

**Rotary Youth Camp - 8 to 22 July**

18 youngsters aged 15-17 from various countries throughout Europe were hosted by this District as part of a Rotary initiative that our district takes part in bi-annually. The 'Camp' involves Rotarians & their family collecting their guests (1, 2 or 3) from their arrival point (airport, Eurostar or other) hosting them for:

Week 1; Sunday being a host family day and Monday to Friday pre-planned activities and various events/visits around the district requiring the youngsters to be delivered and collected. The evenings being time with the host families,

Week 2; All the youngsters stayed at YHA in Cheshunt and again participated in pre-planned activities - Paradise Wildlife Park, 3 days activities at Herts Young Mariners base, a day in Cambridge and a day in London with Rotarians leading.

Our club supplied three family hosts and between us we hosted 5 of the 18 youngsters. Meiskhes had two girls (Slovenia and Norway), Tuckers had two girls (both from Denmark) and we had one lad from Estonia. Also transport from four other Rotarians from our club in response to help meant a healthy representation from our club. In addition our club made a contribution of £150 to allow each child the experience of Archery at Knebworth House guided by John Meiskhe's archery club. John, his club and the district organisers gave a note of thanks for the clubs support.

I know several of our club have hosted in the past and found it very rewarding. Ruth and I agreed to host at the last minute when an original host had to pull out. Despite thinking we were doing a service to poor deprived kids or kids with low travel history from another European country who would find the trip all inspiring and life changing, far from it. Virtually every child had already visited England and most had travelled reasonably extensively for their age. The camp was however far more than a jolly. No child seemed to take the trip as granted, all events eagerly and equally participated and bonds forged with their host families and each other, tears from each child full and honest on the last night before leaving. The focus of International understanding, tolerance and friendship across Europe certainly achieved. For the hosts too an experience and an education. Ruth and I had full geography, history, cultural and tourist board style lessons on Estonia and Tallin and a trip out there is imminent. Although completely different to our expectations a Rotary event we are glad we engaged with which just goes to show - the more you put in, the more you get out. I would encourage others to take part and volunteer as hosts in two years time.

The pictures show the whole group on the last night at YHA putting on a show for their hosts and outlining what they had been up to and what they had gained from the experience.



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OTHER ROTARY EVENTS PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY!!!!		
<b>2017</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>SEP</b>	Italian Meal at Giambrone's
<b>18</b>	<b>OCT</b>	Much Hadham Forge
<b>4</b>	<b>NOV</b>	Ware Fireworks
<b>13</b>	<b>NOV</b>	Meal out
<b>1</b>	<b>DEC</b>	Dickensian Evening
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# Ware Wheel

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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*

A month in the chair and already a lot has happened most unplanned and ideas I thought I would crack on with not happening. Even 28 years in the organisation does not prepare you for presidency. I had ideas of making loads of visits to other clubs but a very busy work and family life has not been conducive to doing that yet; Presidents away weekend, this looked as if it would have to be on hold until the spring and not in the autumn as trying to find a venue/hotel in my selected area (East Suffolk) with at least 12 nice bedrooms available during September or October and that is both reasonably priced, has a separate function room. Finally managed to settle on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October, fully booked, thank you for your support.

**Inner Wheel Report**

August is generally a quiet month for our Inner Wheel club as we do not have a committee meeting or a dinner meeting. I am not sure the reason for this but it has always been the case in all my time in Inner Wheel. Instead we enjoyed a very nice lunch at the Kings Mead at Chadwell golf club on Thursday 17 August which was organised by Wendy, she does a great job organising our social gatherings. Many of our members were able to attend and I had the pleasure of offering 3 of our long standing members – Cicely Swan, Eileen Charvill and Monica Hale honorary membership of our club for this Inner Wheel Year. They are not able to regularly attend our meetings and it was felt by the committee that this would show the clubs recognition for their involvement and commitment to the club over the years. I am not sure how long they have been members of our club but almost certainly in excess of 120 years between them.

At our July meeting members approved us setting up a Facebook page in the name of Ware Inner Wheel Club. I have now got this set up (with the help of my daughters of course!) and have posted a few items. If you use Facebook please like our page.

And finally, thankfully we were blessed with good weather for our 'Presidents at home' and were pleased that so many of you were able to join us on that day. Both Robert and I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the lunch and thank everyone for their messages, emails, cards and gifts of appreciation both on and since the day.

On July 26th Dr Lara Meischke, Deputy Director of Student Services at the University of St Andrews came to talk to us. As a student she studied the behaviour of sharks and other sea creatures. At the end of her course she took up her role which involves helping the students enjoy their time at St Andrews. These included the quirky traditions such as the length they wear their red academic gowns. Lara and her team work to provide appropriate support to empower the students to resolve their own issues, and to leave University better equipped to face the future.

It was also a delight to meet her daughter Heidi who at seventeen and a half months old must surely be our clubs youngest ever visitor.

Needless to say Grandma Sue and Grandad John were rightly beaming throughout!

Mike



On the 23 July my Afternoon Charity Tea Party was upon us. The weather forecast was not looking too good so we erected lots of Gazebos just in case! Together with the help of family and friends the day was a success albeit that it did rain for about half an hour everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and we raised £835 with the food, raffle and auction plus £85 going to Christine Grant for her charity from the Sale of her Jams, giving us a total of £920 raised. Thanks to all those that attended or made donations.

Sue



POEM BY SCOTT FINDLAY

We all have a quiet personal side  
 But having a beautiful home that you hide  
 Has put this person in a class of their own.  
 Making Rum on a Scottish isle  
 And having a wife to Inner Wheel sown  
 All add up to wisdom and style.

That is difficult to beat without "Service Above Self"  
 A party most generous was given with lots on the shelf  
 With proper food from meat to sweets  
 We were all so lucky to have enjoyed the treats  
 "High Wood" was so difficult to find  
 But it has a lovely feel to it and you were so kind  
 Thanks again to our new President and Ruth.



Rob and Charlotte Boulton

## Club Meetings and Members Duties (Speaker Finder)

Date	Club Meetings	Host/Grace/VOT
13 SEP	Business/Council	
20 SEP		Denise Newman
27 SEP		John Seager
2 OCT	John Hammond – Norwegian Coastal Steamer	Dilip Shukla
11 OCT	Business/Council	
18 OCT		Stuart Storey
25 OCT		Alan Thomas
1 NOV	Business/Council	
6 NOV		Mike Tucker

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.

### Building Hope and Changing Lives

Was the theme of the talk to the Rotary club on Monday 7 August by the Presidents daughter Charlotte Boulton. She told of her forthcoming trip to Sri Lanka in September, her two previous trips and the work by The Dust Project in association with the Paalam Project. Behind the tea, beaches, elephants and all-inclusive holiday resorts in the south of the island, lies poverty, destruction and a tough existence after 26 years of civil unrest and fighting which only ended in 2009 between two groups in the country; the Tamils and the Sinhalese.

The Dust Project founded by three friends only a few years ago looks to provide some stability, hope, break from suffering and a future for individuals and families primarily in a small community in the Northern Province just outside Jaffna.

All donations are used on and for projects with no expenses, salaries or other costs claimed by volunteers or trustees. Their work includes organising fund raising events and work groups, liaising with the Paalam Project Charity who have a placement in Jaffna, sending shipments of goods (clothes for a Charity shop and materials and goods for a school), coordinating sponsorship for children's education and correspondence with the sponsored child. The work party groups who all pay their own way first started in January 2015 and they have undertaken building and painting homes for families (7 to date), boring wells, building toilets and improving a community centre.

The project has only just touched the tip of what needs to be done. The buildings are built on land donated by and through the Paalam project and the families rehoused from small make shift tin shacks already on the land or for families who occupy abandoned corrugated shacks elsewhere.

Charlotte described how the experience of the trips has changed her life after seeing first-hand the poverty and meeting the grateful families and community, working within a group of passionate volunteers and learning all about the country its conflicts and history. Her talk and slides showed pictures of the homes she has helped to paint, projects underway and the families they have helped along with the centre where some of the community needs are catered for.

Once Charlotte returns from her next trip in September she is hoping before the new year to go back to spend up to a year out there as a volunteer teaching at the school and project managing. She has already passed her TEFL exams and applied for a volunteer work visa which is progressing well.