



CHICHELE CHAT

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locally, nationally and
internationally**

**WHAT'S ON THIS
MONTH?**

16th July Charlotte Kemp

23th July AT PIZZERIA

*Introduction
to Facebook
Training*

30th July Julie from
Crème Brewlait -
some cake making!

5th August
Classic Car Show

6th August
DG Visit - Tim Tucker

13th August *Cider Farm
Visit*

20th August
Committees Meeting

27th August No Meeting -
Bank Holiday

NB SEPTEMBER 17th

**"THESE YOU HAVE LOVED" -
an evening of members' best
loved and remembered
quotes, readings and
anecdotes.**

**Tell David Wilson if you have
something you would like to
read or have him read for
you.**

**NB DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD
DIRECTORIES
THOUGHTFULLY!**

**THANK YOU
PRESIDENT
ALLISON FOR A
JOB WELL DONE.**

**Thanks for all your
effort, time and
dedication to Rotary
and to our Club. We
really appreciate all you
have done for us.**

Eighteen months ago our club was wondering how we would manage without a President or President Elect. Then you stepped in (with both feet!) after only being with us a short time and said "OK, I'll do it"

Even though you had business and family commitments in South Africa, you took us on and showed the determination we have become all too used to from The Springboks. Not only that, you introduced some new ways of doing things which made us a more focussed and relaxed club.

The Club was pleased to support your project to work with your former club in Drakenstein tp provide a poor neighbourhood school with playground equipment and day beds for the children. And through your suggestion we also supported Eczema Research and the Irthlingborough Food Bank.

All in all we've had an excellent year! Thank you!



HANDOVER -ELIZABETH ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE.

Did she know what she was letting herself in for? Probably not, completely. Was she prepared to give it a go? Definitely! Will she see the year through while still finding time for her business commitments? Of course she will - provided we all lend our support and take on the mundane tasks of a President's duties.

Elizabeth brings a breath of fresh, modern air to our club. She has brought with her few of the trappings of the old Rotary World but appreciates fully what Rotary values are and she is prepared to work hard and give her time to Rotary Service. We shall need to volunteer as much help as we can and realise that she is a young woman making her own way in the modern business world.



The Handover occasion was punctuated with moments of laughter as our two lady officers set about exchanging regalia and gongs. But once the merriment was over New President Elizabeth set about explaining her plans for the coming year including the new proposal for a two 'Committee' set up - 'Service' and 'Projects' - involving everyone in the Club. Graham Martin, ADG for Area 8, representing our DG thought this would be a useful way forward and wished the Club success as Elizabeth's year begins.



Before retiring into the shadowy existence of a Past President, Allison made two special presentations - to Mick Hill and David Wilson - in recognition of the help, advice and special support a New President in a new club needs in a way that always included good humour.

Mick accepted gratefully and David would have done but was absent, reported injured!

Well done chaps!

ALLISON MADE ONE OTHER PRESENTATION BEFORE SHE RETIRED FROM OFFICE.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS were awarded to three of our hardest working Rotarians; Judy Webb, Roy Murphy and John Hustwait. Before she joined Rushden Chichele, Judy had been a member of the Rushden Higham Club which unfortunately had to return its Charter. Judy had been a hard working member of that club and in particular had set up FUNFEST! From the beginning this involved getting partners on board and arranging and organising the event. Her personal input to the event was outstanding and she was grateful when Chichele wanted to work with her to continue with the It's a KnockOut madness of the event and to raise funds for Cynthia Spencer Hospice and local charities. Judy's award was very well deserved and is a great example of Rotary Service. Well done and thank you Judy!

Some years ago Roy Murphy, who is a very keen Classic Car buff, suggested we might hold a Classic Car Show to raise £600 to support Samuel Maina through secondary school in Kenya. His name had come to us through the Langalanga Foundation of which David Kendrick was and is a supporter. Roy worked hard to make the event successful and along the way involved John Hustwait to see if stall-holders might be interested in joining in. They were. All our Club Members got involved, John Sturgess on the business contacts front and other specialist members who knew how to wield a lump hammer, put up fences and pick up litter and dog dirt!

So, the first Classic Car Show was a great success, thanks to hard work and good weather and raised £3,000 much more than our target. Since then, thanks to superb organisation and fine weather the event has acquired an enviable reputation and now raises £6,000+ each year.

But Roy and John have contributed to our Club and to Rotary in other ways too. Both have been long-standing chairmen of International and Vocational projects. In recent years both committees have found that the work has made larger demands on time, effort and commitment than ever before (just think of the organisation behind our Mock Interviews in local schools and overseas projects for starters!).



Roy and Judy thanked the Club for the Honour they had received

So Council reviewed the commitment of these two men to the Car Show and to regular Rotary Service and had no hesitation to recommending to members that they should receive Paul Harris Fellowships.

Thank you Judy, Roy and John for your exemplary service to Local and international good causes. Events like the FunFest and Car Show make it possible for us to support cancer charities, bright young Africans and a host of other deserving individuals and groups. Well done!

John was dumb-struck and had to eat an extra pudding



WELCOME BACK TO ROTARY JOHN HOLDOM-EYLES

Pressure of work forced John to give up his Rotary membership some years ago but he always intended to re-join us when he retired.

True to his word, John is back with us and ready to share his encyclopaedic knowledge of railways with anyone prepared to listen. The last time we met up with John was at Northampton station in 2012 when he gave the club a First Class (literally)

outing to Midland Mainline control centre at Rugby. More recently he acted as Project manager for the revamp of Birmingham New Street. Now he has retired he does consultancy work which can include being part of a team investigating deaths on the railways.



John is obviously a keen supporter of the Rushden Station Project but what we shall all remember more than anything else is his perpetual smile and good humour - which he needed to make full use of when he was very recently diagnosed with painful kidney stones. We hope it doesn't reflect on the water we drink at Rotary Meetings!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Charlotte Kemp, an A level student at The Ferrers School, visited the Club on Tuesday 16th July to tell us about her self-funded trip to Uganda. She raised the £1000 cost in a whole variety of ways including writing to us for a donation in return for an illustrated talk about her experiences. Charlotte was true to her word and gave us an excellent presentation full of excellent photographs, which explained her reasons for taking up the last place on the expedition, what she had learned from her experiences and how the trip would enhance her own life and future.



Charlotte's expedition was to the International Youth Jinja Conference during which students meet other young people from across the world including Uganda. They discussed and explained the differences between the cultures they came from and compared them with life in Uganda.

As part of the experience the students visited the Handa Falls, went on a trip on the Nile, saw village life and met Israil (whom we remembered from a previous talk and for whom we had tried in vain to provide four cows).

Charlotte's account was thoughtfully prepared and confidently delivered using modern technology to our advantage. Well done and thank you Charlotte. We wish you every success in your future which will surely benefit from your Uganda Experience.



THE FASTNET OCEAN RACE

Chris Evans has been a keen sailor for as long as he can remember and in 2017 he achieved his ambition of taking part in the Fastnet Ocean Race. His wife was hesitant (to say the least) and feared for his safety more than once. But he came through with flying colours, a wealth of experience and memories that will last for a lifetime. It was those memories that he shared with the Club.

Chris began sailing at Thrapston, went on to the Little Britain Regatta, thence to the Solent races, and on to the Greek islands but it was the Fastnet Race that really stirred his spirit and when the opportunity came he accepted with every fibre of his being.

Chris is clearly highly competitive, and specially eager to take the helm. He told us about the many hair raising moments he had experienced - not the least of which was when his yacht took on great volumes of water while crossing a stormy Bay Of Biscay.

His account of the Fastnet race was an eye-opener for us landlubbers and even for our intrepid sailing fraternity who brave the Solent for a pork pie and pino noir every so often. Racing at night under the stars sounded exciting and awe-inspiring but when the wind gets up it sounded like a nightmare and highly dangerous.

Chris was at pains to point out that this race is like nothing else and is truly dangerous even for the very brave as evidenced by the fatalities that have happened.

The safety training and procedures that every participant must go through these days make the Race as safe as it can be and the use of all the modern scientific supports must give the participants and their families some comfort.

The result of Chris's Race had no fairy-tale ending because the crew of 12 came 234th out of 312 largely because of various detours that cost many hours if not days, delays that caused his wife at home to exclaim "where the hell have you been?" - or words to that effect.

That was some talk Chris! an eye-opener that left us with nothing but admiration for your courage and passion.

YOUTH SPEAKS

We've had a few problems recently with Youth Speaks but the success of this year's competition proved that we were right to continue to support it.

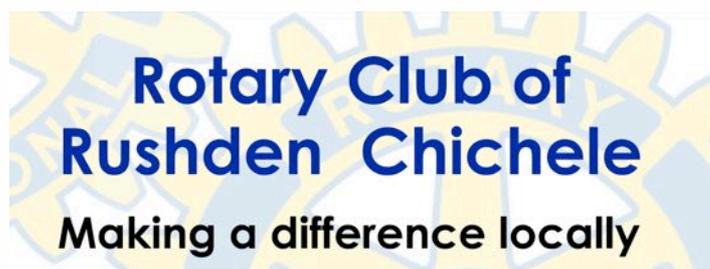
Youth Speaks is a National Public Speaking Competition organised by Rotary. Our three local schools - Rushden Academy, Ferrers School and Huxlow Science College - entered teams on July 9th.

The competition involves teams of three students: one acts as a Chair person, one gives a speech on a topic of their own choice and the third team member proposes a vote of thanks to the speaker. So it's rather like a meeting of a club or society entertaining a visiting speaker.

This year the standard of performance from all three schools was very high indeed and presented difficulties for the judges who rewarded both the content of the speeches and the quality of delivery.

In the end it was The Ferrers School that won first place and the trophy was presented by our President Elect Colin Mason who praised the team for the confidence of their presentation and for the thought-provoking content of the main speech which was "Social Evolution". The speaker, Oliver Mansfield-Ford demonstrated how the human race had, over the years, passed from being concerned only with the necessities of life to wanting luxuries, and he saw a future which was nothing short of absurd! For, Rushden Academy Emma Murray spoke on "Feminism" and Huxlow Science College's Alfie Aldridge warned us about "The Dangers of Suncream".

It was an enjoyable and informative afternoon and Rushden Chichele rewarded the winners with a trophy and cheques for £20 each.



FUNFEST 2018

"The sun shone once again on Rushden and Higham Rugby Club where the 5th Annual **FUNFEST** was held on Sunday, 15th May. Judy Webb, Stewart Wiles, David Kendrick and their team of helpers made a brilliant job of finding sponsors, teams and supporters, so success was assured. The event is a combined effort by our club, Rushden Round Table and the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the proceeds are split three ways. The competition events are professionally organised with due emphasis being given to Health and Safety but the whole point is Fun and Laughter and we had that in abundance.



14 teams battled it out for the coveted FunFest Trophy while the amusement area and the stalls did good business too. There was plenty to see, plenty to do and your team to support. But at the end of the day it was Stephens Haulage from Hitchin that won. They had battled through foam, sweated their finely tuned muscles as they raced their caterpillar tracks across the course and jumped their way to the finishing post in a 4-person sack race! Junior School Sports Days were never so much fun as this. It was the second time Stephens Haulage had won and they'll be back next year so watch this space!

It had taken an immense effort, months of planning and total commitment but as the crowds meandered homeward Judy and the Team knew they had accomplished something special for local charities: the day had raised more than £6,000 and everyone taking part had enjoyed a cracking afternoon playing silly beggars in TellyTubby costumes.

SERVE WINS TOP AWARD

Pictured right Jess Slater, General Manager of SERVE, Philippa Charles, Director of the Garfield Weston Foundation, and Alan Armson, Chairman of SERVE.

SERVE has recently felt the full impact of 'Austerity'. This excellent charity has been supported by Rushden Chichele for many years because we not only wish to support local elderly people with disabilities but also because we respect **SERVE'S** total professionalism. They have had to restructure their services in recent years without compromising their commitment to those in need and Chichele Rotarian Alan Armson has led **SERVE** at this difficult time. We in Rushden Chichele know only too well how much effort his dedication to the charity has involved.



.So it is particularly pleasing to us to learn that SERVE was recognised by The Weston Charity Awards on 12th June 2018. The Awards were created by the Garfield Weston Foundation to celebrate and support great front-line charities working in the fields of Youth, Welfare and Community.

The Awards help charities to plan for sustainability, development and growth through a year-long programme. Award holders finish the process stronger, more effective and fit for the future.

SERVE received the certificate and £6,500.00 for their contribution to welfare and the community. Jess Slater, the General Manager said, "we are absolutely over the moon to receive this recognition for all the hard work our team and volunteers contribute to our services. The support we will receive during the programme will help us become more sustainable and will enable us to keep making a difference to elderly people in Northamptonshire".

Rushden Chichele Rotary Club adds its own congratulations to SERVE and to Alan; and hopes to be able to continue to support their community service.



KIDS OUT! 13th June 2018

We had a very successful day again this year when we took nine members of The Gateway Club and their three helpers to Wicksteed Park for the day.

We fed and watered them with ham & tomato and cheese & tomato rolls, bags of crisps, chocolate bars, apples and bananas and a bottle of water.

SERVE was kind enough to loan us their minibus which Alan Armson drove.

This year District 1070 appealed for extra help with parking cars and coaches and our "good old boys" Alan Mossop, John Hustwait & Geoff

Dine all agreed to help with that and did an excellent job.

Would you believe two members of our Mother Club came without food for themselves - so on behalf of our club we fed them as well!

John Houghton

RUSHDEN CHICHELE GOLF DAY 2018

SERVE and **Rushden MIND** were the beneficiaries of this year's Golf Day at Rushden Golf Club, organised by Alan Armson and Bill Randles and their assistants.

To put this day into perspective and to give members an idea of its importance to our fund-raising efforts, the Chichele Golf Day, which lasts around 7 hours (not including preparation, organisation, collection of raffle prizes and badgering teams to take part) raises a similar amount to our Waitrose Raffle which involves a similar amount of dedicated preparatory work and organisation but over a longer day and a 7 day week.

14 teams took part in good weather - in fact very hot weather! and enjoyed coffee and rolls on arrival, a round of golf, prizes and an evening meal. The raffle was again a large contributor as were the donations of our hole sponsors. The Club is very grateful indeed to everyone who supported us - Rushden Golf Club, the players, our sponsors and club members who each did their bit to enable us to donate £1,000 each to Serve and Rushden MIND. Marian Hollomon and Jess Slater were present at the event to receive their cheques from New President Elizabeth.



THE OUTLAW TRIATHLON



Rushden Chichele has a former Rotarian (currently a valued 'Friend of Rotary') who is a fitness fanatic, long term Triathlon performer and achiever and generally good egg - Julian Swales. He wondered if members would support him to take part in the Outlaw Triathlon in Nottingham on 29th July? Of course we would! Julian and his family were, and still are, good supporters of Rotary and well remembered for the success they made of our Alan Matthias Memorial Quiz for The Rotary Foundation.

The Club responded to members' £95 personal donations by rounding them up to £250. Julian was absolutely delighted by our response.

NB. Those who have conquered the Outlaw Triathlon are remembered in local folklore for having outwitted the Sheriff by completing a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. As long as you can cover the distance in 17 hours or less, you will become an Outlaw. Six men have completed it every year since the Outlaw was launched in 2010.

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS...here's a better idea...buy your End Polio Now Christmas Card 2018 early for Christmas from The Rotary Club of Lindum Lincoln.

If you still send Christmas Cards, here's a Rotary thought... Following the success of their 2016 and 2017 Christmas cards, the Christmas card for 2018 features a new cover design.

Last year, cards were sold in packs of 10 for £4.25 including post and packaging. All profits went to The Rotary Foundation UK, and **each purchasing club's End Polio Now record was credited with a massive £2.48 for each pack of cards purchased, an amazing 58% of the purchase price. With the uplift from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that grows to £7.44** so a club buying 50 packs received a credit to their PolioPlus giving of £124.00.

The 2018 design is once again donated by local artist Mary Perridge, a member of The Inner Wheel Club of Bailgate Lincoln. The back page of the cards explains Rotary's long-term project to eradicate Polio since 1985, as well as a membership marketing message about Rotary, Rotarians volunteering service, fun, fellowship, and how to join.

Lindum's International Chairman, PDG Simon Kalson is hoping to increase last year's success by keeping the £4.25 price of a pack of cards the same as last year but improving sales. Last year's feedback from customers was very positive so you can buy with confidence that you will have quality cards that give the Rotary message and support the Polio success story.

Rotarians do the packing, thereby saving 18% of production costs. Clubs can easily add their own message on the inside cover and the back page contains the logos of the Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now.

John Walker will take your order anytime before October 27th

SICK NOTES

Irene Hawkins has moved into a care home and Eddie reports that she seemed rather better but still a little confused and frail.

Carol is improving slowly.

To all Club Rotarians and Honorary Members who are less well than they would like to be, we send our best wishes. And do remember that a phone call or visit is always appreciated.

DRESS CODE

In these long, hot lazy days of summer, some members with decent-looking knees have asked if they might wear shorts to meetings. President Elizabeth was only too pleased to agree - she likes to see men in shorts (husband Bill wears nothing but!) but has asked Bill if he would make sure his shorts are long ones and that his shirt is wide enough to allow for expansion.

THE PROBLEMS WITH POLIO ERADICATION (from The Daily Telegraph)

Pakistani parents keen to have their children immunised against Polio are being thwarted by FAKE NEWS BEING SPREAD ON WHATSAPP. 250,000 Polio Eradication workers are ready and willing to provide the life-giving vaccine and tens of thousands of police are ready to swing into action to provide the necessary support only to be turned away by parents believing the fake news. And this is the situation every month as workers begin their five-day vaccination drive.

Things are never straight-forward in Pakistan - ask Imran Khan their cricketing hero! This time the problem is the country's struggle with social media that has disrupted the Polio Eradication Programme. If the programme is successful it will be only the second disease in human history to have been wiped out – the first was smallpox, which was declared eradicated in 1980, three years after the final recorded case.

But such is the power of social media that a fake video claiming that polio drops killed 16 children in March led to a spike of parents refusing the jab.

"Cell phones are so cheap now and they all use Facebook, WhatsApp and so on. People can sit at home, make their own video, and put it out and it goes viral," explained Zakir Khan, a 29-year-old communications official working on the campaign in the Mustafabad neighbourhood.

"People would show us videos as soon as we enter the house and say 'because of your vaccines, 16 people have died. Why are you coming?' "

May's campaign saw the number of refusals in Karachi double to 70,000, with the fake video to blame. The damage was done by a simple phone clip shot in Nawabshah. The city had just seen three children die after a string of alleged medical blunders by a health worker trying to give them a measles vaccine. But the man filming the mourning crowds instead blamed polio and said 16 children had died. Within days the clip had spread faster than any disease.

"We tried to tell people that whatever social media says, it is not necessarily true," said Seema Adel, a 21-year-old supervisor who with 42 colleagues is trying to vaccinate 8,900 children in Hijrat colony. "We had some serious refusals in my areas because of that video. Around 45 kids were refused because of that film."

But days and sometimes weeks of patient persuasion eventually changes the minds of many and early signs suggest that the harmful video had begun to lose some of its power. (Meanwhile Indian authorities had to ask WhatsApp to take down fake reports that had set off a spate of village lynchings.) It's a global problem.

The Polio virus is now endemic only in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria and those countries have only reported 11 cases this year.



LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT OURSELVES

At the meeting on June 18th we had a very useful discussion and analysis (with Dick Parsley and Geoff Blurton) of what our club was good at, not so good at and ‘could consider improving/changing/doing less of’. There were 19 questionnaires returned but only 13 members present. This was a pity because we did want to get the future working better for us all. However, Allison will analyse the returns and the club will then decide on a plan of action for the coming years. Membership is our chief concern as it is in our District, RIBI and RI.

NB. it was reported at a recent District Meeting that membership had remained stable this year but that perhaps we will lose 40 Rotarians come July. On the other hand the news from Rotaract was better with Jim Davies reporting the formation of new clubs and a target of 7 new clubs in the coming year.

RUSHDEN CHICHELE ROTARY CLUB 2018 - 2019

President Elizabeth has arranged the club into two broad groups. - SERVICE & FUNDRAISING - to simplify the organisation and arranging of club activities.

Allison is Chair-Rotarian of Service; Stewart is Chair-Rotarian of Fundraising

In these groups. Some members have been asked to take on specific responsibilities as follows:

SERVICE GROUP

PUBLICITY David Wilson
 VOCATIONAL John Hustwait
 SECRETARY Mick Hill
 TREASURER Trevor Newell
 MEMBERSHIP Colin Mason
 DISTRICT (ADG) Alan Armson
 ENVIRONMENT Geoff Dyne

ASSISTED BY... John Sturgess,
 Gordon Brooks, Eddie Spencer, Chris
 Henderson, Alan Mossop, David
 Rockley, Arthur Hollomon

FUNDRAISING GROUP

CAR SHOW Roy Murphy
 FUNFEST Judy Webb, David
 Kendrick
 FOUNDATION John Walker

ASSISTED BY... Bill Randles, John
 Houghton, Derek Harber, Richard Abington,
 Mike Cross, Barry Nutter, Miranda Barley

The CHAIR-ROTARIANS will ask members in their group to take on tasks as they arise. (NB the Club will not expect Chair-Rotarians to do all the organising and to accept all the responsibilities). We all have responsibilities as Club Member Rotarians to assist as much as we are able. Sometimes this will involve “going the extra mile” as this is what Rotarians do.

Some of the Club’s larger events and projects will involve the whole club - The Car Show and FunFest for example. All members will be asked to support ..

Attendance at Committee Meetings is very important because this is when events are organised and decisions taken. You need to be there to have your say!



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RUSHDEN CHICHELE

Meets at KNUSTON HALL, Irchester, NN29 7EU

On Monday Evenings at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Apologies to Barry Nutter by 10am

PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Wright

SECRETARY: Mick Hill 01933 317849

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SERVICE BEFORE SELF

A NOTE FROM SAMUEL IN KENYA

How are you Kendrick? It has been a while since I last wrote to you directly.

I have changed my course to Accounting which I am to do at Strathmore University. I am joining the institution on 3 July this year which is to mean I have one month left.

The course at Egerton University deemed to be very young in the institution.

Furthermore the course is not done in the main Campus. That is the reason I decided to change the course and was successful.

On a personal account am doing fine and still teaching Kendrick.

Pass my greetings to all other members of the Rushden Chichele Rotary Club. I do thank all the members and you as their main correspondence for the far that I have come.

Also pass my greetings to the extinguished members of your family, your son, the actress and your wife Carol. It is my hope that she is well and doing good.

Looking forward to your reply .

kindest regard,
Maina Samwel NioꝒu.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY & AUGUST

- **22nd July** Judy Webb
- **25th July** Josie Murphy
- **6th August** John Walker
- **13th August** Arthur Hollomon
& Richard Abington
- **16th August** Sue Wiles
- **19th August** Naureen Nutter

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