



Rotary Club of Bournemouth North Spring Newsletter 2021

Remembering life before LOCK DOWN No 2



Members out and about distributing donations to local charities...

Photograph Shows Rotarians Anne and Graham Green, together with Rotarian Malcolm Jefferies (accompanied as always by wife Jenny) handing over to **Home Start**



“Santa” Malcolm present gifts to **Young Parents Support Group**.

A Virtual Auction was organised by Rotarian Gerry Needham as a pre-Christmas social event with Lots provided by members.

The event created much amusement and good cheer raising approx. £500 with proceeds going into the Club Charity Account.

(No photographs of the event are available for publication as too much excitement was generated but grateful thanks go to Gerry for ingenuity, perseverance and skilful guidance throughout the evening)

Our Virtual Christmas Party presented another opportunity for celebration with carols, musical entertainment and story telling.

A photographic competition, organised again by Gerry Needham, provided photographs of Rotarians, and family members as infants, with the challenge being to identify them—Oh what Joy!!!

2021

The Club has continued its meetings programme including Guest Speakers on the Zoom platform

Graham Feast—”UK Road Safety”

Joan Cullen—”Wartime Kinson”

Andy Pedrick—”Jurassic Joints”

Louise Rolfe—”Living Well”

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Even in lockdown the Rotary Club of Bournemouth North is reaching out to our community providing support where we can, helping many organisations such as The Dorset Children's Foundation, Bournemouth Women's Refuge, Young Parents Groups, The local Foodbank, Homestart, The Salvation Army, Bournemouth Hospital Charity and many, many others.

Many of us now have time on our hands unable to do the things we normally do so what better time to make new friends and help your local community at the same time.

At the moment our meetings are conducted on Zoom where we take care of the clubs' business and also have a succession of interesting speakers from all over the country.

If you feel you would like to help please contact us through our Contacts Page (link below) to find out more about the amazing work that Rotary does both locally and around the world.

There has never been a better time to make a difference.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an international service club with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries.

Rotary is about helping communities, both local and internationally through our network of clubs.

It is a non-religious and non-political organisation comprised of both men and women.

There are 77 clubs in our area, Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and they do some fantastic work each year. We raise approximately £2.2 million each year and spend around 100,000 hours helping the less fortunate in our communities, true to our motto – 'Service Above Self'.

What are the benefits of joining?

- Making a difference in the local community
- Making new friends and enjoying our many social activities
- Developing your leadership and organisational skills and helping others develop theirs
- Assisting with worldwide humanitarian aid
- Having fun whilst helping others
- Giving back a little to help others not so fortunate as ourselves getting involved in the club's activities as much or as little as time allows

The above is an extract from our club website

www.rotarybournemouthnorth.co.uk —please use and contribute in our quest for new members able to benefit from Rotary.

WALKERBOT BID

Extract from a recent Bournemouth Echo Report

“Four Rotary Clubs in Dorset have collectively donated £2,3000 to help Bournemouth Hospital Charity provision of care for stroke victims. The Rotary clubs of

Christchurch,

Bournemouth

East Cliff,

Parkstone and

Bournemouth North Rotary Club

have all contributed towards the hospital’s appeal for a “ WALKERBOT “ machine.

The computer controlled machine for the physiotherapy department will help stroke victims and those suffering from neurological conditions learn to walk again.

Louise Johnson, consultant therapist in s

Strokes said “ We have been blown away by the support that the Walkerbot appeal has received and are so grateful to the local Rotary clubs for their generous donations.

It takes us another step closer to our target and being able to offer this amazing technology to people who are learning to walk again after a stroke.”

Bournemouth North Rotary Club donated £1,000 being part of the legacy left top the Club from the Estate of Tony Bayliss.

An additional £1,000 was donated to another hospital project. A very fitting tribute to Tony, Hazel and family.

AU REVOIR

Sonia Hall is now 75% resident in Cornwall. We wish her well in her new setting and thank her for her service to Bournemouth North.

To continue her service she will continue her membership with Redruth Rotary Club

& Not forgetting

Captain Sir Tom Moore, a past Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow

“Never ever worry yourself to the state about how terrible things are because soon, and it will happen, things will get better.”

In Memoriam

Rotary Club of Bournemouth North remembers departed members

Charles Cleghorn

25th July 1940 - 9th May 2019

Charles was born in Newcastle Staffordshire. He married local girl Liz in 1966 and she came down to join him; Charles having moved down to Bournemouth for his business a year earlier. He and Liz had three children, son Richard and daughters Jane and Emma, with grandchildren Finley, Elijah, Toby, Oliver, Tom, and Anna. His grandchildren brought enormous joy to Charles.

In his time Charles was chair of each of the club committees. He was club president twice; in 2004/05 (the newly introduced health and safety regulations driving him potty when he was trying to get activities under way) and then President again (unusually) for 18 months 2008/09 when he stepped into the breach following the incumbent President's resignation. In 2004 Charles and Liz visited Chateau Gontier for the first time and he became an enthusiast for our twinning, visiting Ch. Gontier on every subsequent exchange to France. Charles helped organise many fellowship events, memorably a visit to the spire of Salisbury Cathedral while work was underway and especially the caravan weekends, which are fondly remembered by all those who attended, if only for the evening festivities! He was a member of the boules team and he strongly supported Rotary charities especially Tools for Self-Reliance with whom he forged a long-lasting relationship with our club.

Charles was a keen member of our club who brought a great knowledge of Rotary, and a forthright but always sound approach to club activities. In recognition of his contribution he was awarded a Paul Harris fellowship.

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Anthony Mark Bayliss

1st May 1942 to 27th of April 2020

Tony was born in Wales but grew up with his family in West Ealing with sister Jaki and brother Gareth. Tony and Hazel met in 1967 and married in 1969. They have three sons Simon, with his wife Ali and children Orin and Maia, Richard, with wife Claire and sons Matthew and Edward, and Martyn all three sons are talented musicians.

Although Tony left school without formal qualifications he studied assiduously as an external student at Bournemouth College, Southampton Polytechnic and Reading University and qualified with great pride as a chartered surveyor. (RICS).

Tony always had a great love of music. Hazel was a music teacher and they together run a successful holiday flat business called Amberwood Grange for 30 years. The former stable with cobbled floor was transformed into a much-used music room for piano, recorder, flute, guitar, trombone, french horn and composing. Tony's great love of music extended to classical pop and country and western he played the guitar and piano and as many of us will recall he had a good singing voice. He was a connoisseur of both coffee and craft beer.

For many years Tony was an enthusiastic member of Bournemouth North Rotary Club he was club president 2003/4. He was famed for his barbecuing skills and "Anton's Burgers" graced not only the May Day fete each year (often on his birthday) but regular Cherry Tree open days as well. In recognition of his service, he was made a Paul Harris fellow and subsequently an honorary and life member of the club. He loved being a Rotarian and friendships formed during his membership gave him and Hazel much enjoyment and comfort especially during his years of deteriorating health. He will long be remembered for his part in songs and cabarets at Rotary Christmas parties and events.

Tony's life was never dull he had a zest for life, being ready to volunteer for almost everything on offer.

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Keith Newell Furniss

11th November 1928 to 1st November 2020

Keith was a Yorkshire lad, born in Sheffield but who moved to the Bournemouth area as a toddler. He was a keen cyclist to such an extent that he took his future wife Sybil on a 60-mile cycle ride for their very first date!! It did not put Sybil off at all and they married in 1953, having 67 years of married life together. They had two children, Stephen, and Carole and four grandchildren Charles, Thomas, Alexandra (Alex) and Katie.

Keith had an incredibly active and enquiring mind as those of us who were ever on one of his committees quickly learned. Just one example of this was during a business trip to Germany where Keith noticed a temporary toilet unit on a building site being swiftly serviced by a visiting pump truck, he returned to the UK, researched them, and quickly became the first importer of non plumbed-in portable toilets to the UK. A huge improvement on the then crude facilities available to building sites and short period events. Not satisfied with that he then set up a business to manufacture them himself. His business achievements spanned “teeth to toilets” encompassing Dental appliances, Tool Hire, Catering equipment Hire, Garden Machinery Sales and Spares, and Balloon wholesale. Keith was an entrepreneur in the true sense of the word.

Many of us will recall a New Year's Day visit from Keith on his penny-farthing which required a tot (or two!) of whisky to send him warmly on his way to the next Rotarian's house. Although Keith was not a founder member he was, it is believed, the first recruited member of the club when he joined on 3rd November 1970. He surprised many by turning up at a club meeting, then held the Old Vicarage in Northbourne, on his penny-farthing.

It is no exaggeration to say that Keith was devoted to Rotary. He was a prime mover in our twinning with Chateau Gontier; he took a generous and critical role with the May Day Fete by loaning equipment, tentage, stalls etc. On occasions he brought his old-fashioned striker bell as a fundraiser and for this he wore a bowler hat, striped waistcoat, and red neckerchief. He was rewarded with a Paul Harris fellowship.

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Photos & memories collated by Rtn Peter Avis and with consent of families.

- (i) **Charles** at our Rotary Christmas Dinner
- (ii) **Tony** (with Charles) entertaining at Christmas
- (ii) **Keith Furniss** performing at our Rotary fete

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

At the March Group 2 meeting a Westbourne Club initiative was discussed.

This would involve Rotary Club members, individually or collectively, meeting an Environmental Challenge task (one to three actions per month) each of which will have a positive impact on our environment.

The example actions are simple;

- plant Bee friendly plants in your garden
- build a log pile which can be the home of insects
- spend an hour in your locality picking up litter (Chris Chubb has some litter pickers if you wish to borrow);
- change your tea bags to those that are eco-friendly
- stop eating avocados as they are bad for the World.

At the end of the month a further set of challenges are sent out.

This is simple and provides a route we can all travel on to make our small, but individual, impact on saving our planet for the next generation.

Council has yet to discuss—watch this space!!

Rotary Club of Bournemouth North

This Newsletter is produced by the Club for its members and Business Partners for distribution and inclusion within its website.

If you feel you can contribute in any way to the success of the Club or would like more details of the benefits of membership please contact the secretary in the first instance, mike@elliesdolls.co.uk

We are always looking for new club members and Business Partners.—maybe you would like to join us ?

2020/21

President	Roger Deas
President Elect	John Slade
Nominee President	Peter Avis
Immediate Past President	Graham, Green
Secretary	Mike Edwards
Treasurer	Perry Ellis
Almoner	Tony Stark

Assisted by members of the Club

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Roger Deas, John Slade, Peter Avis, Mike Edwards, Graham Green, John Spurgeon, Malcolm Jeffries & David Scott

MEETINGS

With Covid-19 restrictions our meetings are now being held on the Zoom platform. In due course we hope to return to Meetings at the West Hants Lawn Tennis Club (unless Tournament functions restrict availability of space) on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month with reception from 6.30pm for Dinner at 7.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE