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EDITORIAL NOTE

Following the resignation from the club of Robin Evans, it has been necessary to find another source for the printing of *Rotavator*.

For many years Robin arranged for the office of Enterprise First at Fareham to make the necessary copies for us, his predecessor, Tim Austin did likewise, all at no cost to us but no doubt at personal cost to themselves.

Now that the magazine is in the main circulated electronically, our Rotary Housing Association has offered to print the relatively small number of hard copies required for our non-email members at cost price with the big advantage that these copies will be in **colour!**

President Albert has generously offered to sponsor the relatively small cost of printing for this issue and subsequent ones during the remainder of his year - following that for sponsorship will be open to all and member's firms may like to become involved with an opportunity for advertising.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALBERT

The last four months have been one of the busiest times in my life, since I took retirement. Presidential dinners, visits to other clubs, formal occasions with the Lord Mayor, assisting other clubs at their fundraising events and supporting other club's collections.

It has been a pleasure representing our club and I can assure you that we are held in high esteem across the District.

One of my four Presidential objectives is to enhance, and raise, the profile of the Portsmouth Rotary Housing Association. What action has been undertaken to date?

With our club's secretary Anthony Smyth, I visited the Rotary Club of Woking, where he gave a presentation on the PRHA. This was well received by the members and they were highly impressed with the information given and our ongoing involvement.

I have been to our four Rotary houses on both formal and informal visits; joined residents on a trip to the Milestones Museum and the Watercress Line; enjoyed two wonderful evenings at a Chinese Restaurant and also attended various coffee mornings.

I will continue to invite PRHA to report at our monthly business meetings.

In future reports I will update the club members on progress on my other objectives.

We have had three members resign from the club during my presidency, Robin Evans, John Brogden and George White. Can I thank them for all their hard work and involvement during their years of dedicated service and wish them health and happiness for their future.

The club continues to work closely with the members of Inner Wheel and I thank them for

all their hard work on our behalf in relation to the annual Rotary Shoebox Appeal. Their members also joined us at the District Conference in Jersey and helped to make it a very happy and successful event.

We are now approaching the winter months, keep yourselves warm, keep smiling and let us look forward to springtime when we will be able to enjoy our crocus floral display at the Market Way roundabout and also participating in our Dragon Boat weekend during May.



Yours in Rotary
Albert.

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So what's an Assistant Governor for? John tells us!

Has Rotary a future? Can it adapt to its members living longer and being mostly retired? What can Rotary offer today's professionals and managers whose lives, pressures and needs are so different from our own - and would any of us want to belong to a club that made itself attractive to modern people? Big and interesting questions - which clubs are struggling to answer - or not, in living experiments everywhere. So when I was asked to take an interest in Rotary beyond my own club, I jumped.

An AG isn't just a lieutenant to the DG, though keeping him briefed about achievements in southeast Hampshire is part of my job. As important perhaps is encouraging our neighbouring clubs to work together, helping members to find resources within District and RIBI, spotting problems in clubs that might benefit from outside advice or encouragement, and telling District and RIBI what ordinary Rotarians think of them.

Now for instance is the season for PEPs (President Elect Preparation) - something Rotary does well. Any past president will tell you that the briefing, the introductions and the resources offered before they took office helped and guided them through their year. Just as District Assemblies arm each club's committee chairmen with fresh ideas, knowledge of what other clubs are doing, and enthusiasm for their role, before their Rotary year begins. Both Assemblies and

PEPs rely upon the district's foot soldiers, who are the Assistant Governors.

In District 1110 there are nine of us, each with a group of 6 to a dozen clubs. Although AGs aren't strictly members of the District Executive, we do attend, and take part in discussion. Between us we visit every club several times a year, and are at every Group meeting. So the AGs together have unrivalled knowledge about what's happening in the clubs.

And in Rotary it's the clubs that are important. In my view those who talk about District and RIBI "up there", about information "coming down" or about the "Rotary hierarchy" have quite misunderstood the movement. I propose a different Rotary model where the clubs are at the top, supported by their groups, their district, and the resources of RIBI. At the bottom, holding this model up, is RI, and appropriately, the Rotary Foundation. Each level of the "lowerarchy" offers services and support rather like your floorboards, joists and footings support your furniture. You may imagine my delight in explaining it to the AGs, DGs, and National Presidents who in this model of Rotary would be the plumbers, bricklayers and sewage operatives keeping your living room functioning.

So an AG is just one of Rotary's foot soldiers. Supporting clubs and telling District how it is. It's a privilege, which comes with a three-year time limit. I hope that when a District Governor asks if you will undertake it, you will say yes.

John Worley – Assistant Governor - Group 7

Des's Book Launch

Des O'Keefe had an extremely successful launch of his new business primer "A Business Guide for Beginners" at Blackwells University Bookshop in Portsmouth. The launch was attended by about fifty people of which five were club members or members' wives / friends.

Good luck with this enterprise Des! Ed



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES



Club

Administration

Following a discussion on archiving at a recent meeting of the Administration Committee all club members are asked to look through what they have in the way of Rotary material and provide anything suitable for archiving to Kelvin, preferably suitably packed, who will store it at "Yellow Box". Suitable items may be, for example, of general, sentimental, or historical interest, or they may constitute a record of past Rotary business.

Des O'Keefe

Service Projects

Our first task in this new Rotary Year has been to enlist the help of members within the Club as a whole to organise the celebration of 25 years work by Rotary on the Polio Plus programme by planting 2600 mauve crocus bulbs on the Commercial Road roundabout. The City Council and its contractor Colas proved very helpful by agreeing to the project and cordoning the roundabout. The weather was kind to the band of 15 who dibbed, planted, backfilled and heeled. Hopefully, the results will be visually apparent on 23rd February when the national End Polio Now events take place to raise funds for the initiative. Just £1.00 spent on inoculation against the deadly virus will protect five children.



Under the control of Bernard Parsons, letters have been sent to schools inviting them to register teams for the Youth Speaks Competition, which will take place at St John's College on Monday 17th January. This competition is an old favourite and always results in some remarkable performances by our City's young students. Please note the date and come along.

David Marshall is master minding the staging of a new youth Rotary Technology Tournament on March 26th at Portsmouth Grammar School. David presents a separate report on this topic in this edition of *Rotavator*.

The ordering of Usbourne Dictionaries for Year 6 students at Charles Dickens Junior School has to be actioned before Christmas. Some 48 dictionaries will be ordered.

The Committee has begun to consider staging a Rotary Young Citizens Award. Albert Jewitt is pioneering this project and has started initial fact-finding and liaison with the News which runs a similar competition. Subject to the outcome of Albert's deliberations he will be looking to stage an Award programme after completion of his current term of office as President.

Current operational work at Charles Dickens Junior School proceeds in terms of the Reading, Sports Coaching, and Gardening Programmes. Members of the Committee also contribute to the QA Hospital Library Service – a scheme operated in conjunction with Cosham Rotary Club.

During next year other youth projects will kick into operation at the appropriate time e.g., Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, YMCA Fairthorne Manor Summer Camp, and Kids Out at Paulton's Park

The Committee will consider applications for small grants from community and youth organisations, and in particular the Enable Ability Summer Holiday workshops for children with Special Needs.

Brian Hall

Public Relations

The Commanding Officer of a Naval Air Station was leaving to take up an appointment elsewhere in the Royal Navy. The Ships' Company was mustered at the edge of the airfield for a final inspection. When the ceremony was complete the Captain was taken from the parade by helicopter, which circled a couple of times before disappearing above the Somerset countryside.

As the helicopter had circled above with the door open and the Captain waving his cap to the crowds below the Public Relations Officer had asked the Press Photographer standing beside him, "Aren't you

going to take a photograph of the Captain waving 'goodbye' as he relinquishes command?" To which the photographer replied, "No one will want to see the Captain waving from a helicopter – now if he fell out while he was waving, that would be different!"

The photographer's reply illustrates the problem of trying to arouse media interest; every story needs an angle; something that gets a reaction and makes people want to know more. In order to get the media interested in what Rotary is doing we need to publicize stories that have a human-interest angle or some eye-catching aspect to them. What is your committee doing that is worth telling people about or is it the efforts of an individual that deserve some recognition in print?

We recently managed to get a report in the press about the Crocus-planting as part of the Thanks for Life campaign and coverage in the District magazine of Rotarians taking part in a programmed on Internet TV.

You often hear it said that membership and recruiting new members should be the concern of every Rotarian. Public Relations and possible stories for the media are also matters that we should all be alert to as we relate Rotary to our own lives and to the communities we seek to serve.

Roger Devonshire

Foundation & International

Following a talk by Rotarian Jane Walker about the Literacy in a Box campaign, aimed at educating young people living in the poorer parts of Manila, our matching grant with the Philippines is well on the way to success. Thanks to Dennis Meadus's hard work, a major input to the matching grant, in the form of a cherub for £1000, has been received from the Rotary Club of Jersey. This brings the total value of the grant to the region of the required \$12000.

The end of October saw another successful Shoe Box collection campaign led by Tom Misson and his very able team, greatly supported by ladies of Inner Wheel who checked the contents of every box!



The "Thanks for Life" campaign, a project involving the clubs and members of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI), to highlight the humanitarian work of Rotarians with the number one aim of helping to eradicate polio throughout the world, came to a head with the Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club on Sunday, 31st October. A total of fifteen members and wives, led by "Capability" Hall and "Tic marsh" Palmer, met in an unlikely place, being the center of the Commercial Road/ Market Way roundabout, to plant nearly 3000 crocus bulbs! Fortunately, the weather held out until we had finished. A photo of the team is seen below...



John Bishop

Fundraising

Please note in your diaries that we will be doing our **Christmas bucket collections** on Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th December at Sainsbury's at Farmington and Wednesday the 22nd December at Cascades Shopping Centre. Your club needs you to do a two-hour stint please.



Jim Harper has kindly agreed to handle the Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the 7th December at our lunch at the Queens Hotel, if you have any expensive unwanted gifts which would be suitable for the raffle, please let Jim or Tony Palmer have them or a small donation would enable Jim to purchase some.

Tickets are currently being printed by kind permission of Nick Roadnight of Portsmouth Water and you will be asked to sell at least £10 worth please.

Tony Palmer

Rio Gradate 3H Project in Brazil

A Rotarian Community Corps (which is a group of non-Rotarian volunteers) has recently been established in the area around The River Gradate and has already been very active in trash gathering and river cleanups. They have also been involved in the distribution of clothing and food in the poor communities.

A 12 page survey completed in the three Cities affected by the river pollution gives grounds for optimism on changes of attitude of the population in the four modules of Education & Awareness, River Cleanup, Re-forestation of the river and tributary banks and Enforcement of the pollution laws.

Considerable progress is being maintained in all aspects of the project, with the final result intended, being the provision of sanitation and fresh drinking water for one million poor people living in the vicinity of the River Gradate, who currently do not have these essential facilities.

Our District Group Study Exchange Team, who will visit District 4670 in Brazil next April, have been selected, which includes our Club nominee, Lara Edwards, from The Portsmouth Water Company. They spoke convincingly at the recent District Conference in Jersey about themselves and their aspirations for the visit and were very well received. I am convinced that they will be great Ambassadors for the District.

Dennis Meadus

Sorry Billy but it could only be the Irish!

Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a truck went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win lottery' 'What's dat', says his mate.

'Send me lawn away to be cut'.

FUNDRAISING THOUGHTS FROM TONY

Fund Raising has always been a taboo subject in Rotary but whether we like it or not, it is now an essential and important part for what we do and why we are here.

Forty years ago most of our 100 plus members were in private business, it was easy to extract any money we needed from ourselves, our companies and to get our employees to support our functions but that is no longer the case.

If we ignore the Youth Club money and the generous gift from Alan Neater, than we are spending more money than we are raising.

We however have a Golden Opportunity to raise enormous sums of money for comparatively little effort, it was Brian Hall's idea when he was President and you've all guessed it, yes "**Dragon Boat Racing**". ALL you need to do is to spread the word with a "little enthusiasm".

It is a good corporate fun day for those taking part. It is good value for firms, with advertising displayed on the boats, paddles, launching platforms or in over 1000 programmes and it demonstrates that we are a live Rotary Club and not just a bunch of old men having meals together.

It will attract younger people to join Rotary. If you read the October edition of "*Rotary Today*" (pages 20 to 23) you can see what Bristol Dragon Boat involvement has achieved, with lots of New Young Active Rotarians. We visited the Bristol Club six years ago and still have not taken all their advice on board. It is not rocket science, you do not need to be a super salesman to advertise our event - we have all the information for you to give to your friends and likely companies. Arm yourself with some literature and spread it around, "YOUR ROTARY CLUB NEEDS YOU"

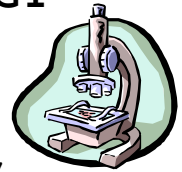
On a similar subject, encouraging Young people to join Rotary, we should follow Bristol's example and invite people to become "**Friends of Rotary**" as Bristol have done. They would not join Rotary or have to pay a subscription but could be invited to our meetings and encouraged to support and help with our functions, it is then very likely that some would wish to join eventually or might even form a new club consisting of young people as is the case with Bristol Sundown Rotary Club. (*Tony - I believe*

President Albert and the Board are already looking into the matter of 'Rotarian Community Corps' - Ed.)

Tony

Palmer

ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT



We have reported previously on our plans to stage a Technology Tournament for Portsmouth Schools. I now want to report on progress and to indicate the resources that will be needed when we stage the event in March 2011.

Rotary has been organising Technology Tournaments around England for about 20 years and they are now major activities, particularly in the northeast and northwest. Basingstoke Loddon is the only Club in Hampshire to be involved so far.

Portsmouth Grammar School has volunteered to host our event, using their new Science block. It will take place on Saturday, March 26th 2011, starting at 9.30 am. Schools will enter teams of 4 students at three levels of age grouping and will be assigned a construction project using materials supplied to them. A team of 6 or 7 judges will be appointed to monitor each team's performance and ultimately to determine the winner in each category. Before the day, we have the task of constructing a test bed and obtaining certificates and trophies for presentation. On the day there will be a range of admin. Jobs to be undertaken, such as car parking, the registration of contestants and, of course, and some publicity for Rotary. We probably need up to 10 volunteers.

Although the event will not be taking place for another 5 months, it is not too soon to be seeking volunteers who would be interested in helping with the tournament. Please contact me if you are able to help. Many thanks

David Marshall

HOUSING ASSOCIATION NEWS



The new flats

This year has seen 5 residents move in to the first new-build units that the Association has undertaken for over 20 years. The flats in the grounds of Charles Clark House, close to Fratton Park, are single one bed-roomed units and have been built to a very high specification. Each flat is equipped with its own central heating system and a fully fitted kitchen with plenty of cupboard space and worktops.

The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Paula Riches, kindly agreed to officially open the new building on Monday 5th July 2010 and following the opening ceremony she toured the building and visited one of the new flats before sharing tea with residents. Councillor Riches was so impressed that she asked to see the Association's other schemes and visited Harrison House on 9th September. Dates have also been booked to go to Lindsey & Woodpath Houses.

The Government's recent Comprehensive Spending Review will see the housing budget reduced to £4.4bn, a cut of nearly 50%, which will seriously impact on grant funding to Housing Associations. On the other hand, affordable housing tenants could now be required to pay up to 80% of the market rental value for their property which, if implemented, could lead to a significant increase in income. Government hopes that this will go some way to offsetting the housing budget cut although realistically, Registered Providers will need to become more like the private sector and operate as efficiently as possible to try and achieve the Coalition mantra of getting "more for less".

They will now have to actively search for new and creative ways of attracting investment.

Whilst the Association continues to look for development opportunities which can be funded from existing resources, it has also completed the refurbishment of kitchens and windows at Charles Clark House with plans for similar kitchen improvements at Harrison House on track for early next year. These works are additional to the cyclical maintenance programme which is undertaken on a rolling basis at all of our properties.

Other future important changes will see the need for Trustees to take a greater strategic as opposed to an operational role in the functioning of housing Boards and thereby take more responsibility for outcomes. This will involve pro-active involvement and development of new ideas to meet changing needs of the housing sector such as ever increasing age groups and the greater expectations of residents living in PRHA accommodation. If you feel that you have the skills and enthusiasm to help the Association move forward to meet future challenges then please make contact with the Chairman or other officers. This could be your way of meeting Rotary's motto of '**Service above Self**'

Graham Cole – Chief Executive

News from the Inner Wheel Club of Portsmouth & Southsea



It was with sadness we heard of the death of Phyllis Bentley-White, a member of Inner Wheel since 1986. Her funeral service was a wonderful thanksgiving for the life of someone who gave so much of her time for those in need. Phyllis will

be greatly missed by her friends in Inner Wheel. At the September afternoon meeting members were riveted by the talk given by Kate Allen, a granddaughter of Louisa Taylor living in Johannesburg, South Africa. Kate, Director of the Band of Hope Mission, explained her voluntary work looking after babies abandoned by their parents.

In October our speaker was your Rotary Club President Albert. He fascinated us all by his experiences in the police service both man and, perhaps more poignantly, boy. Few of our speakers have elicited so many questions and comments after a talk, as we reflected on both past and present expectations of our local police force.

Our Inner Wheel **Christmas lunch** will be held on **14th December** and I am sure that there will be a number of Rotarian husbands who will provide a taxi service so that those members who wish can enjoy a glass of wine with their meal can do so without feeling guilty!

Our next **Charity event** is an afternoon of mince pies and cakes at Sheila and Fred Bailey's home on **9th December** at 2 p.m. to raise funds for our President Mo's charity the Rowans Hospice. Rotarians are most welcome.

We are holding our annual fundraising **Coffee Morning/Bazaar** at Portsmouth Guildhall on **January 27th** 2011 starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome. Tickets £2.50 available in advance or on the door. The money raised will be shared between our President's Charity and augmenting the finds for a respite holiday for a lady in need.

Finally, a date for your diary: next year we have our **75th Anniversary Charter Day** and we invite you to share with us in celebrating this significant milestone date at a lunch at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday **26th July 2011**.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
2011 from all our members,

Kathleen Davies - Club Correspondent

District's Online Directory

Many will already know the magic of District's new online directory, now available to you. It offers details of all of District's 2,700 members. Setting a filter

can instantly find you all the "Berts" in the district (including our President), everyone who lives in "Acacia" - something, or belongs to a club beginning with "Sou..." - or all the members of a particular club committee.

The screen list presented matching your filter offers telephone numbers, and to send group emails. It might allow you to email the complete International Committee at one hit, say.

More useful I find is to hit the pull-down offering downloads. 'Contact lists' or 16 other reports on members you have selected are available, including their club directories (in three different formats), name badges or even their business cards. Furthermore these reports are sent as PDF-files, which you can then save on your machine for instant future reference. So I have every Group 7 club directory, including Portsmouth & Southsea, at the click of a single button - much faster than accessing our own website, or fumbling in my pocket for a paper directory.

One great advantage of the online directory is that it never goes out of date. Individual members can change their entries as often as they move house, change office, email or phone numbers. But Portsmouth & Southsea members would need to be quick to beat our efficient secretary Anthony to do it for them!

Can the new online directory be improved? I expect district Webmaster Martin Ash has a growing wish-list of features to be added and details changed in due course. Is it already vast improvement upon what we had to make do with until last year? Absolutely - and very much less expensive too!

The online directory is at www.rotary1110.org - but Rotavator is not the best medium for sending links and URLs. So if you want help getting into the new Online Directory, just email johnaworley@aol.com.

John Worley

AVON CALLED!

I thought that you all would like to read the following letter from Wendy O'Hara who, I am sure that you will remember was on the point of being inducted into our club until she received a job offer at Bath University - clearly our loss is Bath Avon's gain! - David T

Dear David,

Please forgive me for taking so long to get back in touch with you about my transfer to Bath. Once I had unpacked and reached a modus vivendi in my new home I started to make local enquiries about the Rotary Clubs in and around Bath (I am actually living in a delightful little town called Bradford on Avon, just a few miles outside Bath).

I suppose the fact that it was high summer and the middle of the holiday season partly explained the delay in responses from some of the clubs, and also of course the fact that some of the clubs in this area are, in their own words, 'rather traditional', and perhaps needed time to discuss whether they were ready to welcome female members. My choice was also limited by the fact that several clubs here only meet at lunch-times, which is difficult to reconcile with my working life.

I didn't want to write back to you until I had some concrete news to report, but now I'm delighted to say I have exactly that! I have been very warmly welcomed by the Bath Avon club, which is not only keen to recruit new members, but is also very happy to welcome ladies. I have been to both a business meeting and an evening with a speaker, and at both I was given a warm reception. The atmosphere is friendly with a small core of recently

joined ladies who also made me feel very comfortable and at ease. The cheerful and good-humoured repartee at dinner made me think very fondly of the pleasant evenings I have spent at Portsmouth and Southsea's meetings, so I feel I have found a similar 'home'!

I understand that all procedures for my becoming a full member should be completed over the next couple of weeks.

The Club seems to be very active in a variety of both local and international causes, and I am looking forward to becoming involved in a practical way.

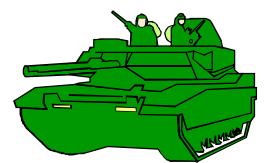
I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you David, and Des, my sponsor, for your help and support in helping me to transfer to a Club in Bath, and in addition I would be grateful if you could extend my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Portsmouth and Southsea Club for originally making me feel so welcome that my interest in joining Rotary was originally sparked.

I now look forward to the opportunity in the not too distant future of paying a visit to Portsmouth, and being able to bring you all 'Greetings from Bath'! Thank you once again for the time, effort and help so generously and freely given, which has facilitated my own enthusiastic membership.

Best regards to you all,

Wendy

Outing to Bovington



On a lovely October morning, a party of fourteen, comprising eight Rotarians accompanied by wives and friends

travelled westward to Bovington where we were going to visit the **Tank Museum**.

Tom Misson also hoped that it would be an opportunity for him to re-acquaint himself with one of the tanks he drove in North Africa during his National Service in the 1950's.

We duly arrived and reported to our leader, Kelvin Goodwin, we lined up and waited for further orders. We were soon issued with tickets and introduced to our guide who would lead us around the various exhibits and describe what we saw.

We started off in the World War One section, soon passing through very realistically reconstructed allied trenches, which gave a vivid impression of how dreadful the conditions were. We were able to compare those with the German tunnels, all neatly lined with close timber boarding and if one had to go to war it did not look a too bad place to be!

Tanks were introduced in Flanders in about 1916 and some of the early versions appeared crude and broke down with regular monotony but at least it was the start of machinery taking over from horse power.

We moved on to the World War Two display area and we were impressed by the size of some of exhibits, particularly the German and Russian ones. Through the cutaway side of one of the British tanks, we saw the cramped conditions,

we were told that in the desert the temperature inside a tank could reach 150° Fahrenheit and with the excessive noise, conditions must have been terrible and relieved only when the tank stopped.

Throughout our tour, Tom Misson had been looking, without success, for a similar model of tank that he had served in and he was becoming desperate. He had even donned a battledress and cap so that he could at least look like a "Tanky", but like all old uniforms it was surprising how much the material had shrunk over the years!



Thomas the Tank tracks it down!

Our guide joined in the search and it was rather like Tom going to buy a pair of shoes – "Is it like this one Tom" said the guide – "no, too big" replied Tom. "What about this one"? - "No, not the right shape!" After several minutes of ever desperate 'shopping', Tom found a four-man tank that he thought was just about near enough the right model, he was satisfied at last and we were all relieved.

After a final look around, we moved on to the "Worlds End" pub near Blandford where we sat down to a nice meal, after which, having enjoyed looking at the tanks, we made 'tracks' for home!

A big thank-you to Kelvin for arranging this outing and for looking after us so well (apart from

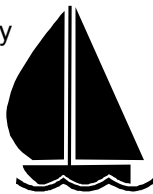


leading us up the wrong road on the way to the pub!).

David Thomson

STOP PRESS!-

- Dennis Meadus organized the District Tennis Tournament at the Hampshire Indoor Club on Sunday 7th November. Seven teams took part, Tony Palmer umpired the matches and our team of Dennis and Geoffrey Palmer won five of their matches and only lost two but were pipped by the eventual winner, Basingstoke Rotary.
- Good luck to Geoffrey Palmer and John Cogley who are sailing in the ARC Race starting on November 21st from Las Palmas in the Canary Islands and finishing in St Lucia two to three weeks later. There is a fleet of 194 boats taking part; Geoffrey will be onboard *Sky Hunter* and John on *Challenger 2*. Information about the race can be found on the website www.worldcruising.com. Why not give Geoffrey your email address and he will try to send emails to you daily with reports on progress? They are hoping to raise money for the Ellen Macarthur Trust and also the Tall Ships Youth Trust so they will probably be after you for contributions sooner rather than later!



Now why not have a go at the Quiz on the next page? It has been provided by Reg Gardner and he would be delighted if you would have a go – you may even win a prize!

SPECIAL DIARY & MEETING DATES

Please check with website, 'Update' and listen to announcements.

December 2010

- Fri 3 Christmas collections at Sainsburys, Farlington - see *Tony Palmer*
- Sat 4 Christmas collections at Sainsburys, Farlington - see *Tony Palmer*
- Tue 7 13.00 Christmas Lunch at Queens Hotel
- Tue 14 Joint meeting at Blue Lagoon with Cosham Club
- Tue 21 Special General Meeting
- Wed22 Christmas collections at Cascades - see *Tony Palmer*
- Tue 28 **No meeting**

January 2011

- Thurs27 11.00 Inner Wheel Coffee Morning/Bazaar at Portsmouth Guildhall
- Mon17 "Youth Speaks" at St Johns College

February 2011

- Sat 23 Thanks for Life Day

March 2011

- Sat 5 District Council
- Sat 26 Technology Tournament at Portsmouth Grammar School

April 2011

- 15-17 RIBI Conference - Dublin
- Tue 17 Outgoing GSE team to Brazil depart