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## Rotary Club of Camberley Newsletter

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### From your President

The Christmas period has come and gone and now it's time to focus our attentions on the projects that still lie ahead. However, this is a good moment to reflect on what has taken place since Christmas.

On 25th January a number of us were guests of the Odiham & Hook club to celebrate Burns Night. Those who attended all agreed it was a fantastic night. Following this, on 28th January we held our Youth Speaks competition, which as usual was a great success and the winning team this year was Tomlinscote, who went on to represent us at District. Well done Tomlinscote, and well done Keith and everyone else who made it a fantastic event.

Our Committee Chairmen and their respective committees have, everything in hand and, I am sure 'Kid's Out' on 11th June, and our Stroke Awareness drive will be, as usual, a

great success. Peter Allin has done most of the leg-work for 'Kid's Out', and therefore, we owe Peter our gratitude.

Unfortunately, due to family commitments I cannot attend 'Kid's Out', this year as we will be in America. However, I know that those of you who can attend will be there. I would have liked very much to be there with you, especially as Camberley is the organising club and, if things go to plan, we should have a Royal attendance! I will keep you up to date in that respect as and when I am told. Nevertheless, Rotary makes it clear, family must come first, which for me it always will, and therefore, I am sure you will all understand.

My thanks to Gillian, on behalf of the Club Service Committee for producing this Newsletter whilst the position of Bulletin Editor is vacant.

Malcolm

## Rotaract news

At our first meeting back after Christmas, we held a blind auction of our unwanted Christmas presents, which this year actual involved some very good lots. We raised just over £30, which was used to buy hearts that were put up in the shop window of the British Heart Foundation in Camberley, so not only did we raise money for charity but we also did a bit of publicity for the club.

Some of us came along to Rotary for Gillian's work talk, which was very interesting as it was nice to find out the details of Gillian's job, as we mainly hear about the really good and really bad parts.

Our next event was skittles at the Cricketers in Windlesham, although we had all but one of the club attending, we roped in Hart and Rushmoor Rotaract, so that we could produce a reasonable sized team, and the evening was a great

success, in both strengthening ties with both Rotary and other Rotaract clubs. The added bonus of the night was that we got pudding, which was a great surprise.

Our Annual District Ball was this year hosted by Camberley Rotaract and was organised by the crack team of Gillian, Nicole and me. We had a winter wonderland themed evening at the Hogs Back Hotel. Everyone had a great evening and we were able to raise £860 for the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, a local charity based in Yateley.

Finally to celebrate Chinese New Year, we had a very good meal at the Water Sky in Fleet.

Coming up we have a trip to see Oklahoma! and a School Disco, which is fancy dress so I am sure there will some great photos.

Rachel Leheny

## Report from International Service and Rotary Foundation Committee

A full Committee met last week and discussed two items: the Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra (CYWO) May Concert and a donation to an international charity.

The CYWO Concert Rotary Evening is on Friday 16 May at Camberley Theatre starting at 7.30 pm. The cost of a ticket is £7.50. Once again the CYWO is actively supporting our Club by offering us 100 tickets and donating the whole proceeds to our Club charities – £750! Not only that, but they will organise the Rotary Charity Raffle on our behalf, again donating all the monies to our charity. With a little bit of luck we should raise £1000 for our funds. On the night Julian Edwards has kindly volunteered to display adult and children's Shoe Boxes and set up our Information Stand. All you have to do, dear reader, is to make up a

party to go on the night and by doing so help to sell 100 tickets! Plus – please! – giving our committee any unwanted gifts to swell our Rotary Raffle stock. A board will be going out for your ticket booking as last year. All those who attended last May had a marvellous time – so please give this International event your full support.

On the donations front, we are recommending to Council and, if accepted, to Club a donation to The Smile Train – the world's largest and most cost-effective cleft charity. £300 will meet two operations, and that is what we will be proposing. More details can be found at [www.smiletrain.org.uk](http://www.smiletrain.org.uk)

Keith Hudson, Chairman

## Report from Youth Activities and Vocational Service Committee

Most activities are progressing well. The current position on the Committee's activities is as follows:

1. Young Chef Competition – this was held at Buller Barracks, Aldershot in January and the winner went on to the District Final where she came a close 2nd. As part of her prize for winning the first round she was presented with a book token and was offered work experience with the chefs at Pennyhill Park Hotel and Frimley Hall Hotel.
2. Youth Speaks – a great event on 28 Jan in the Council Chamber. Unfortunately the subsequent district event was less successful and various issues are being raised with District.
3. Rotary Young Leaders Weekend – happens over the Easter Weekend at a centre in the New Forest. Two students from Kings have been nominated. Mike Duckworth and Peter Allin have kindly offered to provide transport.
3. School Practice Interviews – the exercise is now complete. We did some very successful, and much appreciated, interviews at Tomlinscote but had no response from other schools in Camberley. We plan to give schools warning in June this year of the next academic year's exercise so that we can, hopefully, get a better response.
5. Art Competition – we are in touch with Tomlinscote School, Kings International and Collingwood College about the competition which will probably be held in November.
6. Sponsored Walk – although not a committee responsibility (we are only involved in the intellectual stuff!) the date of Sunday 28 September has been pencilled in for Club Council discussion.

Alan Ingram, Chairman

### Dates

#### *Club meetings*

Tue 4 Mar	Speaker –Thomas Whitfield: Vietnam
Tue 11 Mar	Speaker –Margaret Willis: My job
Tue 18 Mar	Business meeting
Tue 25 Mar	NO MEETING
Tue 1 Apr	April Fool's Night
Tue 8 Apr	Speaker – Mary Bennett: History of Camberley
Tue 15 Apr	Committees
Tue 22 Apr	Speaker – John Kane: Biblical Archaeology (tbc)
Tue 29 Apr	Guest night: David Hunt: the National Trust along the coast
Tue 6 May	NO MEETING: Meal out instead
Tue 13 May	Club meeting: Committees

#### *Club activities*

Mon 17 Mar	Club Council, Great Gables, Walkers Ridge, Camberley
Wed 26 Mar	Ten-pin bowling with Rotaract and Inner Wheel
Sat 26 Apr	Inner Wheel Quiz, All Saints, Lightwater
Sat 10 May	Weekend away to Le Touquet
Fri 16 May	Camberley Wind Orchestra concert
Sat 17 May	Trip to Kew Gardens (tbc)
Wed 11 Jun	Kids Out
Sun 6 Jul	Garden party

#### *District activities*

Mon 10 Mar	District Council, Chertsey Halls
Sat 26 Apr	District Assembly