



The Maidonian December 2018



Misbourne Matins Rotary Club have reported a very successful Rotary BBC Children in Need collection at Heathrow Airport on the 16th November 2018. Club members, Peter Silverthorne, Peter Graham and Janet Perry were there to help Pudsey. The final total is not yet available but estimated at more than £25,000



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President's Report & Club News

As I have been away on holiday from the 1st to the 22nd November this will be a fairly short report.

At the lunch meeting on the 29th October the club had a presentation from the Membership working group on improving both the induction process and mentoring for new members after induction. Under Sean's chairmanship the group have produced an introductory pack which was very well received and a few minor tweaks were suggested. The revised Introductory pack will be presented at the next Club Council meeting and then for ratification by club members.

On the 30th October I along with Frank, Pat, Peter and Mary attended the Meet the Scholars dinner at the Oxford Spires Hotel. Our District hosts International Rotary scholars every year and this year there were 22 scholars from around the world. They were a very impressive group and each gave a short introduction about themselves and their achievements to date and future ambitions/plans.

We will be having 2 of the peace scholars to give a talk at our annual joint meeting of Maidenhead clubs in January 2019. I would like to thank Frank for driving everyone to the meeting it was much appreciated.

Julia Foulds was inducted as a member of the club on Monday 5th November and I would like to extend a warm welcome to her.

I must also congratulate Pat Latimer and all those on her committee for their hard work and commitment in putting on the first Tech Tournament organised by the club. The write up in the Advertiser was very positive.

Anne Matkin

The photo left shows Anne's presentation to Gurdip at the November evening meeting for his team's success in this year's Boundary Walk.



Rotary Club of Langley & Iver Moonraker 2018

Congratulations also to club member Eddie Piekut who represented the club (one of 5 teams from Maidenhead Rotary Clubs) in Moonraker 2018 .

Eddie's Team 'Quickstep' won the competition against a field of 20 teams with an impressive 72 points, a 5 point lead ahead of Maidenhead Bridge who came joint second. Maidenhead Rotaract came fourth.

The 35th Moonraker event is an annual night walk challenge. Walkers have to find their way around a 10 mile course using a map and answering questions.

The event traditionally takes place in March/April each year. However this year due extreme adverse weather conditions the event was cancelled at short notice in March and held in November.

Moonraker offers an opportunity for youth and community groups, clubs, schools, charities, businesses, families and friends to raise money for their favourite charity and Rotary charities.

The event also encourages team building and a chance to develop leadership skills.

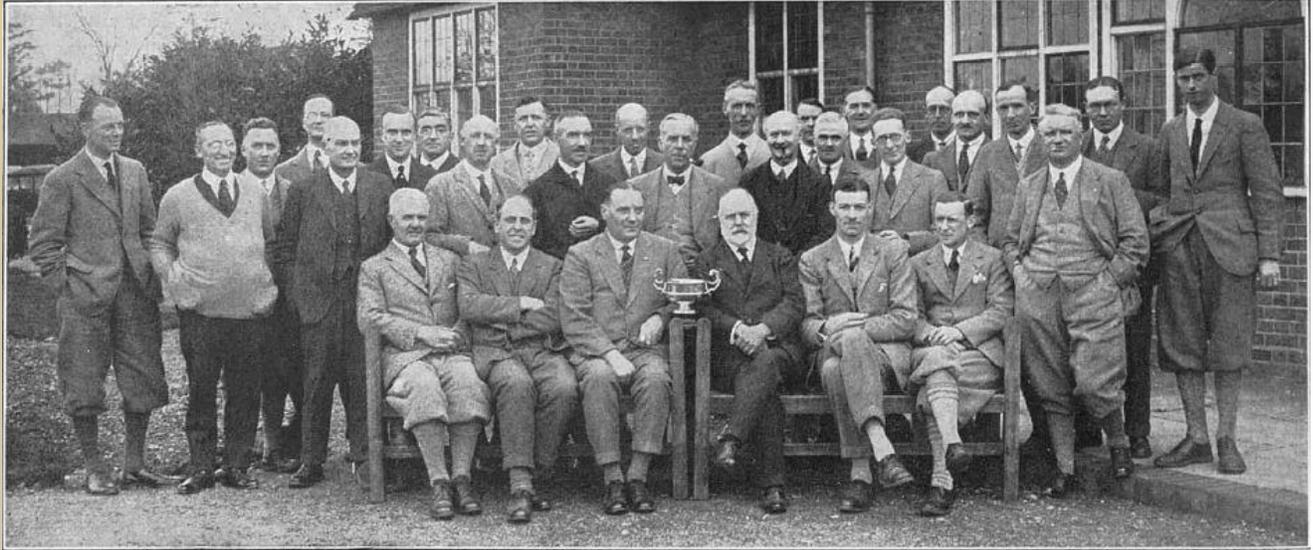


FROM THE ARCHIVES 1926 - 1933 - CONTRIBUTOR MIKE HOL-

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.

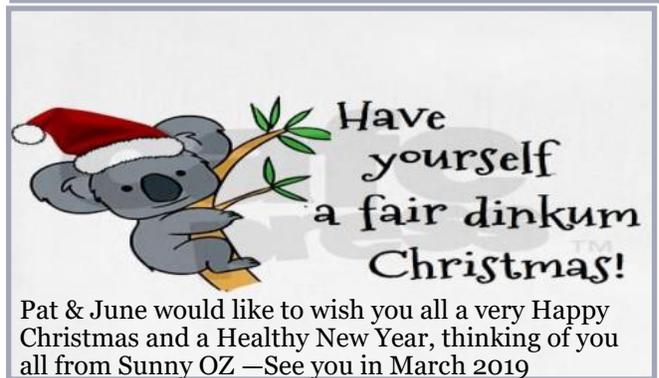
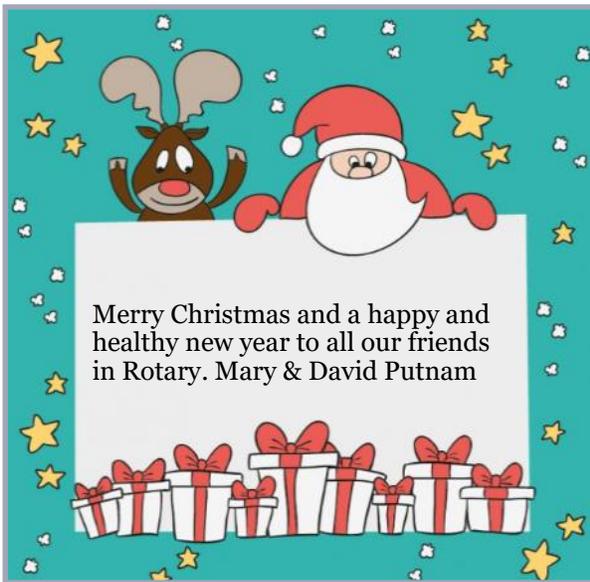
The Mayor, Mr EB Morris, himself a Rotarian, extended an official welcome, and the District Chairman JH Coales gave the opening address.

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

ROTARY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



DISTRICT & NATIONAL NEWS



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7th November 2018

Dear Fellow Service Club Member

Thames Valley Service Clubs Annual Dinner 26th March 2019

I know this is early notice, but I would like you to put the Service Clubs Dinner into your calendar and advise your member with time

Each year our Rotary Club organises a dinner for the Thames Valley Service Clubs. I am organising this event in 2019. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 26th March 2019

Venue: The Holiday Inn, Wharfedale Rd, Winnersh Triangle, Reading RG41 5TS

Time: Approx. 7:30 PM – exact time to be confirmed

Speaker: Reading East MP, Matt Rodda, has agreed to be our speaker that evening

Cost: Provisionally £19.50 per person for 2 course meal followed by coffee or tea

I am circulating this letter based on the list of names and addresses used last year, with a few known changes. If I am sending to the wrong person, please pass on the message to the appropriate member of your club.

If your Club has not been to one of these events for a while, please consider attending in 2019. This dinner provides any ideal opportunity for your members to hear a high profile, very experienced and entertaining speaker. Together with that this event gives those attending an opportunity to meet other fundraisers in the locality and exchange ideas.

I WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THIS LETTER SO THAT I KNOW I AM GETTING TO THE RIGHT PERSON. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD RESPOND BY EMAIL

I look forward to hearing from you

Best Regards

John Turney – Organiser

Please let other club members know at one of the usual meetings if you wish to go to this event so that others might consider joining you?

THE ANONYMOUS JOKER

I asked the Anonymous joker for jokes about Christmas this month and he sent these??? Love the Chimpanzees which made me laugh out loud!

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough."

'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her."

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.

"Like hell they're getting divorced" she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father

"You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife.

'Sorted. They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes and pots and pans with hot water, under his wife's supervision.



**I got called 'pretty' today!
Well actually the full statement was 'you're pretty annoying'
But I only focus on positive things**

ROTARY PAST



Do you have any old photos of past Rotary events to share in future magazines? If so, don't keep them to yourself. Please email copies to Janet Perry with details of what the event was and when it took place.



Thank you for all of the contributors this month. More than I can fit on this page so watch out for the January issue if your photos aren't here.

The colour of the leaves are a give away for the time of year, but when and where did this club walk take place?

And what about this glamorous bunch above? And man with the wheelbarrow?

(Answers below)

Answer: November 2006 club walk at Burnham Beeches, Bonn Quad 1984 and 1980, a clean up of York Stream.

COMMITTEES, MEETING DATES & EVENTS

Council	Club Service	Community	Fundraising & Social
Anne Matkin (Chair)	Sean Egan (Chair)	Jim Howles (Chair)	Tony Lodge (Chair)
Sean Egan	Mike Holness	Amar Bhogal	Sean Egan
Jim Howles	Pete Hughes	Tony Hill	Lindsay Allen-Urwin
Frank Knowles	Frank Knowles	Cliff Hillman	David Cager
Pat Lattimer	Ron Walker	Pat Moore	Peter Graham
Yash Maudgil	John Grail	Eddie Piekut	Janet Perry
		Tony Thakor	Maria Scavetta
			Mary Spinks
26 or 27 November 2018 TBC	13th December 6.00pm Hale & Co	2nd Monday of each month at The Holiday Inn	15th November at 7.00pm Tony Lodge's
Foundation	International	Public Image	Youth
David Matkin (Chair)	David Matkin (Chair)	John Grail (Chair)	Pat Lattimer (Chair)
Geoff Blacker	Gurdip Bahra	Frank Knowles	Brian Aldridge
Tony Lodge	Graham Brunsdan	Cathie Lodge	Eddie Clarke
Howard McBrien	John Hudson	Janet Perry	Eddie Robinson
Rosario Sardo	John Miles Griffiths		Mary Spinks
Barry Thorne	Peter Silverthorne		Brian Wall
	Dai Waters		Harry Patel
TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Please let Janet Perry know of your meeting dates and venues to keep this information up to date for all members

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

16 Dec Lindsey Allem

16 Dec John Grail

INDUCTION

ANNIVERSARIES

Howard McBrien (34 years)

Maria Scavetta (7 years)

Eddie Piekut (1 years)

Geoff Blacker (38 years)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DUTY STEWARDS

December

3 (Lunch) Special General Meeting	John Miles Griffiths	David Cager
4 Rotaract Meeting	Tony Lodge	
10 (Lunch) Seniors Christmas Lunch	Pat Moore	Eddie Clarke
17 (Evening) Christmas meeting with Salvation Army carols	Mike Holness	
21 & 22 Christmas Collection Italian Continental Store	Fundraising & Social Committee	
24 No meeting (Christmas Eve)		
31 No meeting (New Years Eve)		

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	

Please notify any changes to Janet Perry to keep this information up to date

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.