



Watchkeeper's Log

The Rotary Club of Hunstanton and District

Another Sky High Kite Festival



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Hunstanton enjoyed yet another successful kite festival when the sun reigned on Sunday the 23rd August with a noticeable absence of the wet stuff.

Spectators attending topped last year's record when the crowds had flocked in to witness the appearance of the Red Arrows.

Club treasurer David Dobby stated that the take on the day exceeded last year's by some £1,800—so much for the recession! He said that club members were absolutely delighted with the result, especially as the expected profit was likely to be up by 30%, resulting in £10,000 being available for worthy causes.

David was disappointed with the lengths taken by certain spectators who had entered the showground without paying. Two Motorcyclists had driven

straight at one of our lady members manning the gate, making her jump clear as they charged in to the far end of the parking area. Other gate crashers entered using the unmanned Exit gate, that will need manning at future events. A driver of a Rolls Royce failed to check in at the Classic Car entrance with 4 passengers on board and parked up in the Classic Car compound; however he did settle up when challenged by Rtn John Connolly!

A failed attempt to steal a stack of tethered Kites saw them fouling the overhead cables at the boundary of the site, necessitating the Electricity Company engineer's to cut off power supplies to Sedgeford and Heacham, whilst they were recovered.

More pictures inside.....

For your diary:

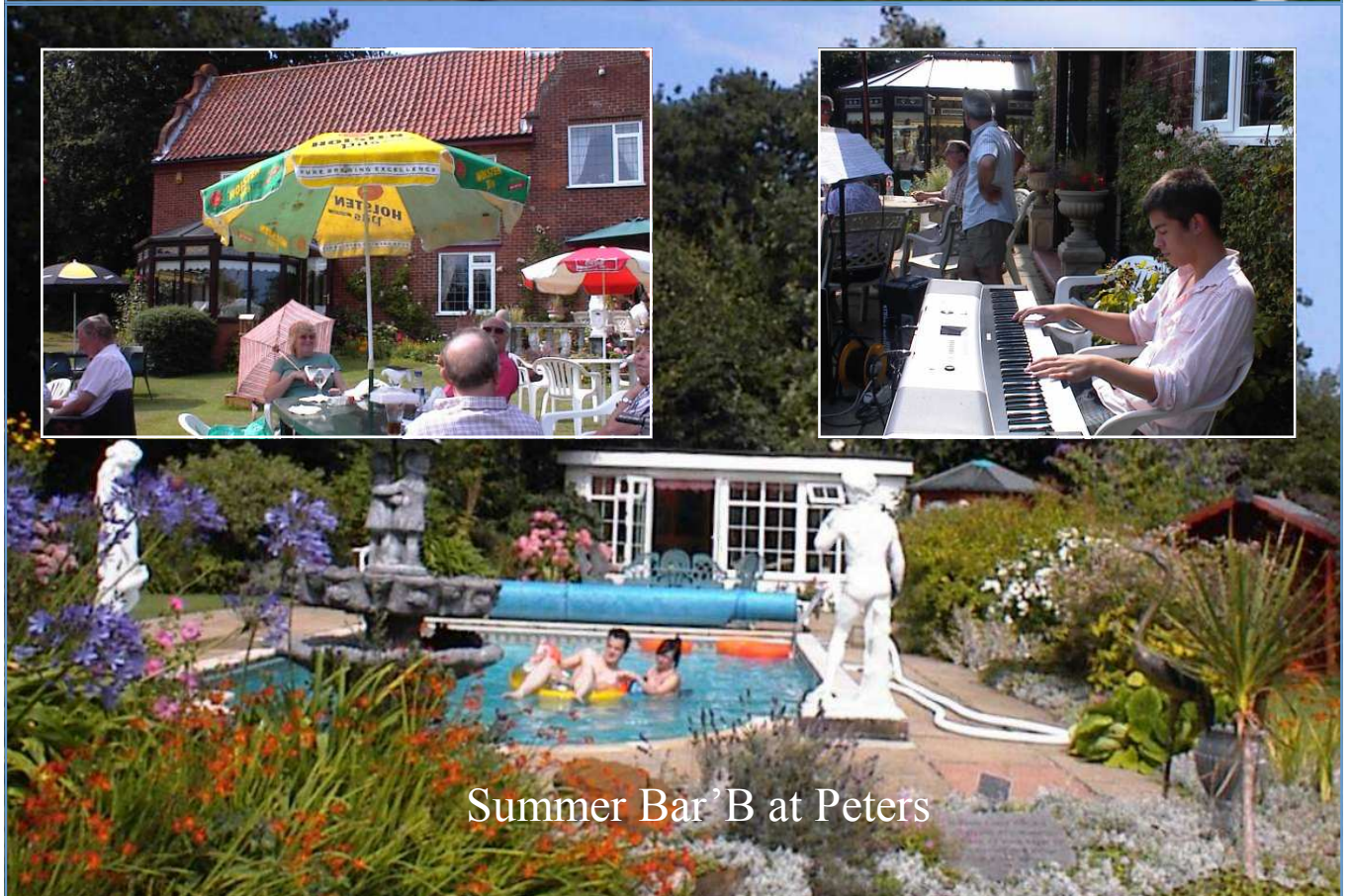
- 26th September District Conference Munford
- 30th September 5th Wednesday 10 Pin Bowling Night
- 25th October BST ends
- 28th October Charter Night

Items for inclusion in the next Newsletter should be handed to Mike Darlington by 30th November 2009. Articles should be of no more than 350 words long.

Pictures at Work and Play



Norton Hill Railway Weekend



Summer Bar 'B at Peters

More from Sky High Kite Festival



Hospitality at it's Best



Rotary on the plinth!



Rotary has been in the spotlight recently after winning two different slots on the 22-ft high empty plinth in Trafalgar Square as part of the One and Other human art exhibition.

Jasmine Morris from the Rotary club of Hertford Shires dressed completely in purple on August 27 to publicise Rotary's polio eradication project.

The 68-year-old retired teacher hoped the initiative would raise awareness of the Turn Hoddesdon Purple Day taking place next February during Thanks for Life week.

Jasmine's club are encouraging the whole town to dress in purple; the colour symbolising the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunised. Money raised from the initiative will go towards the [Thanks for Life](#) campaign which aims to help Rotary stamp out polio from the world for good.

"I was so shocked that I'd been chosen to appear on the plinth, but I'm so glad that I was. It really gave me a chance to raise consciousness of the cause," she said.

"All I can say was that it was a 'High point 'of my life – all 10 feet of it!'"

Jasmine was even able to raise the profile of the polio eradication campaign with a live interview on BBC Radio 5. Just weeks before, Rotarian Paul Manning, from the Rotary club of Amwell, was



delighted when he learned his son Timothy (pictured above) had acquired a prime slot on the plinth at 10am on the second Saturday of the exhibition. Tim chose to raise awareness of Rotary, paying particular emphasise to the club's annual duck race which was taking place at Ware in Hertfordshire the following day.

Dressed as a duck wearing the Amwell Club's tabard with the Rotary Roundel decorating the plinth, Tim certainly caught the eye of passing shoppers and tourists.

Paul said: "The hour passed quickly and after entertaining the crowd and especially the passing open topped buses - those on the top deck were at a level with Tim! - Tim came down to well deserved round of applause."

"We met Rotarians from as far a field as Australia and Canada – and had also sold a small number of tickets to the duck race, including one to Val Kirk from Australia, who won a prize in one of the Races. Race day passed off successfully and the Club was able to raise £3,000 for local charities. Armed with the photos of the 'Duck on the Plinth' we hope to do even better next year."

Jasmine and Tim join more than 2,000 volunteers to win a one-hour slot on the Fourth Plinth as part of the 100 day long One and Other art exhibition organised by sculptor Antony Gormley - the creator and sculptor of the Angel of the North and other large-scale art works.

Origin of the naval phrase "dog watch":

Dogwatch

A dogwatch at sea is the period between 4 and 6 p.m the first dogwatch, or the period between 6 and 8 p.m., the last dogwatch. The watches aboard ships are:

Noon to 4:00 p.m. Afternoon watch
 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. First dogwatch
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Last dogwatch
 8:00 p.m. to midnight First watch
 Midnight to 4:00 a.m. Middle watch
 4:00 to 8:00 a.m. Morning watch
 8:00 a.m. to noon Forenoon watch

The dogwatches are only two hours each so the same Sailors aren't always on duty at the same time each day. Some experts say dogwatch is a corruption of dodge watch and others associate dogwatch with the fitful sleep of Sailors called dog sleep, because it is a stressful watch. But no one really

knows the origin of this term, which was in use at least back to 1700.

Depending upon their size and general arrangements, ships' companies work in two, three, or four watches, or sometimes part of the ship's company works under one system and part under another. An example of the latter was in the Second World War (1939-45), when, at sea, some ships had the manning of their armament organised in two or four watches, according to the threat of air, surface or underwater attack, but the lookouts, navigation party and others worked in a regular three watches; and when in harbour everybody reverted to four watches throughout.

At sea the duty part of the watch changes at the end of each watch, i.e. every four hours (two hours in the dog watches), but in harbour the duty part changes every 24 hours only, at 12.30.



Apple does it again

Apple Computers announced today that it has developed a computer chip that can store and play high fidelity music in women's breast implants. The **iTit** will cost between \$499.00 and \$699.00 depending on speaker size.

This is considered to be a major breakthrough because women have always complained about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them.

Bushfire donations handed to Australia



Money raised for the Australia Bush Fire appeal

fund, set up by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland to support victims of the devastating bushfires in Australia, has been handed over to Australian Rotarians.

More than £34,000 was raised by Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland who immediately leapt into action after hearing of the worst bushfires in Australia's history which swept through Victoria on 7th February 2009 which claimed the lives of 178 people.

Thanks to the unique set up of Rotary, clubs were able to link up with fellow members in Australia to establish what aid was needed and ensure that funds raised are received on the ground and distributed where they are needed.

Bob and the Bond submitted by Rtn David Hall



Bob, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the

Bob placed a \$20 bill on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

TV.

The 10 pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.



The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."



The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"



Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5 pm news, and so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but didn't think he'd do it again!"

Humorous snippets!

Swimmer trapped by beach balls

A MAN got a nasty surprise when he tried to get out of his deckchair and found his testicles had become stuck between two slats of wood. Mario Visnjic had been swimming naked off Valalta beach in Croatia and his testicles had shrunk in the cool sea. When he sat down they slipped through the slats and then, as he lay in the sun, expanded back to normal size. He was freed after he called beach maintenance services on his mobile phone and they sent a member of staff to cut the deckchair in half.

Buzzing undies make shopper faint

A WOMAN collapsed in a supermarket when her vibrating panties made her faint with pleasure.

The kinky 33-year-old housewife was wearing a pair of battery-operated Passion Pants, bought from a sex shop, while she did her shopping, according to the British tabloid *The Sun*.

But she got so stimulated by

the 6cm vibrating bullet in the panties that she lost consciousness.

She fell and hit her head in the crowded supermarket in Swansea, Wales.

When paramedics arrived, they found her black imitation leather knickers still buzzing.

They took them off before an ambulance took her to hospital.

The woman, whose identity has been kept private, suffered no long-lasting ill-effects.

And as she left the hospital, a paramedic gave her back the Passion Pants in a plastic bag.

A spokesman for the Asda supermarket chain told *The Sun*: "We like to think shopping with us is exciting enough already."

... and finally

● **DENMARK:** A patient broke wind while having surgery and set fire to his genitals. The 30-year-old man was having a mole removed from his bottom with an electric knife when his attack of flatulence was ignited by a spark. His genitals, which were soaked

in surgical spirits, caught fire. The man, who is suing the hospital, said: 'When I woke up, my penis and scrotum were burning like hell. Besides the pain; I can't have sex with my wife.' Surgeons at the hospital in Kjellerups said: 'It was an unfortunate accident.'

Teatime love bite

A WOMAN almost bit off her husband's willy as he cooked pancakes for tea – while she gave him oral sex.

In the heat of passion he lost his grip on the pan and spilt boiling oil down her naked back.

She clenched her teeth on his willy and in agony he bashed her on the head with the pan.

Both only admitted how they received their injuries after "intense questioning" by hospital docs in Carioca, Romania,

The man needed treatment to his willy while the wife had burns, two black eyes and a broken cheek bone.

Shattered dreams

A collector proudly presented an old glass bottle at the Antiques Roadshow only to discover it came from a supermarket. The BBC1 show's presenter, Fiona Bruce, revealed that the man had bought the bottle for more than £1,000 but was told by the resident glass expert: "It's an empty olive oil bottle, Tesco, circa 2008." Bruce continued: "It would have made great television but it was just too cruel."

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Hippo eats dwarf

BANGKOK: A hippopotamus swallowed a circus dwarf in a "freak accident" in northern Thailand, according to a columnist in the *Pattaya Mail*.

The Grapevine column reported: "A circus dwarf, nicknamed Od, died recently when he bounced sideways from a trampoline and was swallowed by a yawning hippopotamus waiting to appear in the next act."

"Vets said Hilda the Hippo had a gag reflex which caused her to swallow. More than 1000 spectators continued to applaud wildly until they realised there had been a tragic mistake."



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Aims of Club's Trust Fund

The main purpose of its Foundation is defined in the Deed of Trust made on twenty ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and ninety three.

The Trustees shall hold and apply both capital and income thereof to or for the relief of the poor and needy or to or for such other charitable purpose, institution, society or object as Hunstanton & District Rotary Club shall, in duly constituted meeting from time to time direct.

Rotary, Google join forces

Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* available free online.

Full-colour, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books, with more issues to follow. The site is accessible from [The Rotarian's page on the RI Web site](#).

Users can select from a gallery of issues organized by decade or click "Search all issues" to search the entire catalogue for a word or phrase.

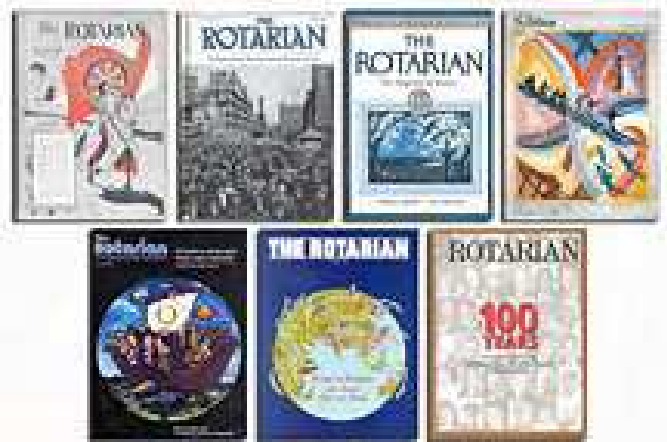
The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide.

"Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable -- and at no cost to Rotary," says Stephanie Giordano, archivist for Rotary International.

More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100

issues. The first issue was published in January 1911, when the magazine was called *The National Rotarian*.

Some issues of interest include December 1979, which reported on Rotary's first polio immunization project; the February 2005 centennial issue; and issues from the 1980s discussing the admission of women into Rotary.



A selection of covers throughout the years. Scans of issues of *The Rotarian* are now available through Google Books.