

# HENLEY HEADLINES

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HENLEY-IN-

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## ***We welcome some special guests***

This evening we welcome some special guests who have come to find out what we're all about, and perhaps it would be useful to tell them and remind ourselves of some of the events, both fund-raising and fun, that we have been involved in over the last few months.

## ***The Rotary year***

The Rotary year - world-wide - runs from July to June. Consequently we, like all clubs, change our President at the beginning of July. This year the handover, when we'll be welcoming Hans Wegerdt as our President, will take place on Monday 4th July. Partners and friends will be invited. There will be a surprise speaker and a special menu.

## ***Providing shelter for Japanese homeless***

Rotary plays an extraordinary role when disaster strikes and people are left homeless. The Rotary ShelterBox, each of which contains a tent, sleeping bags and basic living equipment for ten people, is a life-saver. ShelterBox teams are usually first on the spot, as they have been both in Haiti and, now, Japan. Henley Rotarians, some of whom were out collecting for ShelterBox in Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, helped the Rotary District raise nearly £10,000 (enough for 20 boxes). In addition the club itself has financed its own box for Japan. Altogether the Rotary has supplied 1500 boxes to the country.

## ***Dictionaries for local schoolchildren***

The club has purchased dictionaries for all the children in one of the top classes of each of the primary schools in our area. They will be presented at the end of the school year. The funding for this came from a **BEEF & BURGUNDY** we held in Henley's Guild Hall earlier this year.

## ***Just some of the things we've done.....***

- Run a highly-successful fund-raising pre-Christmas concert in the Memorial Hall by the **MIDLAND YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA** (to be repeated this year)
- Supported Rotary's own charity **the ROTARY FOUNDATION** to the tune of £1000 already this year. We ran a successful **RACE NIGHT** at the Golf Club for this purpose.
- One of Rotary's main aims is to eliminate **POLIO** from the world. We have supported this PolioPlus campaign, including the purchase and planting of special 1000 crocuses, half of which are in the Guild Hall gardens.
- We have again made a financial contribution to the visit of the **LIFE EDUCATION** mobile classroom to three of the local primary schools.
- We have made a contribution to the **HENLEY GUILD HALL TRUST**.
- We faced blizzard conditions to make our annual street collection in Henley High Street on the Saturday before Christmas.
- We helped with **ROTARY'S DISABLED SPORTS** in Coventry.
- We turned out to help with marshalling the **ROTARY SHAKESPEARE MARATHON** - we're doing the same again this year on 8th May.
- We made a contribution of £600 to **WATERAID'S** work in Africa.
- In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Moseley & Sparkhill, we paid for a visit to **HATTON COUNTRY WORLD** by a reception class of a school in a deprived area of Digbeth, Birmingham.
- We've again supported the **WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE** with a donation.
- We've enjoyed a fellowship visit to the RAF Cosford Museum.

## ***.....and some of the things we're about to do***

- Our **QUIZ TEAM**, competing in the Rotary District Quiz competition, having already won three rounds, goes into the quarter-finals on Thursday against Bewdley. Good luck!
- We're holding a **CHARITY GOLF DAY** at Henley in September. The main beneficiary will be the Breast Care Unit at Warwick Hospital.
- We'll be organising the annual **SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL** at Henley High School on 7th July.
- We're holding our own club Par-3 golf competition at Henley on 13th June.
- We're hoping to get a party together for an Asparagus Evening at The Plough, Ford. on 16th May.
- A party of us - members and friends - will be walking on Sunday 22nd May as part of the Butterfly Walk run by and for Myton Hospice.
- And....there's much more to come!

### ***Nail-biting finish to Quiz evening win***

The score 22½-22 says it all. Our redoubtable quiz team just about held on to beat Southam 2000 in the third round of this year's District Quiz by the very slenderest of margins. It all seemed to hinge on whether the Formula 1 team was called Renault or Williams Renault.

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