



Rotary Club of
Folkestone
District 1120

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Club Supports New MS Therapy Centre in Ashford



On August 27th, the Club was treated to an outstanding talk by Mary Daly (pictured below, receiving the Club's cheque for £500 from President Terry), who instigated the Butterfly Appeal for the new MS Therapy Centre at Ashford. An artist's impression of the new facility is pictured above.

At the end of 2011, Mary and some colleagues, all like-minded, caring volunteers from Kent formed the Butterfly Committee to help raise the £1.3M needed to build this much needed new Centre.

Mary's own story is inspirational, and with the support of Rtn. Frank Brake (Ashford), who has generously promised to match every £1 raised during 2013, the Committee is well on its way to raise the necessary funds.



Trash for Cash?



Boot Fairs seem to have an enduring appeal and August, in particular, seems to have been a good month for it. On 25th August, the valiant Rotary Crew (pictured above left) turned out at 6.30am to greet and organize the cars and vans that turned up at Radnor Park. Rtn. Trevor Greening kindly gave President Terry a Master Class in the art of parking (picture above right). In spite of the violent overnight storms and gloomy weather forecast the event grossed £870 and netted over £600 for Club funds.

Earlier in the same month, on 10th, Inner Wheel President Jo Scott (pictured right with co-President Judith Parsons) turned up at 6.30am to get second choice of pitch on St Mary's Playing Field and together with her colleagues sold a "bootfull" of kitchenalia to raise , £120 for Cancer



Beryl Simmons

Both the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel are mourning the loss of Beryl Simmonds on 17 August. Beryl was a past member of the Rotary Club, and Past District Chairman and Past President of Inner Wheel. Her courage, determination and optimism has filled all who knew her with admiration throughout her illness.

After the death of her first husband, Arthur, Beryl had found happiness with Mike, and to him and to Beryl's children, Jane and John, we give our heartfelt sympathy for this cruel blow

Outdoors Cooking in All Weather



1st Cheriton Scout Group was recently presented with a cheque by Folkestone Rotary Club at an evening meeting in June. The Cheque was to help them build an All Weather Cooking Shelter at their headquarters in Hawkins Road. Pictured are Rtn. Roger Joyce with DG Chris Barnett, presenting the cheque, which was from Club Funds supported by a District Direct Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

The purpose of the shelter is to allow the young people to experience outdoors cooking whatever the weather, Cub Scout Leader, Bill Terris said “The idea came after we went to camp in Eastbourne; we saw several in use here and thought that we can all benefit from this facility. Many pre-planned activities have been postponed or continued with gritted teeth and brollies, due to the British Weather and it would help immensely.”

Inner Wheel Presidents’ Barbecue

Inner Wheel’s new year got off to a rather unusual start as, for the first time in the club’s history, two serving joint presidents, Jo and Judith, smoothly crossed into their second year of office accompanied by very little ceremony other than the presentation of flowers from members in gratitude for their first year’s service and in anticipation of an equally enjoyable and successful year ahead.



On 4th August, the two Presidents were blessed with warm, sunny weather for their BBQ lunch, when members and their partners (including members of both Folkestone Rotary Clubs) enjoyed a BBQ buffet in Jo and Tim’s flower-filled garden, so much so that £200 was collected in a bucket for Cancer Research, the charity for the coming year.

Inner Wheel Notes kindly provided by Janet Downes



Coming Up—Dates for Your Diary

- 9 September: Club Lunch. Business meeting. PR/Half Marathon Committee. P-E Don Bullock in Chair
- 11 September: Final of RIBI Golf at Leicester—Go Mike, David and Bob!!
- 13 September: 11:00 am Saltwood Parish Church. Funeral of Beryl Simmons Afterwards at Sene Valley Golf Club
- 16 September: 7:00pm Community Service Committee, Chez Tom Miller.
- 19 September: 6:30 for 7:15pm District Council, Maidstone
- 23 September: Club Lunch. DG Chris Barnett
- 27 September: 10:30am to 12:00 noon at Burlington Hotel—Inner Wheel Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Care
- 29 September: Rotary Club of Folkestone Half Marathon.
- 30 September: Dinner Meeting with Guests. Black Horse, Monks Horton. Speaker from the Womens’ Refuge.
- 4-6 October: Quadrangular weekend in Lille
- 14 October: Club Lunch. My Job Talk
- 16 October: Build a Band Day at Harvey Grammar School.
- 25-27 October: Rotary District 1120 Conference at Eastbourne.

A Note from the Editor

If you have any articles or material that you would like to include, please email the editor at tcd@humansystems.net. Photographs will be especially welcome. Enjoy.