

Rotary Club of Epping

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FOR YOUR DIARY

31 October – visit to Bletchley Park 9.30am to 6.00pm ; cost £25.00 each including transport, tour, coffee; contacts Maurice Anderson or Len Stace.

14 November – Bridge Drive at Theydon Bois Village Hall, in aid of St Clare's Hospice; Annie Sydenham would like volunteer kitchen helpers, please.

10 December – Christmas collections start ! Contact is Gerry Smith.

11 December – Christmas evening meeting , partners and friends welcome, as always.

24 December – 4.00pm Carols on the Green; volunteers to help, please – organiser is Mike Wright.

25 December – volunteer drivers, please, to take elderly people to their Christmas lunch; contact is Peter Hellmers.

4 March 2008 – NOTE *Service above Self evening meeting rearranged from 11 March in the Handbook.*

31 May/1 June – Provisional date for Sinsheim visit, to Edinburgh. Information from Chris Hudson.

3 June – District Sports Dinner. NOTE *Presentation to Students evening meeting rearranged.*

5 June – Charity Golf Day.

10 June – NOTE *Presentation to Students evening meeting rearranged from 3 June in the Handbook.*

27 June – NOTE *Presidential dinner at Bishops Stortford Golf Club rearranged from 21 June in the Handbook, and not a dinner and dance.*

RESULTS IN BRIEF.....

The 7 June Golf Day raised £15,400 , rather more than stated in the last Newsletter !

The Hayleys Manor hog roast in August raised over £2,000 for St Clares Hospice. Thanks to Peter Padfield for a most enjoyable event.

Club funds were enhanced by £1,000 as a result of a second place in a Rotary inter-District golf competition at the start of September. Well done to the Burgess/Burr/Hancock team.

The Charity Concert in Epping on 5 September was well attended and made a net profit of nearly £3,300. This enabled £1,500 to be presented to Joanne Ryan, to help realise the potential of this very promising local young athlete. It also allowed the Club to make a £2,000 contribution to the Rotary sponsored Flood Relief Fund, to assist those who had suffered in other parts of the country. Thanks to Duncan and Dorothy Whitehouse and to all those who helped to make the evening a success.

Epping Town Council was most grateful for the help of a number of Rotarians at the Epping Town Show on 16 September. The Rotary fun stall, attended by Stan Holder and a couple of clowns (comes naturally to some Rotarians), attracted a lot of youngsters and voluntary donations of about £80 in all.

The Copped Hall Fun Run goes from strength to strength. The 30 September event saw over 300 adult entries – up 20% from 2006 – and about 100 junior runners instead of just 10 last year. The weather was kind. We expect to raise about £2,500, to be divided between the Copped Hall Trust and local secondary schools for sports purposes. Thanks to John Burgess, Peter Hellmers and all who helped. Next year the event will be on 28 September. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE NOW – the organisers will need maximum support from the Club on the day !

SHELTERBOXES

Shelterbox has delivered its 500,000th Shelterbox – to a flood hit family in Nepal. Rotary in London has raised £141,000 for this cause since 2001, and has sponsored 308 boxes. The Rotary Club of Epping has sponsored 15 boxes, the second highest of any Club in District 1130 – but way behind the 58 sponsored by Heston and Isleworth !

MUKISA JOSEPH ARTHUR in UGANDA

We have received an upbeat letter of appreciation from the young lad who we have been sponsoring through school. “Life is fairly splendid” – despite “lots of rainfall which has made the environment cold.” He reckons to be in one of the districts best schools and in August had already started the end of term exams with a determination to do his best. “Thank you very much and may God reward you accordingly”.

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