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This month, Gurdip Bahra provides a photo report of the Chachoki Eye Camp, supported by the Rotary Club of Maidenhead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 8 Jan Paul Mapletoft
14 Jan Ken Rowley
16 Jan` Peter Hughes

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President's Report & Club News

I would like to start by wishing that all club and rotary family members had a happy and joyful Christmas.

There was the normal business meeting on the 3rd December and then the club's Christmas celebrations kicked off with the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch on the 10th December at the Holiday Inn. The Mayor and Lady Mayoress Paul and Laura Lion attended the event and said how much they enjoyed it.

Guests were entertained by the school choir from Larchfield School, who sang a medley of carols and Christmas songs which were greatly appreciated.



I must also give grateful thanks to Elena Pike who once again played the organ to everyone's enjoyment, as she has so often done at previous Christmas lunches. At the end of the lunch Father Christmas handed out boxes of Christmas biscuits to each guest.

Thanks must go to all those on the Community Committee who worked so hard to organise the lunch and to all the volunteer drivers who transported all the guests.

On the 15th December I was one of three elves helping out Maidenhead Thames at the Santa Grotto in the Nicholson Centre. It was an enjoyable experience with some very excited children and a very few unsure ones. Fortunately I have no photos of any of the elves!



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On the 17th December was the Clubs Xmas party at the Golf Club. This was an extremely enjoyable occasion and it was great to have so many club members, their partners and guests and rotary family members attending. The entertainment was provided by the Salvation Army band and it was uplifting to hear so many favourite carols sung with such gusto by all those present. Mike Holness once again provided a quiz to exercise everyone's brain cells.



Finally on the 18th December I and seven other members helped out with Maidenhead's Round Table Santa Sleigh at Norden farm. Despite the fact that it was teeming with rain it was heart-warming to see how much it meant to the children who came out to meet Father Christmas. Hopefully it will be drier next year.

Finally I wish a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

Anne Matkin

ROTARY WINE QUIZ
Friday 22nd February
Maidenhead Rugby Club
Tickets £20.00 per person



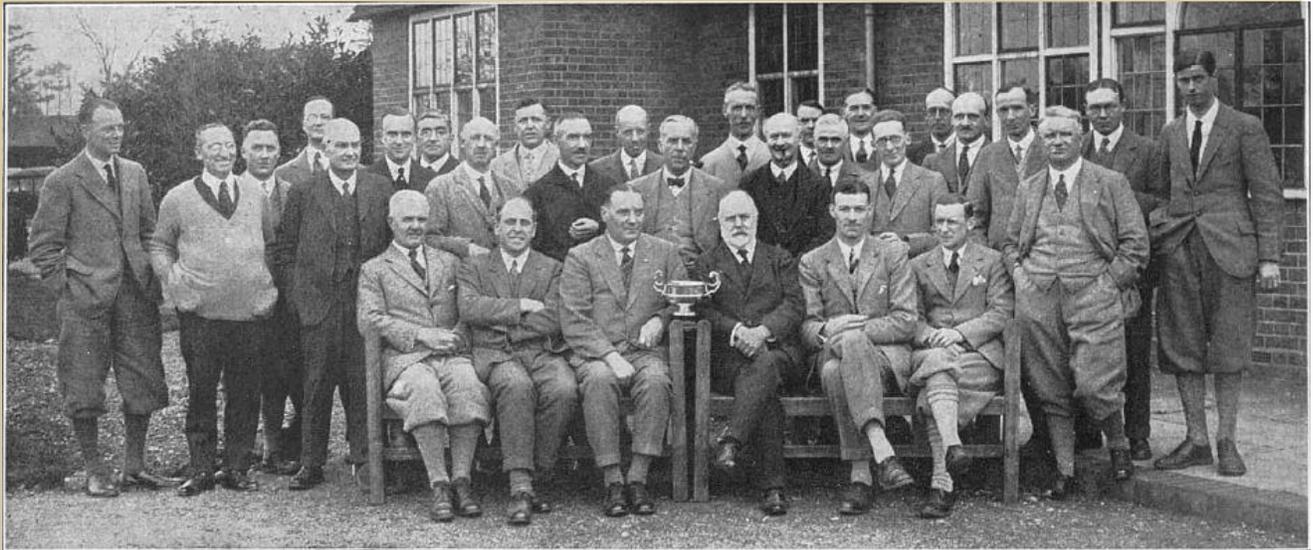
Book now via Peter Graham.
Tables are already filling up fast

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1926 - 1933 - CONTRIBUTOR MIKE HOLNESS

Sadly, we do not have any of the Club records before 1952, but some things can be gleaned from press articles, these snippets are from the British Newspaper Archive, but I must get into back copies of the Maidenhead Advertiser to see if we can extract more.

Golf was clearly immediately established as a tradition of Club life - as this April 1927 photo published in The Bystander shows of a Rotary competition involving Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Maidenhead and Watford.

Sadly I must report that the meeting ended in a win for Reading.



ROTARIANS AND THEIR CARS

Car parking was also an issue even then, as these members of Reading Rotary Club found out in 1928: John Eighteen, of Addington-road, was fined £1 for allowing his motor-car to stand in Friar Street, on June 18th, longer than was necessary for the taking up and setting down of passengers. The defendant wrote saying that he left the car outside the Central Cafe while he was at the Rotary Club luncheon.

Edward Gallagher, of 80, Elmhurst-road, was fined £1 for a like offence. He also admitted leaving his car outside the Central Café while at the Rotary Club luncheon.

Frank Grannawav, of Theale, another Rotarian, was fined £1 for a like offence. He was further fined £2 for driving a motor-car and not being licensed for the purpose.

1933 ROTARY CONFERENCE. Maidenhead hosted the District Conference:

About 200 of the leading members of Rotary Clubs in the South of England were in attendance and greatly appreciated the arrangements made by the Maidenhead Rotary Club.

The Mayor, Mr EB Morris, himself a Rotarian, extended an official welcome, and the District Chairman JH Coales gave the opening address.

Mr WW Blair-Fish (organizing Secretary of the RIBI) spoke upon the ideals of "The Cities of the Future"; Mr Arthur Mortimer gave the "Golden Key" to the House of Friendship in a characteristic Yorkshire address; and Mr W Andrews (The International Director) gave an address on the Cult of Internationalism.

Lord Meston was the chief speaker at the evening banquet and offered a graceful tribute to Rotary International and the work that was being done in linking together a rather troubled world.

Thank you to Mike Holness for submitting this article—more to follow in future editions

9TH CHACHOKI EYE CAMP REPORT



The Camp is for one day when all that attend are screened for cataract surgery or needing prescription glasses. All those who are identified for cataract surgery are booked for operations that are carried out over the next 7 days.



Gurdip's son Rajpal, also a pharmacist, and his wife Gurpreet joined Gurdip and Sati at the Eye Camp in November.

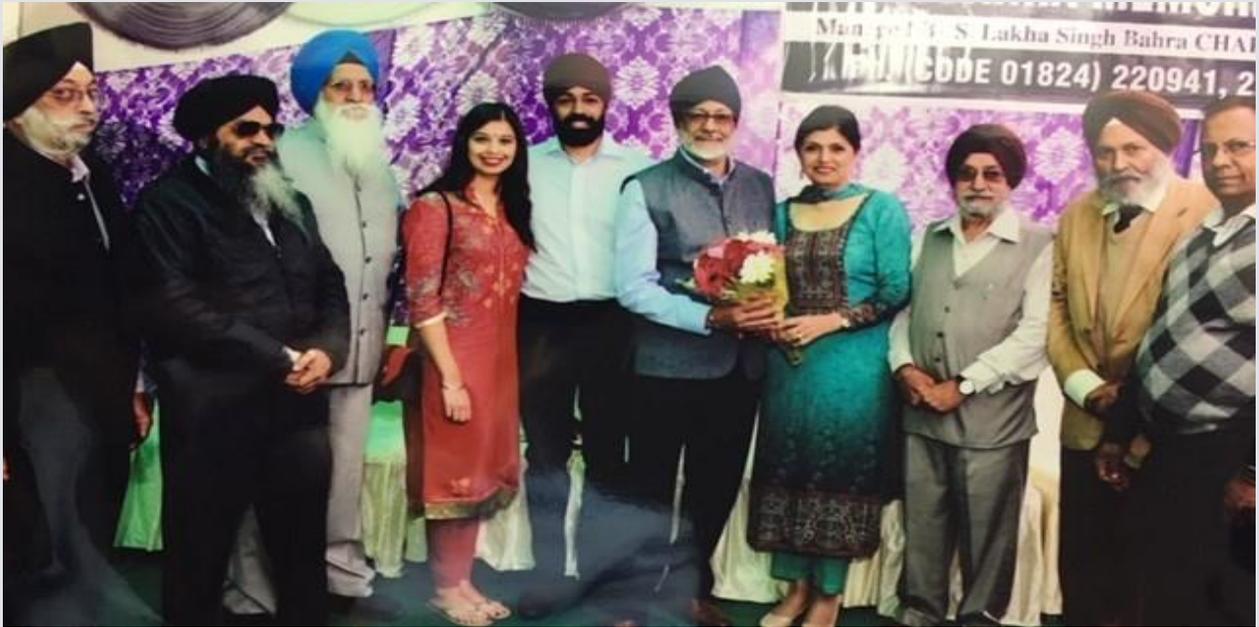
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Over 300 people attended and were screened and 92 Cataract operations were carried out.



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This year's Eye Camp was our Club Quadrilateral project and the Club contributed £2150. Gurdip's family added a similar amount raised at the Boundary Walk by the 'Makindu Dental project Team' which also won the trophy for the highest amount raised at the Boundary Walk.

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Rotary Club of Maidenhead, U.K

Sub: Free Eye Camp at S.P.S Bahra Memorial Hospital, Chachoki, Phagwara, Punjab on 17-11-2018 (Saturday)

We the trustees of S. Lakha Singh Bahra Charitable Trust, Chachoki, Phagwara are extremely thankful to the Rotary Club of Maidenhead, U.K for sponsoring the Free Eye Check - Up and Operation camp at our Hospital on 17-11-2018 (Saturday).

We are very grateful to the Rotary Club of Maidenhead for their magnanimous gesture. We are hopeful that you will support us in future camps. We were honored to have Mr. Gurdip Bahra and Mrs. Satwinder Bahra amongst us and will welcome any other member who wishes to participate.

With best Regards,
(Signature)
(Sarup Singh Bansal)
Secretary



THE ANONYMOUS JOKER

With Christmas over, its time to think about New Year's resolutions and perhaps consider a 'Dry January' this year. The anonymous joker has been thinking about the excesses of alcohol this month...

I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving.

This might save you the cost and embarrassment of being arrested for "Driving Under the Influence". As you know, people have been known to have unexpected brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends.

Well, this year, it happened to me. I was out for the evening to a party and had more than several margaritas coupled with a bottle of rather nice red wine. It was held at a great Mexican restaurant. Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit.

That's when I did something I've never done before...I took a taxi home. On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident.

These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi. The real surprise to me was I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it.

If you want it, please give me a call.

"Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed.

Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I did not drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true, than be selfish and worry about my liver.

Babe Ruth

"When we drink, we get drunk.
When we get drunk, we fall asleep.
When we fall asleep, we commit no sin
When we commit no sin, we go to heaven.
So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven".

George Bernard Shaw

"24 hours in a day and
24 beers in a case.
Coincidence?
I think not".

H. L. Mencken

My doctor told me, now that I'm getting older, I need to install a bar in my shower. What do y'all think?



"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading".

Paul Horning

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer.

Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, But the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza".

Dave Barry

Remember "I" before "E," except in Budweiser.

Professor Irwin Corey

ROTARY PAST



Two great group shots provided by John Miles– Griffiths for this month. How many members can you name?



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DUTY STEWARDS

January

7 (Lunch)	Eddie Robinson	Malcolm Falconer
8 Rotaract Meeting	Sean Egan	
11 12th Night social (but on the 11th!)		
14 (Lunch)	Rosario Sardo	John Grail
21 (Lunch)	Maria Scavetta	Tony Hill
28 (Evening) Rotary Scholars	Mike Holness	

February

4 (Lunch)	Peter Silverthorne	Cliff Hillman
5 Rotaract Meeting	Mike Holness	
11 (Lunch)	Mary Spinks	Jim Howles
18 (Lunch)	Tony Thakor	John Hudson
22 Wine Quiz at Maidenhead Rugby Club		
25 (Evening)	Mike Holness	

March

1 Maidenhead's Got Talent		
4 (Lunch)	Ian Thomas	Peter Hughes
5 Rotaract Meeting	Eddie Robinson	
11 (Lunch)	Barry Thorne	Pat Lattimer
18 (Lunch)	Ron Walker	Tony Lodge
25 (Evening)	Mike Holness	

April

1 (Lunch)	Dai Waters	Howard McBrien
2 Rotaract Meeting	Graham Brunsden	
8 (Lunch)	Lindsey Allen-Urwin	Paul Mapletoft
15 (Lunch)	Gurdip Bahra	David Matkin
22 (No meeting)		
29 (Lunch)	Amar Bhogal	John Miles Griffiths

ROTARIAN STEWARDS—PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE BY 12.15 HRS FOR LUNCH MEETINGS

If for any reason you are unable to carry out your duties It is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement Rotarian for your role and advise the secretary accordingly.