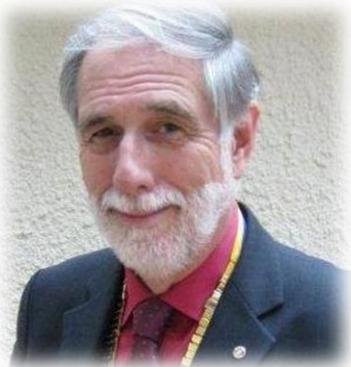
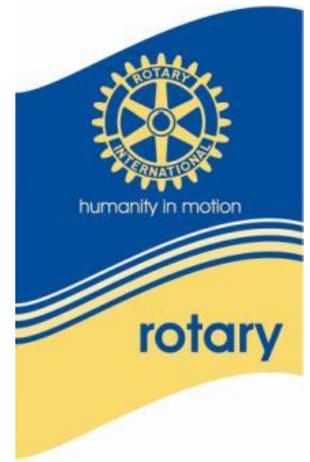


# Croydon Chronicle

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The Rotary Club of Croydon meet at The Croydon Masonic Halls, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey. CR0 2UX.  
We meet on Tuesdays at 13:00. Our web address is [www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.asp?ClubID=869](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.asp?ClubID=869)



## A Message from the President.

I'm writing this two days after the Curry Night and can still smell and taste the excellent meal which Ashwin Sumaria and his team cooked up for us. It was a splendid evening, much enhanced by a superb performance by the Sri Lankan dancers from the Sivakumaran Tamil School, not to mention the sight of Barbara and Kerstin shimmying down the catwalk decked out in saris, courtesy of Rekha and Sarla Sumaria. I am most grateful to Ashwin and all those others who quietly chipped in with help on the night or who donated raffle prizes. The only downside was that we could have done with greater numbers. So I hope that all my fellow Croydon Rotarians have made a note in their diaries that we have our Old Time Music Hall on Friday, March

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and have informed their friends and relatives of the event. I was recently at a meeting of the Croydon Presidents, and whilst it is clear that the success of our membership drive means that we are one of the two biggest clubs in the area, it is equally clear that other, smaller clubs are currently more successful in their fundraising than we are.

So there's the challenge for the rest of the year!

On the subject of membership drives, on Rotary Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we have been asked to provide six people to hand out publicity leaflets at East Croydon Station between 8.00 and 9.30 a.m. I do hope that colleagues will respond to Graham Harker's request for help, despite the early hour.

Remember our motto is "Service before Self."

With all good wishes,

*Richard*

## **..... a further reminder about the remaining Fund Raising Events for 2010/2011**

As you can see from the President's list of major fund raising events, the committee have been very busy and although some details remain to be "set in stone" the summary reads as follows so please ....put them in your diary!

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2011** - President's Lunch at PACE Hall - Richard Ford

**Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011** - "Old Time Music Hall" - Wally Ross-Gower

**Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - May Fayre - Beddington Park

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Sponsored Walk - David Milsted

A golf day is also on the agenda, but the date has yet to be finalised.

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## Youth Opportunities : Rotary Young Chef Competition 2011

This year's Young Chef Competition took place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Shirley High School, where four keen and eager young chefs designed and then cooked their own three course meals. There were some amazingly imaginative ideas and the standard of cooking and presentation was extremely impressive, indeed the resulting aromas drew curious visitors from all over the school. Our two judges, Enamul Khan and Graham Harker, had the unenviable task of deciding who should be the winner, in the end they chose fourteen year old Hannah Bullion whose menu consisted of a very tasty onion soup followed by grilled chicken in a mushroom sauce and finishing with apple crumble and ice cream. Besides the planning and cooking competitors were also judged on their cutting skills, hygiene and neatness, the amount they spent and their ability to work to a specific time limit. As well as receiving a prize after the competition from President Richard Ford, Hannah will now go through to the next round of the competition at Merton College on February 12<sup>th</sup>, we wish her the very best of luck!



The winner of the competition, Hannah Bullion is pictured here 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left

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### Inner Wheel Club of Croydon

We are now halfway through our Inner Wheel Year, and having survived snow, Christmas and a fair amount of illness, we are raring to go for the second half of the year. We have been very pleased to welcome Susan Wragg, who will shortly become a member.

Being in the Pantomime season, a group of us headed towards a production of "Robin Hood" put on by the Sanderstead Dramatic Club. They are an amateur group who dealt with the production very professionally and a good time was had by all. In true pantomime fashion there was a fair amount of repartee from the audience and the costumes and sets certainly enhanced their show.

On Inner Wheel Day, 10<sup>th</sup> January, it has been our custom to take a home-baked tea to the Elis David Almshouses, which is much enjoyed by the residents. Also for many years, Eve Pearse (from Caterham Inner Wheel) has been joined by her friend Marjorie and a pianist who entertains them. This year they sang 'golden oldies' and songs from the shows – this made for a really memorable afternoon and a pleasant break for the residents.

The following day we held our overseas lunch. We were joined by a loyal band of Rotarians who support this lunch every year – we all enjoyed a traditional roast lunch, and with a vast display of items for the inevitable raffle, we were delighted to find that we had made £470 – nearly enough to pay for another ShelterBox. So, our thanks to those Rotarians who helped us to achieve this.

Next month we look forward to our District Chairman's Rally at Burhill Golf Club when we will be joined by our Association Chairman.

And finally, if it's not too late ... a Happy New Year to Croydon Rotary Club!

Betty Hewitt – Club Correspondent

## ROTARY YEAR 2010-2011:

**SPEAKERS Update: December 2010:**

### November 2010:

- **Frank Hardiman**, a Past President of Purley Rotary Club, spoke about his interest in flying and the Rotary charity which organises **Flying for the Disabled**. By this initiative severely disabled people have the opportunity to learn to fly in specially adapted aeroplanes.
- **Brian Trengove** spoke about his profession of **Antique Collecting** and his shop he used in South Croydon when he was in business.
- **Brian Street** spoke about the Club's **Christmas Collection** and the plans this Rotary Year to continue collecting at **Macro**. Half the money collected will go to the Club's charities for the year and the other half to Macro's charity **Fareshare** which provides food to vulnerable people using food donated to them by the large supermarkets.
- The evening meeting at the end of the month planned for Shirley Park Golf Club at which the speaker would have been **Vikki Marfleet, Governor of Pentonville Prison** was cancelled due to heavy snowfall.

### December 2010

- The **Christmas Message** was given by **Canon Simon Butler**, Vicar of All Saints Church, Sanderstead.

### January 2011

- The first meeting of the New Year was used to **induct** our two newest members – **Irene and David Hadley**.
- **Ted Newman** stood in at the last minute when the speaker called in ill. He spoke on the topic **Being a Royal Designer**. He explained how he came to design handbags for Her Majesty the Queen and the Princess Royal.
- **The Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Susan Winborn**, accompanied by her husband, spoke of her work as Deputy Mayor in the Borough.
- **David Ryland** took as his topic **Pantomime**. He has been involved in Pantomimes for the last 51 years. This year he has written Jack and the Beanstalk for the St Marks Players at The Stanley Halls. He spoke about the history of Pantomime and the importance of live theatre in communities.

*Graham Harker, Assistant Governor, District 1140. 020 8657 2081 or [graham\\_harker@hotmail.com](mailto:graham_harker@hotmail.com)*

*..... And another reminder !*

## Rotary Eurostar Reunion in Koblenz Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Registration Details

A copy of the "invitation" package from our friends in Koblenz is circulating in the club and a copy has been sent electronically to those on e-mail. A registration form is enclosed within the package.

- If you would like to attend, **please complete a registration form and return it to me (by e-mail, post or hand) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**
- The first deposit of £150 per person will be collected by our treasurer in **early March** then sent to Koblenz in one batch by bank transfer.
- The balance (exact figure will be advised by our treasurer to share currency exchange and money transfer costs) will be collected at the **end of April**.

If you have any questions, or you have not seen a copy of the invitation package and would like me to send one, please let me know:-

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## Rotary Club of Croydon - Programme to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Tuesday	01.02.11		13.00hrs BUSINESS MEETING	
Wednesday	02.02.11		19.00hrs DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING -SURBITON	
Tuesday	08.02.11		13.00hrs "Darth Vader" - David Prowse	Kerstin Baxter-Brand
Tuesday	15.02.11		13.00hrs Surrey street Market - Roseanna Lovett-Partners Lunch	John Dale
Sunday	20.02.11		ROTARY WEEK (to Sat.26.02.11)	
Tuesday	22.02.11		13.00hrs	Brian Street
Wednesday	23.02.11		ROTARY DAY	
Tuesday	01.03.11		13.00hrs Bees - David Shepherd	Edward Handley
Friday	04.03.11		19.00hrs Croydon Rotary Clubs Golf Circle AGM & Annual Dinner	Croham Hurst Golf Club
Sunday	06.03.11		13.00hrs Sunday Lunch - Dorothy Maltby Hall, Purley	Richard Ford
Tuesday	08.03.11		13.00hrs Lacerations - Derek Scrafton	Derek Scrafton
Saturday	12.03.11		DOTs /DAGs- Richard Challoner School (tbc)	Graham Harker
Monday	14.03.11		18.00hrs COUNCIL MEETING	
Tuesday	15.03.11		13.00hrs BUSINESS MEETING - AGM2	
Wednesday	16.03.11		19.30hrs Wimbledon Theatre - Hairspray	Bernard Adams
Friday	18.03.11		19.00hrs Old Tyme Music Hall - Shirley High School	Wally Ross-Gower
Tuesday	22.03.11		13.00hrs The Metropolitan Police Authority - David Speed	Richard Wragg
Friday	25.03.11		RIBI ASSEMBLY - Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel	Graham Harker
Tuesday	29.03.11	EVENING	19.00hrs Antiques RoadShow at Shirley Park Golf Club	Brian Tregrove
Tuesday	05.04.11		13.00hrs	Stephen Williams
Thursday	07.04.11		19.00hrs DISTRICT TEAM MEETING - SURBITON	Graham Harker
Tuesday	12.04.11		13.00hrs Liz Forai - Russian Folklore	Kirsten Baxter-Brand
Friday	15.04.11		RIBI CONFERENCE - DUBLIN (to 17.04.11)	
Tuesday	19.04.11		13.00hrs	Brian Cousins
Saturday	25.04.11		RYLA	
Sunday	24.04.11		EASTER DAY	
Tuesday	26.04.11		13.00hrs NO MEETING	
Tuesday	26.04.11		19.30hrs MEETING OF CROYDON PRESIDENTS?	Richard Ford/Graham Harker
Monday	02.05.11	BANK HOLIDAY	FUND RAISING EVENT - May Fayre - Beddington Par	
Tuesday	03.05.11		13.00hrs The History of Croydon Rotary Club	Barbara Harker
Saturday	07.05.11		09.00hrs DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & PETS2	Richard Wragg & Team
Monday	09.05.11		18.00hrs DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING -SURBITON	
Tuesday	10.05.11		13.00hrs	Stephen Kirkman
Sunday	15.05.11		13.00hrs FUND RAISING EVENT - Sponsored Walk - Shirley	David Milsted
Monday	16.05.11		18.00hrs COUNCIL MEETING	
Tuesday	17.05.11		13.00hrs BUSINESS MEETING	
Tuesday	24.05.11		13.00hrs Koblenz - The Early Years	Don Good
Tuesday	31.05.11	EVENING	19.00hrs	Richard Ford
Thursday	02.06.11		"EUROSTAR VISIT TO KOBLENZ, GERMANY (to 05.06.11) - KOBLENZ DEUTSCHE ECK RC"	
Tuesday	07.06.11		13.00hrs Role of the Deputy Lieutenant as Queen's Representative Col. Ian McRobbie Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey	Wally Ross-Gower
Tuesday	07.06.11		19.00hrs JOINT DISTRICT TEAM MEETING - SURBITON	
Tuesday	14.06.11		13.00hrs Club Assembly	Richard Wragg
Tuesday	14.06.11		19.30hrs MEETING OF CROYDON PRESIDENTS	Richard Ford/Graham Harker/Richard Wragg
Tuesday	21.06.11		13.00hrs Report on Visit to Koblenz	
Tuesday	28.06.11	EVENING	19.00Hrs Hand Over - Le Chateau (t.b.c.)	Richard Ford

### MEMBERSHIP

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### Riddledown Model Flying Club

Peter Kennedy, 01883 625406

## A Brief History of the Christmas Charity Collection

For many years, (I believe it was about 20 years), the Rotary Club of Thornton Heath carried out a door-to-door collection in various parts of Norbury and Thornton Heath in the days leading up to Christmas.

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*And finally, I'm quite sure that a lady called Rosemary Dust will not mind my sharing this with you. I was rather touched by it and I hope you will be too .... especially those keen cricketers among us ..... The following poem was written by Rosemary's husband Rodney who passed away last August and who worked for many years for the same company as I did in my home town of Bristol!*

So to all those it may concern  
Bury my body, do not burn,  
And place within my oaken chest  
Such symbols that recall the best  
Of my brief stay on Mother Earth  
That sometimes made it almost worth  
The trial of living. Just a book,  
Watership Down, the poems of Brooke;  
A disc, which will record I trust,  
The voice of Crosby, song Stardust;  
And nigh my head, perchance for pillow  
A bat cut from some English Willow,  
For Heaven's kind beyond compare  
.....and surely they'll play cricket there!

*Rodney apparently left full instructions before his death and was accordingly buried in Woodland Memorial Cemetery near Bristol in full cricket gear and with his cricket bat beside him!*

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