and benefit from exchange in their chosen fields. We look forward to their presentations.

On Wednesday 8th June we will be participating in our annual District Community Project "Kids Out" taking about 30 local school children with learning difficulties to have a fun day out at Whipsnade Zoo!

On Sunday 15th May we were able to help with the "Chiltern Hills

Vintage Vehicle Rally" and raise some charity funds for our club and on Saturday 25th June we ran a Tombola and publicity stall at the "Armed Forces Day" in Weston Turville. An excellent local event and a thank you to all the brave members of our Armed Forces and to the members, wives and partners who helped raise £355.

Rotary can make a difference! I invite you to be a part!

**Tony Divers
Club President**

DISTRICT 1260's YOUTH FINISH ON A HIGH

It's that time of year when all Rotary Youth Competitions come to fruition with winners either being announced from Alcester or National Finals being held in various parts of the country. These competitions include Young Chef, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Young Musician and Youth Speaks; split into three, two or just one age group.

Many will remember how proud the Club felt when local schoolgirl Anna Farrell won Young Chef in 2007, and although no entries sponsored by Aylesbury Hundreds reached this year's finals, we can imagine how a Club within District would feel if their sponsored entry is successful at National level.

In the Young Chef Competition, Daniella Iannelli, who won our Club event, went on to win the District final, but finished second in the Regional final to an entry from D1080. The eventual winner of the National event was a young chef from north of the border.

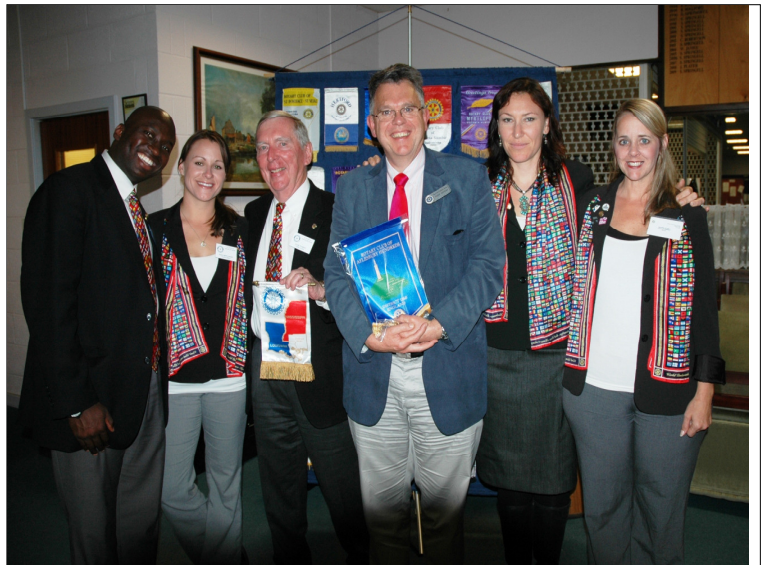
We didn't have any entries in the Young Photographer Competition because, I think, the youngsters had difficulty interpreting the theme, Community Spirit, in photographic terms. The actual photos that won each of the three age groups are on the District and RIBI web sites. One photograph showed a line of wellington boots left after a day's snow clearing. Another, a picture of a charity shop.

The other two competitions, Youth Speaks and Young Musician, gave me the biggest thrill of all. In the Youth Speaks Competition District had a team in the Intermediate final for the first time (although we did have a successful team in the senior final in 2002). What a delight when the team from Roundwood Park School Harpenden won overall and their speaker won the Best Speaker award as well. Regrettably the euphoria of District's win was tarnished slightly with the announcement of the tragic death of one of Northampton High School team members.

Young Musician is a fairly new competition started by RIBI two years ago. At that time District had two entries, a 9 year old violinist and a 12 year old clarinettist. Last year, Hannah Bennett, sponsored by Luton Someries Rotary Club, came second in the vocalist section of the Regional final. She performed at last year's District Induction dinner and I firmly believe this inspired a greater involvement from Clubs this year.

The Regional Final this year was supported with five vocalists and 8 instrumentalists vying for two places in each category. Hannah Bennett again succeeded in reaching the Regional final of the vocalist section, as did Louisa Haggerty sponsored by Amersham Rotary Club. Louisa went on to win the vocalist section. Gina Jenkins, a clarinettist, and Timothy Ridout, a viola player, both sponsored by Luton Someries, reached the instrumentalist final but failed to achieve their goal. The National final took place at Bedford School on the 14th May but, unfortunately Louisa did not succeed on this occasion. It really is an honour to spend time helping these talented youngsters perform for us. Next year's Young Musician final takes place in the BIC in Bournemouth, in front of an audience attending the RIBI National Conference. Although not recommending attendance I do not think that you could find a better way of spending a Friday evening in April 2012.

Brian Billinghurst



GSE Team from District 6840, which covers Louisiana, Southern Mississippi and New Orleans, visiting our club on Monday 20 June.

L to R: Ayo Bello, Anika Muslanski, team leader Alan Tomsic, our president Tony Divers, Sarah Mack and Amelia Puffor.

The Team gave some very good PowerPoint presentations and gave an insight to the devastating floods 6 years ago. Three of the team worked in or owned Environmental companies, so were dealing first hand with the impact the floods had on the region's eco systems and economy. Rotary had contributed over \$1.9 million dollars in relief aid.



Our Tombola and publicity stall at the Armed Forces Day on Saturday 25 June at Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville. Brian and Frances were just two of the members and partners who helped man the stall during the day. The day was very successful swelling our funds and attracting a number of possible new members