



# District Governor's Newsletter

## *Humanity in Motion*

Please circulate to all members  
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### DG's Findings

*A Very Happy,  
Healthy, Prosperous New Year to you all!*

I hope everyone had a happy, peaceful and restful family Christmas. From a Rotary point of view it has, of course, been a busy time. Christmas can rattlings, Santa floats, Food collections and Christmas parties for our senior citizens and of course the Pantomimes. The results from all these activities will bring relief to many and enjoyment to others especially our senior citizens and underprivileged youngsters. I am sure also, that you were thinking of those who were not quite so lucky over Christmas. We have had tornadoes and flooding that have caused so much damage here in the UK. The homeless have really suffered in such bad weather.

Overseas projects we have supported so generously will receive some relief, from the input of money, clothing, food and shelter that is contributed. It is impossible to help them all but let's try, constantly, to increase our aid and 'hands on' help, so that perhaps by next Christmas many will be in a position to celebrate their chosen festivity and celebrate as we will be doing.

### Hello! hello!

I had an 'arresting' moment at my New Year celebration dinner. I told the 'officer' not a drop had passed my lips - explaining I was on a weight reducing plan which did not include alcohol. Can any of you think of a better caption. A bottle of wine for the best one.

### Behind You!

Pantomime is a celebration for children "oh yes it is" and I visited the Milton Keynes theatre for the first Dress Rehearsal of Cinderella. Through the efforts of Frank Collins (Milton Keynes Club) and colleagues, many children were transported to the theatre to see the show and had a wonderful time. I went to thank all the contributors and the theatre staff for allowing a very special audience to see the show absolutely free.

### The Dash for the Post

We are now beginning the second half of our Rotary year and I am looking forward to the next six months during which many projects will reach fruition. My visits to clubs (37 so far) have outlined to me what a massive



amount has already been achieved by you all, so keep up the great work! Looking closely at a number of particular areas let me emphasise their importance:

**Foundation** needs your commitment and contributions. Please send your donations in to the Assistant Treasurer Phillipa Eccles. Remember that without your support of Rotary's own charity the money supplied for matching grants, GSE, Ambassadorial Scholars, DDF for local use, other educational projects and of course Polio Plus, will not be available in the sums we would wish to see.

The **preferred projects:** The **Wheelchair Foundation** is certainly a popular charity for support with most clubs. We have a target to fill one or two containers with wheelchairs to send out to Africa and other countries. I know the commitment is there. Please let Roy Lester, District International Chairman know what you are prepared to give. Meanwhile, **Impact**, Institute of Cancer Research and **Barnardo's** are being usefully supported.

### Conference in Torquay May 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>

Only 5 months to go before we hit the sunshine and holiday atmosphere of Torquay. The Conference

Committee is putting together a superb programme for your enjoyment. Registrations are beginning to arrive at a steady pace. We need to know that you are coming as early as possible, so can I please remind all of the club conference administrators to get the registration forms back to Leslie Robertson (District Conference Registrar). Please don't forget to register for the Dinner Dance. It is particularly important that we know numbers for this evening event.

### Membership

I am encouraged by the number of new members filtering through and welcome the following Rotarians notified in December:

Rtn. Michael Coulter

who has joined the Dunstable Club.

Rtn. Dr. Sam Muthueloe (known as Dr Sam)

who has joined the Bletchley Club

Rtn. John Knight

who has joined the Gt. Missenden Club

### DG's Diary for January

4<sup>th</sup> Conference Committee

8<sup>th</sup> Aylesbury Club visit

Treas's/Secretaries ½-year meeting, Tilsworth

9<sup>th</sup> Potters Bar Club visit

Strategy (succession) meeting

Tilsworth

11<sup>th</sup> Service Team meeting Tilsworth

14<sup>th</sup> Pre-PEPS Meeting Tilsworth

15<sup>th</sup> Launch of MK Swimathon Woburn Sands

17<sup>th</sup> District Quiz

18<sup>th</sup> District Executive Tilsworth

22<sup>nd</sup> Milton Keynes Club visit

23<sup>rd</sup> Rickmansworth Club visit

25<sup>th</sup> Dunstable Downs Club visit

26<sup>th</sup> Royal Marine Band St Albans Verulamium

29<sup>th</sup> Watford Clarendon Club visit

30<sup>th</sup> Hemel Hempstead Club visit

31<sup>st</sup> Com/Voc half year meeting at Tilsworth

### GSE Team visit to Argentina

Interviews are taking place, but we are still requiring candidates for the GSE team to visit Argentina in May. I am pleased to advise that a team leader has been appointed. He is Gavin Plews Past President of the Great Missenden Club and known to you also for operating the District Shop. Good luck Gavin. Have a wonderful trip, I'm sure you will be leading a very qualified and dedicated team.

### Community & Vocational half-year Meeting

Tilsworth 19.30 –22.00 hrs. Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> This meeting is open to all and importantly to club Comm/Voc Chairmen and team members. Do please attend and hear what Chairman David Cassell and the

team have to say. It will be important to you.

### District Quiz

Took place at Wheathampsted Memorial Hall, with a hot supper @ £12.00 per person, and very good too! The winners out of 30 teams taking part were from Harpenden Village. As usual the quiz was well supported - look out for announcements and make sure your club is represented *next* year.

### DG's Sponsored Weight Loss

I am steadily building up sponsorship and slowly losing the pounds! All the money collected will go to Macmillan Cancer Support, which can be specified for use in your local area. I weighed in, you will recall, on July 19th at 19 stone 11 lbs. I am now **18stone 5lbs** having gained a fraction over Christmas. I make this a total loss to date of **1 stone 6lbs**. The target was to lose two stones by the end of June, which I guaranteed to achieve. More recently, some clubs have agreed to sponsor per pound for any further loss over the two stones. I will endeavour to do it, Macmillan will be the winners! If you need a sponsorship form it can be downloaded from the District Website.

### District Shop 2007/08

DGE Brian Doggrell is now hard at work setting up his team for 2007/08. If any of you would like to serve on a District Committee please let your President know so that Brian can be advised. One position, that I had a great fondness for, was the 'Top Salesperson's Job', running the District Shop.

Gavin Plews will be retiring from the position this year and a new proprietor is needed. Any offers?

Once again a Happy New Year to all of you and your families. Continue to enjoy your Rotary.

Regards to all,



*Hello! hello! - Caption required - and there's a bottle of wine on offer for the winner.*



**KIDS OUT EXTRA FOR CHRISTMAS**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the Milton Keynes Theatre was packed with 1400 very enthusiastic disabled and disadvantaged children. With sponsorship from HSBC Bank, the theatre welcomed the children and their carers to the final dress rehearsal of this season's pantomime, Cinderella. The children were greeted by bank staff dressed as pantomime characters, and presented with flashing wands and headgear.

Rotary Clubs in the Milton Keynes area assisted HSBC in putting forward schools, clubs and others who represent needy and disabled children. This filled the very large theatre, and created a fantastic atmosphere for children and adults.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Brin Carstens, introduced the show and expressed his thanks to HSBC and Rotary. DG Charles (behind you) Chaney also welcomed the children and thanked the mayor.

ADG Sir John Southby braved the noise barrier and captured these attractive photographs. It is hoped that this initial venture between Rotary and HSBC will be expanded into other areas of mutual interest.



*“Santa” John Honour proves Rotarians are good listeners*



**WORLD RECORD KITE FLYING ATTEMPT and Annual Conference of RIBI**

A world record for kite flying will be attempted in April at the RIBI conference at the Bournemouth International Centre from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April. The kite flying record attempt will be made on Saturday afternoon on the beach front when a thousand school children, local Boy Scouts, Rotaractors, Rotarians and their families will endeavour to fly a thousand kites at the same time. The current entry in the Guinness Book of Records for kite flying is set at 672. The bright blue and yellow kites with the Rotary logo will make a stunning sight, they have been made specially for Rotary by the world's largest kite manufacturer in Weifang in north east China.

The conference will be attended by more than 2500 delegates and this year the accent is on youth. The winners of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards will be attending the conference.

**WHAT DID YOUR CLUB DO AT CHRISTMAS?**

- Were you proud of the community activities that your club took part in at Christmas?
- Would you like to share your achievements with other clubs in the district?
- Do you have some attractive photographs of the event(s)?

At the District Council in November I asked all clubs present to send me brief descriptions and photos of their Christmas activities, so that I could make a montage of the good news. I have not, so far, been overwhelmed by the response!

Club Presidents - what about it? \_

John Rowlands  
Communications Chairman

## GET OUT OF THE BOX!

*Extract from the third edition of Out Of The Box – the new monthly bulletin for all Rotary supporters of ShelterBox.*

To be put on the mailing list – or for any other help regarding publicity for activities in support of ShelterBox – please contact publicity officer Huw Thomas on 01326 569782 or email: [publicity@shelterbox.org](mailto:publicity@shelterbox.org)

### **Earthquakes, wars & volcanoes**

Help was sent to 11 countries in 2006 in response to a range of disasters around the world.

During 2006, the charity has deployed nearly 5,500 ShelterBoxes – providing emergency accommodation and other essential survival equipment for an estimated 70,000 people.

That aid – and the lives it has doubtless saved – has been made possible as a result of the generosity of all ShelterBox's supporters, who include many Rotarians.

A large part of ShelterBox's support comes from RIBI clubs and districts but significant support is also provided by clubs in Australia, the USA, Canada and Malaysia. The first donations have also now been provided by ShelterBox affiliates being established in Norway and Germany.

Disasters that ShelterBox has responded to in 2006 include:

**Pakistan – Kashmir earthquake:** During the first two months of 2006, ShelterBox was continuing to respond to the devastating earthquake that hit Kashmir in October 2005, providing enough tents for a further 10,000 people. Then in October this year the charity was asked to send further help ahead of the approaching winter and deployed tents for another 8,000 people.

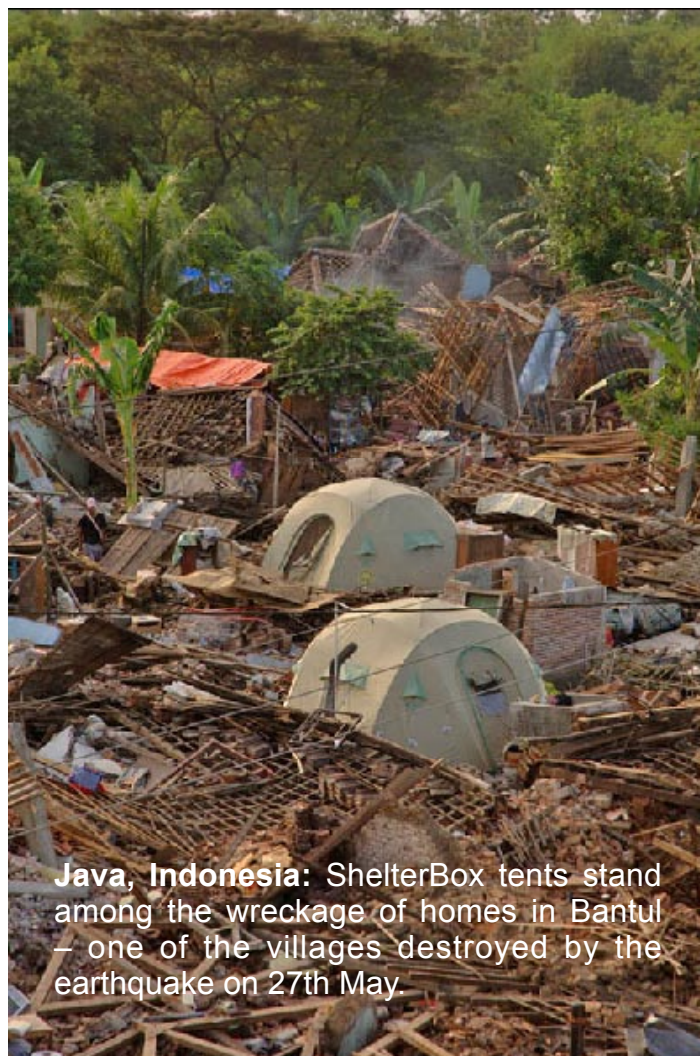
**Sudan – conflict:** Working in partnership with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), ShelterBox provided accommodation for around 9,000 people during February and April. The tents were used for camps set up by UNHCR in southern Sudan and round the capital Khartoum to provide shelter for families that had fled from fighting elsewhere in the country.

**Somalia – conflict:** As part of ShelterBox's ongoing *Million In Africa* campaign, the charity continues work with UNICEF helping families displaced by years of fighting. To date, accommodation for more than 9,000 people has been sent to Somalia.

**Kenya – conflict:** Refugees escaping fighting in neighbouring countries (Sudan and Somalia) have also fled over the border into Kenya; ShelterBox provided shelter for around 2,000 people in May 2006.

### **AID FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

A consignment of 100 boxes will reach Papua New Guinea this month after being flown to Australia and 4



**Java, Indonesia:** ShelterBox tents stand among the wreckage of homes in Bantul – one of the villages destroyed by the earthquake on 27th May

then taken the rest of the way by boat.

The aid is being sent to help communities displaced by a volcanic eruption on the island of New Britain. The 668-metre Mount Tavurvur erupted in October. Around 2,000 people had to flee the provincial capital of Rabaul when lava poured off the mountain's southern slope and ash rained down from an 18-km plume.

More than 1,000 people were subsequently evacuated from affected towns and, although volcanic activity has subsided, the government declared a state of emergency and ShelterBox was asked to send help for those people unable to return to their homes.

### **THANK YOU & HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Without the support of all you good people in Rotary, ShelterBox would only be able to achieve a fraction of what it does. Our income from RIBI during October was £35,000 but special mention should go to the following clubs:

Taunton Vale £3,430 Houghton-Le-Spring £1,960 Cwmbran Vale £1,000 donations from Rotary and the general public paid for a total of 172 boxes during October.

The ShelterBox Trust is a registered charity operated by The Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard. Charity no. 1096479. Company no. 4612652 and it can now be announced that the following countries

received help from ShelterBox in 2006:  
**Java • Ecuador • East Timor • Lebanon**  
Afghanistan and Papua New Guinea

ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson said:  
"Sadly it's been another busy year but thanks to all of our tremendous supporters we've been able to help many thousands of people around the world. The need continues – and so does our work."

## CHILDREN HELPED IN KASHMIR

As well as tents for earthquake victims facing a second winter without a proper home, ShelterBox teams in Kashmir also distributed some children's packs and basic teachers' supplies.

One team reached the mountain village of Balgran after two hours travelling on a mountain road still hit by regular landslides. ShelterBox photographer Mark Pearson said:

"The school was an old tent that had no floor, just hard earth. There were no chairs so the 50 children sat on the bare ground with only one blackboard. We met the local doctor who helped us distribute the school equipment."

Each pupil received a pack with a small blackboard, plus chalk, crayons, pencils, a geometry set and a notepad. The blackboards made the greatest impact, with many pupils using them to write out their names in both Urdu and English.

ShelterBox founder and general manager Tom Henderson said: "Our first priority is shelter but another part of our mission is practical comfort for

## TSUNAMI-LIKE SCENES IN PHILIPPINES

Aid raised with the help of local Rotarians is helping to save lives in the Philippines, where typhoons have left devastation said to resemble the aftermath of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami.



A team from ShelterBox has begun work to help some of around 80,000 people left homeless by the disaster.

Mark Pearson from ShelterBox is now in the provincial capital Legaspi, where a 10ft flood has left the city without electricity, clean water or sanitation. He said the worst-hit area, however, is around the nearby volcano Mount Mayon, where torrential rain swept walls of rocks and black volcanic mud onto dozens of villages and small towns.

He said: "This is as bad as any disaster I've seen before. It looks like a hurricane has gone through the middle of the world's biggest coalmine. Everything is buried under black mud."

"In the area we saw, about 18 villages have been completely destroyed. They were hit by 30ft walls of volcanic ash and mud. You can't even see the rooftops of some places and those that are left are completely uninhabitable."

"The people here have been left with nothing. I saw 1,000 people who are now living in a church."

Very little outside aid has reached the region and more help is desperately needed. "There's nobody here: just ShelterBox, a few people from Oxfam and Care International and a team of US Marine Corps doctors from their base in Japan."

ShelterBox has sent an initial consignment of emergency accommodation and other survival aid but needs more funds if further help is to be

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## HOW FIT ARE YOU? TEAMS INVITED

### The Second ShelterBox Dartmoor Challenge

ShelterBox is offering the perfect solution for anyone whose New Year Resolutions include getting fit and doing something to help others in 2007.

The Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard is launching a unique adventure challenge that will see 50 teams testing their skills and endurance on Dartmoor this April.

ShelterBox is inviting its supporters to get a taste of what it's like having to deliver those green boxes in the field, raising much-needed funds at the same time.

Taking place on Dartmoor over 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007, the event will see teams of four navigating a 30-mile challenge course, carrying a 50kg ShelterBox loaded with everything needed to complete the course and survive an overnight camp on the moor.

Space is limited to 50 teams and each team is asked to raise a minimum of £1,000 – the approximate cost of two ShelterBoxes.

To register: visit [www.shelterboxchallenge.com](http://www.shelterboxchallenge.com) or call 01548 856117 for more information.



## CHEFS OF THE FUTURE

Sixteen talented young chefs from schools in the Aylesbury Vale entered the 14<sup>th</sup> annual competition organised by Aylesbury Hundreds and run in conjunction with Bucks Education Business Partnership.

The competition challenges students aged between 11 and 18 to earn the title of Aylesbury's Young Chef of the Year. Initially the finalists had to give a written submission setting out preparation and cooking instructions in the form of a recipe for a meal for two. The finals which were held at Aylesbury College on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, provided six of the entrants with the opportunity of cooking and presenting their recipes. The main ingredients must cost no more than £10.00 to cover both courses.

### The Winner's Menu

The overall winner was 13 year old Anna Farrell, from John Colet School, Wendover, who impressed the judges with her chicken and pepper kebabs with a fragrant bulgar wheat salad. Her sweet course comprised nougatine layers with mulberries and cream with a kirsch coulis.

In second place was Reece Bowles, aged 15, and in third place Rosie Murray aged 14, both from Cottesloe School, Wing.

The event was organised by Rtns Adrian Curtis and David Hammond, and the judges were Mike Walden, senior crafts lecturer at the College, Daniel Richardson head chef at the famous Hartwell House Hotel and Rtn Kim Dixon.



David Lidington, MP for Aylesbury, presented the winner with an engraved tray to commemorate her success and certificates to all the finalists. The winner also received a dinner for herself and three other members of her family at the Hartwell House Hotel, whilst the second place winner received a similar prize for afternoon tea.

### More Aspiring Chefs in the District

As well as this event, Hemel Hempstead have held a competition at RAF Halton, and further events are being organised by Welwyn Garden City, Hitchin Tilehouse and hopefully Luton North, Wolverton and Stoney Stratford and the Hoddesdon/Hertford Shires clubs.

Should these events happen there will be enough contestants to hold a District final at the end of the Spring term, and then onto the regional final, and hopefully the RIBI final in Lutterworth on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Brian Billinghamurst    Chairman Youth Activities

## THE RYLA WEEKEND



When Steve Smith of the Chesham Rotary Club asked about nominating me to go on a Rotary leadership weekend, in July last year, I was apprehensive, to say the least. With hindsight I am glad I accepted the challenge. The weekend was one of the best experiences I have ever had.

The RYLA Weekend is a credit to everyone involved. All the organisers from the Rotary clubs were great, as were all the RAF Staff. Upon arriving at RAF Henlow we were divided up into teams of eight. I was part of the Green team. All communication from the outside world, i.e. our mobile phones, were taken from us so all of the events and activities remained a secret. This is such a great idea as it means that tasks have to be tackled head on and without any previous thought, which makes the reward of completion so much more meaningful. We were given food supplies for the three days and told to get ready for the first task. This was 6 pm on Friday night.

From this point there was no time to look back but to look ahead to the next challenge, which we may come across.

We bonded as a group, from complete strangers to knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses as if we were best friends. It felt like we'd known each other for three years rather than three days.

It was a weekend full of surprises and packed with mentally and physically demanding tasks, some of which pushed us to the point of giving up. Yet, as I have learned from the weekend, it is going past this point which makes people stronger.

By the end of the weekend it did not matter who was team leader. Everyone in the team was part of the decisions we made to complete each task. If we got the task wrong or failed to complete it (which was not very often) we encouraged each other and reviewed what we did wrong. We did this even if we passed the test with flying colours.

The weekend taught me so much and I am glad that I took the opportunity given to me to go and participate. I am thankful to all of those involved and know that I have become a better person overall as a result of the weekend. I would be more than happy to help out at the weekend next

## DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT

This year six clubs have shared the £6155 in the fund. The following descriptions show the range and value of the support being provided by this aspect of Foundation.

**Watford** The £1000 covers sponsorship for a further four students for four to five years at schools in Gambia. The Watford Rotary Club International Students Trust currently supported 145 students at various stages of their education in Gambia. The initiative, based around the now closed Northfield School, has helped many children over the 40 years of its existence.

**Amersham** The £1000 will be used in Ngamani in Eastern Kenya to purchase school desks, chairs and teachers tables which will be manufactured locally. The Ngamani Primary School has 420 pupils and eight teachers, and has been supported in the past by the club and the local RC of Kilifi to help with school buildings (unfortunately ineligible for a grant). The link came about because David Bull's son is carrying out research into malaria at the Kemri-Wellcome Trust in Kilifi.

**Hemel Hempstead** £500 to continue support for the annual swimming and Christmas events for severely disabled children in Malabon, Greater Manila in the Philippines. The events are organised by Leslie Madle, an honorary member of the Hemel Hempstead club and the Malabon club. Leslie, who is 82, was Marketing Director of John Dickinson, and since 1987 has lived most of his time in Malabon. The main support for Leslie by the club comes from the weekly Good News Tin, which last year raised £320.

**Chesham** The grant will be used for a paved hard standing area outside a classroom block at Heritage House School Chesham. Heritage House provides special educational needs for 80 children aged between 2 to 19. The hard standing will provide wheelchair access and a tactile area. The club will carry out some of the preparatory work and oversee the construction.

**Hitchin Priory** This is a grant of £1000 to three clubs, Hitchin Priory, Mill Hill and West Malling. The grant will be used for medical equipment for Kumi Hospital in Uganda. The logistics of the supply is handled by a local charity, Teso Development Trust, who source the supply of equipment with local medical suppliers.

**Great Missenden** The grant of £555 will be used to support the completion of a water distribution system in Kpandai in northern Ghana. A French aid agency has sunk two successful bore holes, but the distribution pipework and standpipes have to be supplied by the local community, which is very poor. The Great Missenden club has already supplied £800 and this grant will complete the work. The Great Missenden club have been helping in Kpandai, in conjunction with the Tamale RC, for over four years since they were introduced to the area by a charity called ROPE (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere), which is based in Great Missenden. Their previous help has been in supplying equipment to improve their agricultural

efficiency.

**Hatfield** The grant of £1100 is to provide clean drinking water to a rural community in Zambia. The grant will support the purchase and installation of a PlayPump in Chibombo primary school. Eight clubs in 1260 are involved this initiative. Hatfield are the lead club, with Berkhamsted Bulbourne, Brookmans Park, Harpenden Village, Luton Someries, Potters Bar, St Albans Priory and Stevenage providing support. The project is being overseen by the RC of Kabwe after which ownership of the pumps will pass to the school. Installation and a 15 year maintenance agreement will be handled by PlayPumps International. Over 700 PlayPumps have been installed in South Africa, where Frank Taylor started his involvement.

In Zambia UNESCO has drilled 600 bore holes which now need pumps! A PlayPump costs US\$14000, and PlayPumps are urgently looking for more donors. If any other clubs would like to support this water initiative please contact Frank.



Keno Hospital - Hitchin Priory



Medan Kolala, Gambia  
- Watford project



School furniture - Amersham project



Water project: Gt Missenden

Malabon Disabled Children's Party - Hemel

## ROTARY YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD

RIBI are launching the **Rotary Young Citizen Award**, with TV coverage by BBC News 24. The award will recognise young people (under the age of 25) who have demonstrated their commitment to citizenship through working with Rotary.

Five awards of a trophy, a cash prize of £500 and a visit to BBC News will be made to five Rotary projects involving young people working in their communities to improve the lot of others. Especially attractive projects will be those involving young people helping young people. The awardee may be an individual or a group.

### Project Ideas that could gain awards are ...

- Interactors in the inner city raising money to buy ingredients & then cook and serve breakfasts for fellow students whose parents can't afford to give them a proper breakfast
- Young people raising money for the Wheelchair Foundation to supply young people abroad with a wheelchair
- A young disabled person starring at sport or helping other young people
- A youth exchange student doing charitable work abroad
- Award to a school for filling a very large number of shoeboxes or similar.

### Get on TV

We are working in conjunction with BBC News 24 and the winning projects will form the basis for a mini - series of reports for television. It is therefore intended that the award will be made by the RIBI President, at the point of delivery. In addition the awardees will be featured at RIBI Conference in Bournemouth in April with planned TV coverage.

A nomination form is available from the Secretariat at Alcester or it can be downloaded from the Youth Activities pages of the RIBI website [www.rotary-ribi.org](http://www.rotary-ribi.org) Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

### NEW DATES FOR FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Various Rotarians have said that the suggested date for a visit to South Australia is too soon, so the visit is being postponed to early October, 2007.

The Turkish trip will be in May 2008.

May I remind all Rotarians that Friendship Exchange is a wonderful opportunity to really get to know another country, and make new overseas Rotary friends.

Even if only slightly interested, please contact me for more information by email at [paulryall@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:paulryall@tiscali.co.uk) or ring 01296 634929. Paul Ryall - Friendship Exchange Chairman

### PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN!

In *The World of Rotary* at the May District Conference there will be a photographic display: What Makes Rotary Special. What makes you proud to be a Rotarian?

A photograph of any activity that has taken place this year in your club, or at a district event, and shows why Rotary is important to you, is welcome. Please send it to the address at the end of this request. Ah Yes, please think about all the activities that you will take part in before the beginning of May, and record that special moment.

· There will be no prizes, no special incentives, no Rotary citations, no risk analysis.

Take a photograph, and add an image to the great Rotary history.

**Who Me?** Yes, don't leave it to somebody else, this is an opportunity for each of us in the district to show why we are Rotarians.

Send digital photos to [handbooks1988@aol.com](mailto:handbooks1988@aol.com) and your prints (at least 6x4) to John Rowlands 24 Green End Road Hemel Hempstead HP1 1QR

### CATHERINE IN THE DOG HOUSE

Catherine was the winner of the essay competition "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up" organised by the Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell and Green Park School.

Youngsters in their last year at Junior School are asked to write an essay about what they want to be when they grow up. Newport Pagnell Rotary Club then organise for the winner to be what they want to be, or as near as possible, for a day.

Catherine wrote an excellent essay about wanting to be a kennel maid and so spent her day at the Northants Greyhound Rescue Kennels. Her day began by filling water bowls, seeing how much cleaning needed doing and later exercising the dogs. She was very enthusiastic and certainly very caring towards the dogs that had been rescued and were being looked after. But she was let out of the kennel at the end of the day!

*Catherine working hard at the kennels.*

