

On the 31st of January, we had a scatter week.

I went along to Hertford Shires for a early morning breakfast, they had no speaker but as John Love from our club was there he gave an update on the crocus planting, along with a end polio talk.

On Monday the 5th of February Reg & I went along to the Amwell club meeting, after Ware club meeting, no we did not have two meals, just fish & chips at the Amwell meeting.

Their speaker was Anthony Melville on the Inga Alley Cropping Project in Honduras, Cameroon & Ecuador. A very good speaker.

At an area meeting it was suggested that the 5 clubs pull together and make it an international project over 5 years.

Denise.

I was invited along to the semi finals of District youth Speaks, which was held at Hitchin Boys School last night [22nd Feb].

There were 7 teams taking part. The Chauncy School 2- Ware. The Priory School - Hitchin, The John Henry Newman Catholic School -Stevenage, Hitchin Boys School-Hitchin.

Samuel Whitbread Academy-Shefford, The Chauncy School 1 -Ware, Cedars Upper School-Leighton Buzzard.They were all very good, the judges had a very difficult job.

The winners were:

1st Hitchin Boys School.

2nd The Priory School.

3rd Samuel Whitbread Academy.

At the end I was asked to present the certificates to them all.

Denise



Hertford Ghost Walk with our guide Elizabeth, and is that a ghoul in the background?

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OTHER ROTARY EVENTS PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY!!!!		
2018		
6-8	April	RIBI conference
16/17	June	District Conference
07	July	RIBI Handover, Barn Dance.
09	SEPT	Charity Lunch
Please view the new "Diary" on the website:		
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Ware Wheel

MARCH 2018



Ware Rotary Club's Monthly Bulletin

Ware Rotary Club meets at Wodson Park, Ware, Herts. (01920 487091) every Wednesday at 12.45pm (except where a fifth Wednesday occurs in the month when the meeting is at 7.30pm and except the first Wednesday, when a Monday evening meeting occurs)

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Robert's Ramblings

Hi all. Another month passes - presidency term is now flying by.

Ruth & I have returned from a wonderful and very different two weeks vacation. Not a holiday as it was far from relaxing - on the move every couple of days, living out of suitcases in accommodation ranging from 5 star to a minus grade!, loads of walking up mountains, visiting Budda and Hindu temples and spending 6 hours and 4 hours in a taxi and two sets of 8 hours on trains travelling the vast country of Sri Lanka. For those that have had such a vacation you will understand what I mean when I say it was fantastic and such a different world.

Our time in Sri Lanka ended with 3 days in war torn Jaffna in the very north of the country spending time in the area and village where our daughter Charlotte has been for the last 4 months and will continue to be for the next 8 months teaching at an NGO (non Government) Christian School which has a girls orphanage attached to it. It was an opportunity for us to see first-hand the poverty of the area and the conditions under which her friends, colleagues and the child/family Ruth & I sponsor, live, work and study.

The country, the experience (not too many photos), the culture, history and update of the Dust project (the Charity Charlotte is working as an ambassador for) will be highlighted more when I am pencilled in to give a talk to the club on the monthly evening meeting Monday 14 May.

As club are aware from Wednesday's meeting, I did manage to fit in a visit to a Rotary Club while I was in Sri Lanka - The Rotary Club of Kandy Hill Capital where I was made so welcome and ended up being their speaker. Drinks afterwards included a bottle of Vodka, sandwiches and nibbles donated by the hotel manager and member for the 10 of us who stayed behind.

It was good to be back at club where the very good news is that for the next three years the club is secure with leadership; Stuart will be next years President, followed by Dilip Shukla and Nick Evans. I trust and hope we will all give them our full support.

For fear of being edited by the Wheel editor (again) I will stop here but will just add I think the meeting diary, social events and projects coming up should see an eventful, busy and good end to the Rotary year. Remember the saying "You get out, what you put in".

Robert

Inner Wheel Report

January and February have flown by and I now find myself realising that my year as President is more done than not! A nice feeling to have but I must add that I have really enjoyed my year so far and have been very fortunate to have had good support from my members with everything we have undertaken.

At our January dinner meeting we were entertained by Andrew Wang who many of you no doubt have heard talk. He spoke to us about a recent trip he did to Versailles, some lovely photographs and a good history lesson about that period.

At the end of the month I held a fellowship beetle drive afternoon which 12 members attended. Between the beetle drive sessions we had tea and cake. Whilst it was not intended to make a vast amount of money we did raise a little bit of extra funds for our charity account. It was a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

In February we held our Interclub meeting. This is a meeting to which we invite other local clubs and have a speaker on an International theme. Jenny Versey our International Officer arranged a speaker from a local charity 'BuildAid'. A family run charity, they work overseas in countries following natural disasters and target their help on the rebuilding of community buildings. Whilst they don't get involved with the actual building work they have the expertise to get all the preparation and structural engineering work done and then work with local tradespeople and partner with Rotary Clubs in the area. The speaker Katie Muir was excellent and has a true passion for the work they do.

Earlier this week we had our March meeting which is always a business meeting as we have to vote on proposals and motions put forward by International and Association and review and vote for people to join the board. Thankfully there was a select group of 3 members who met in advance of our meeting to review all the items and make suggestions for how we should vote, all members were in agreement with their suggestions! The other important item on the agenda was voting in our committee for 2018/19. I am delighted to be able to report that Mary Lewis who transferred to our club a couple of years ago has agreed to be President, I know she will do a great job and the club will support her just as they have done me.

Next week, 9 of us head to Bournemouth for our Association conference. This will be my second conference, last year being my first. We are looking forward to spending time together, having fun and hearing inspirational speakers. Look out Bournemouth here we come!

For me, our trip to Sri Lanka to see Charlotte in February was very special. It was great to spend so much time with her finding out more about what she has been up to and then to meet the children, teachers and others involved in her life at the moment. We travelled around for 10 days before spending our last few days in Jaffna, living out of a suitcase most of the time but what a great trip, no doubt Robert will tell you more.

Ruth Boulton
President
Inner Wheel Club of Ware



**Club Meetings and Members Duties
(Speaker Finder)**

Date	Club Meetings	Host/Grace/VOT
21 MAR	Georgina Clarke – McMillan	Roy Lester
28 MAR	Derek Adams – Pharmacist	John Love
4 APR	Nick Farndon (Wilkins Kennedy)	Sue Meischke
9 APR	Monday Evening	Denise Newman
18 APR	Zoe Hussain – Walton JMI	Jon Seagar
25 APR	Dr Lanka McAlindon	Dilip Shukla
2 MAY	Alex Curtis – Ware Mayor	Stuart Storey
9 MAY	AGM/Assembly	Alan Thomas

Host, Grace and Vote of Thanks

Please remember! It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your commitment.

IF IT IS YOUR TURN TO CARRY OUT THIS DUTY

You should additionally write a short article on the speaker and subject for the 'Wheel', with a photo (1 Paragraph will suffice). Please carry out your duty promptly and efficiently.



Schools at Jaffna, Charlotte's classroom, pupils and the family with Robert and Ruth's sponsored child.

SENIOR EXERCISES

The Doc told me to start an exercise programme. Not wanting to harm this old body, I've devised the following:

MONDAY

Beat around the bush
Jump to conclusions
Climb the walls
Wade through the morning paper

TUESDAY

Drag my heels
Push my luck
Make mountains out of mole hills
Hit the nail on the head

WEDNESDAY

Bend over backwards
Jump on the bandwagon
Run around in circles

THURSDAY

Advise Prime Minister on how to run the country
Toot my own horn
Pull out all the stops
Add fuel to the fire

FRIDAY

Open a can of worms
Put my foot in my mouth
Start the ball rolling
Go over the edge

SATURDAY

Pick up the pieces

SUNDAY

Kneel in prayer
Bow my head in thanksgiving
Uplift my hands in praise
Hug someone and encourage them

WHAT A WORKOUT!