



The Year Ahead – New President speaks

Listen and member participation are the watchwords for the New Rotary Year.



For my part as Club President I need to listen, I need to keep you informed, I need your feedback and your ideas but in return I want your participation. In that way we will have a club that works in the way we all want. Look at me and say nothing and I am off to the pub!

The Committees are working up their plans for the year building upon the successes of previous years and taking forward new ideas.

Membership however is key and whilst we have a fantastic record in retaining members we do need to recruit.

Why? Well for me this is best illustrated by the festival. A number of you argue that the festival has run its course and that it is now difficult to cajole members into action, for example in selling duck tickets. I don't agree. In my view the problem is one of recruitment. We need more members to spread the load. In my experience when selling duck tickets local people chat enthusiastically about their experiences when attending past festivals and say they are planning to attend the next one. When public attendance starts dropping then we shall know that the festival has run its course. So let's get some help and recruit.

Above all we must have fun otherwise the club loses its purpose. We have a great programme of speakers lined up and Club Services are working on a fantastic social programme. As American waitresses like to say – 'Enjoy'.

John Oram

President 2016/17

New Rules discussed by District Council

At the District Council meeting held at Romsey on 25th June a discussion took place on the new rules introduced from 1st July 2016 by the Rotary Council of Legislation. Words such as choice, flexible, supersede and may are used so that clubs may now write their own rules to meet their individual requirements. Frequency of meetings, attendance criteria and membership status are all now a matter for individual clubs subject to the one proviso that R I will only recognise those who pay their dues.

The criteria for membership is that individuals should demonstrate good character, integrity and leadership. Be of good reputation in business, profession or community and willing to serve the community and / or around the World. Members must live and work locally.

Don't ask what locally means – that is a matter for clubs to decide. Do you get the spirit of this?

These rules were discussed at the last Club Council meeting and it was agreed that new rules would be drafted by the Club Compliance Officer, Iain Kidson for your consideration.

J O

Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of the Bulletin. This document is our opportunity to communicate with each other, taking on the Presidents theme of Listening and Feedback. I can only help with this when you provide me with something to say, so please do email me with your articles, be they views, observations, jokes, interests, suggestions, or responses to articles.



The Presidents' handover event went smoothly on Tuesday 5th July, clearly from this picture the Past president Jo is relieved and new President John is proud of his new job. Our thanks are extended to Jo for his year in office and we are pleased to welcome John as our new leader.

Finally, I have just returned from holiday in Devon, a bit damp but not dampened in spirit on seeing what can be achieved by Rotary. St Nicholas Chapel in Ilfracombe is a case in point where it has been restored and managed by the local club, and is now open to the public with an 'in your face' Rotary presence. Maybe we ought to shout about our achievements in our town, with its many visitors in the summer.

P H



Kids Out – 8th June 2016

For the first time 'Rotary Kids Out' was held at two venues, Poultons Park and Marwell Zoo. Fourteen Rotarians and guest helpers formed two teams led by organiser Richard Westlake and Team Leader Martin Calver. In temperatures of 24 degrees members chaperoned small groups of children, from Exeter House School Salisbury, and their carers. Those visiting the zoo were physically less able with most being pushed around the park in wheelchairs but that did not detract from their enjoyment. In the theatrical world it is often said that you should not work with children and animals. However put the two together and the outcome is truly magical. The children's smiley farewells showed just what a fantastic day they had.



Children from Exeter House learning about penguins at Marwell Zoo

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