

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DULWICH & PECKHAM

Please note—meetings from 3rd September onwards will be held at Old Alleynians Sports Club, Dulwich Common, unless otherwise stated.

Date	Subject	Reception
2009	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Speaker's Host</i>
6th August	Club Council	
13th August	TBA	
20th August	A & O Committees	
27th August	No Meeting	Bank Holiday
3rd September	DG Visit <i>Martin Gudde</i>	Reg Vero <i>Adrian Faiers</i>
10th September	Club Council	Sue England
17th September	TBA	Shirley Kirk
24th September	A & O Committees	Ken Deller
1st October	Club Council	Ken Hersey

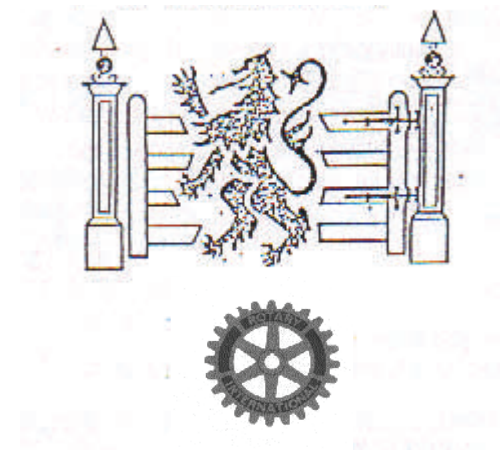
If you are not able to carry out your duty on the date specified, please arrange an exchange and notify Ken Deller

DIARY DATES DIARY DATES

3rd Sept.	DG Club Visit @ Old Alleynians
13th Sept.	Cheshire Homes Fete at Athol House
3rd Oct	Autumn Fayre at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Dulwich
16th - 18th Oct	District Conference in Eastbourne
22nd Oct.	District Council at Westminster Kingsway College
15 - 17 Nov.	RIBI visit to District 1130
8th Dec.	District Carol Service
12th Dec.	Club Christmas Collection in Dulwich Village
19th/20th Dec	Club Christmas Collection, Sainsbury's Dog Kennel Hill



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District 1130

Meeting Place— August : Crown and Greyhound, Dulwich Village.
September onwards : Old Alleynians, Dulwich Common, SE21 7HA

Day and Time Thursday 6:30pm (18:30) for 6:45pm (18:45)

President	Colin Walker
President Elect	Glyn Thomas
Vice-President	Sylvia Muxworthy
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Attendance Officer	Sylvia Muxworthy

Members Please inform Sylvia Muxworthy Tel: 020 8777 1613 by 6.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the Thursday meeting if you are **not able** to attend the meeting.
Friends Please notify Sylvia as above if you **are** wishing to attend the meeting.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

- 1, The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- 2, High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and dignifying of each Rotarians occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- 3, The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians personal, business and community life.
- 4, The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Lots of birthdays this month!

Happy Birthday to
Sylvia Muxworthy August 8th,
Adrian Faiers August 15th,
Roy Ashby August 26th and
Barbara Deller August 30th,
who share their birthdays with
Dustin Hoffman, Napoleon,
Mother Teresa and Mary Shelley
respectively.



And Rotary Anniversary. Congratulations to Reg Vero, founder member of the Rotary Club of Dulwich, August 27th 1954.

100 CLUB

Congratulations to

winner of the July Draw

To renew your membership for 2009/2010
or take out a new membership
please contact Glyn Thomas this month

Think about it

A city is a large community where
people are lonesome together

PUZZLE CORNER

Can you beat the puzzle corner?
It's just for fun but go on be a devil

JULY ANSWERS

- 1 Preston
- 2 Liverpool
- 3 Bath
- 4 York
- 5 Brighton
- 6 Warwick!
- 7 York
- 8 Oxford
- 9 Birmingham
- 10 Bradford



AUGUST QUIZ

- 1 What cake is traditionally eaten on Easter Sunday ?
- 2 Which University is the older. Oxford or Cambridge?
- 3 Whose nickname was 'Desert Fox'?
- 4 Which is the oldest Cathedral in Britain?
- 5 What was the name of the Ewings' ranch in Dallas?
- 6 What was Bill Sykes' dog called in Oliver Twist?
- 7 Which three sports feature in the triathlon?
- 8 Who was 'To The Manor Born'?
- 9 What are 'hash browns'?
- 10 Who was the last Viceroy of India?



THE PRESIDENT PONDERERS

Following an excellent garden party at the home of our Assistant Governor it was a terrible shock to learn that he died a fortnight later. See below.

In view of difficulty experienced by myself (clashes with local Council meetings), and the fact that Thursday is a problem night for some of our members, we are exploring changing the meeting day. In discussion with members that were present, a Tuesday evening appears to be favourite. Further discussions will take place in the near future.

I would like to express our thanks to Barbara & Ken Deller for introducing us to the Crown & Greyhound. I have written to the manager expressing our appreciation of the facilities provided and also to the staff for serving the meals. As you will be aware, we are returning to Old Alleynians on 3rd September, when the DG will be visiting— a full attendance would be appreciated if possible.

I would like remind all members that the **Cheshire homes fete** is on **Sunday 13th September**, please let Glyn know times you can help. We do need articles for the bric-a-brac stall and Penge club would books for their stall. **Colin.**

My Friend Surya

I first met Surya when he was President of the his club (Golders Green) in 2005/2006. He was made an Assistant Governor in 2008/2009, the same year as I was President of our Club. He was always there to answer a question on the phone or by email and I always felt he was wanting to know what was going on in the club. The Presidents' meetings were fun events, we all sat around at ease with each other and discussed what we were doing in our clubs. Surya started a website for South East clubs, so project dates and events did not clash. His energy for Rotary and the Rotary Foundation were huge. He started 4 awards for Membership and Foundation and I was honoured to receive the Foundation Trophy for per Capita giving on behalf of our Club. In Surya's passing, I have lost a great friend and Rotary has lost a huge supporter. My friend you will be missed.
Adrian

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Grand Draw

The draw is now scheduled to take place early next year, at a date to be arranged.

Christmas Collection

The Christmas Collection is now confirmed. We are collecting at 2 sites :

Sainsburys, Dog Kennel Hill - 19th & 20th December 2009

Dulwich Village - 12th December 2009.

There will be a rota available for you to sign up for slots when you are available, this is the clubs major collection so please give the club your fullest support.

Autumn Fayre

The Autumn Fayre project is going gathering momentum with 23 stall holders signed up, which will fill the main hall at St. Barnabas. The club will be running admission and catering and there will also be a table with membership information. This is the first time we have put on an event like this and we would like to run this project every year. Please support the Fayre, which is on 3rd October. Doors will be open from 11am until 4 pm but help is needed from 9 am to set up and after closing to clear away.

Cheshire Homes Fete.

The Clubs annual visit to help with the Fete at Cheshire Home in Dulwich (Athol House) is on 13th September, from noon onwards. The bric a brac stall will be in the car-park at the front this year as an experiment to bring in more people. If you have bric-a-brac and any unwanted books please bring them along on the day.

Old Peoples Luncheon.

This project will go ahead, the date is to be arranged.

Sylvia.

Letter From a Shelterbox SRT

When a Disaster occurs that Shelterbox are going to get involved with, they send out a team to assess what is required and to clear the way for the Shelterboxes to arrive. This is an account of what it is like in Taiwan after Typhoon Morakot.

Today, Friday I have just loaded up the first 20 boxes from the World Vision Warehouse on to three small trucks that had come down from the village of Taihe up in the mountains. The roads are so bad that only these small pick-ups can make it.

We were lucky that there was no afternoon rains that day as there typically are. Many mudslides over the roads have been cleared away to allow one small vehicle to squeeze through. It really is a case of "don't look down" You have to be careful not to get trapped on the wrong side of the river if it rains.

At the moment the rivers are low and it is very difficult to imagine how they could have caused the havoc that they have reaped. Many of the valley bottoms have been enlarged to ten or more times their former width by the lateral erosion of this huge destructive force. Many of the boulders are the size of a transit van or bigger.

The rivers as I said seem benign now. Many of them have braided and there are now many new channels running through the new deposition. The locals are filling these channels with logs that have been swept downstream and then the top is covered with deposition material - hey presto -a bridge.

The round nature of the logs allows the passage of water through whilst the river discharge remains slow. In many cases so much material has been swept down that the valley floor has risen by 10 - 15 metres. We saw buildings with only the ridge showing through the stones. Any bridges that remain are clearly more vulnerable now as the roadway is just a metre or so above the river "bed" which seems a strange word for such a scene of destruction. However I am reminded that, as the boulders are so rounded, this is merely the latest episode of a story that has been unfurling for hundreds of thousands of years.

In many areas huge sections of the valley sides have sheared away.

These sections could be hundreds of metres across. In some instances only sheer rock remains, and where the road has been carried away you wonder how it could ever be rebuilt.

I have a meeting with World Vision this afternoon, and hope to get help on up to date information on where we are needed, and also transportation and an interpreter which as ever is a problem.