

# WHEEL AND WOGGLE

News and Views of The Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians R.I.B.I.

## WELCOME

TO DAVID ASTIN FROM HUDDERSFIELD AND BILL LAPHAM FROM EASTBOURNE WHO HAVE JOINED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.

TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

John Hilditch	Baldock	Brian Liggins	Bewdley	Tom Goss	Dorchester	Casterbridge
Barry Smoothy	Southend on Sea			Phillip Bicknell	Greenford	

## THANKS

To Tom Cryer whose term of Office as Chairman finished in 1999. Tom will still serve as a Member of the Executive. To Edward Robinson whose term of Office on the Executive has now come to an end, but will continue to serve as a member of the Fellowship.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On the 23rd April 1999 the Annual General Meeting was held at the Metropole Hotel, Birmingham. This was arranged to follow the R.I.B.I. Assembly, but unfortunately the numbers attending our Meeting were small.

The Meeting said "Goodbye" to Tom Cryer who retired as Chairman after serving in that Office for four years. Thankfully, Tom is continuing as a Member of the Committee so will be able to assist me to settle in as your new Chairman.

The Meeting also said "Goodbye" to Edward Robinson who having served on the Executive since 1995 decided not to seek re election. At the end of the Business Edward presented the Fellowship with a collection of postage stamps from around the World all acknowledging some aspect of Scouting. This collection will be used as part of the display stand at Rotary Assemblies and Conventions.

We are grateful to Edward for this gift and thank him for his contribution to the Executive Committee over the past four years.

## YEAR 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over the past several years we have tried to attract more of our Members to attend the Annual General Meeting by holding the Meeting during or immediately following the R I B I Conference. We have also tried to stage it following the Assembly. Neither of these options have attracted significant numbers. Those who did attend in 1999 in Birmingham agreed to change the date of the year 2000 AGM to the Autumn.

With this in mind it was suggested that the Meeting is held at a venue in the London area incorporating a Lunch or Dinner with a Key Note Speaker. (eg. The President of R I B I. or the Chief Scout)

The exact date for the AGM will depend on the availability of the Speaker and a suitable venue.

If Members have any suggestions to make please contact any Officer or Members of the Executive.

Names and addresses are on the back page of this News Sheet.

We will give more information in the next edition of the Wheel and Woggle.

## APPEAL FOR HELP.

R I B I CONFERENCE 13th to 16th APRIL 2000 to assist with Staffing the R I B I Scout Fellowship Stand.

PLEASE CONTACT ME URGENTLY IF YOU WILL BE THERE AND CAN SPARE A LITTLE TIME.

## VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERAMERICAN REGION OF THE I.F.S.R.

On the 15th September 1999 Kay and I went to Woodford Station to meet up with Bud Allison, his Wife and his Wife's Aunt. Bud is my opposite number in America. Together with his Wife and her Aunt they were making a brief visit to Europe. I think they had planned to see everything in about six days.

Wednesday the 15th was scheduled by Bud to see some of London, visit Gilwell Park and meet representatives of R.I.B.I., returning to London in the afternoon to see a performance of the Phantom of the Opera. Then some shopping before their evening meal and then travel to the continent the next day. All of this having travelled from the Midlands the night before he met with us.

In spite of a delay on the Central Line we managed to collect our visitors from Woodford in time to reach Gilwell at 10.20am. Amit Papat a member of the Staff received us, and after coffee we went on a whistle stop tour of Gilwell. Bud had attended a Wood Badge Course in the early sixties under John Thurman. I had attended a Course in 1960 so we were able to compare notes.

I enjoyed the added advantage that I have been back to Gilwell many times since, whereas this September morning was Buds first return since the 1960's. Amit, our guide, although having worked for the Scout Association for two or three years, had only recently arrived at Gilwell. This did not detract from the enjoyment of our visit because what Amit lacked in knowledge about Gilwell he certainly made up for with his wonderful personality and great enthusiasm.

I was able to fill in the gaps about the Gilwell history and the layout of the place.

Being a Wednesday morning, there were few people about, but Bud was able to meet a number of the Staff and some Teachers who were using the Camping Field and Bomb Hole for outdoor activities.

We returned to the White House for lunch and were joined by David and Christine Judge. This gave us the opportunity to compare the differences between the Scout Association and the Boy Scouts of America. Amit and Bud exchanged Training Manuals. We examined some of the different methods used in operating the R I B I Branch and the Interamerican Branch of the IFSR.

All too soon the time came for us to say our farewell's, David and Christine transported Bud and his supporting Ladies to catch the train to central London and the 2.30pm performance of "Phantom". Bud sends greetings to you all and an open invitation to visit him should you be in the States. David Judge or I have an address.

Tony Freeman

### HOW CAN ROTARY HELP SCOUTING

- 1 Providing support with goods in kind from their Companies
- 2 Individual Rotarians being challenged to provide help with transport, visits, talks, and specialist Badge instruction.
- 3 Clubs can be persuaded to offer fund raising events in the name of Scouting. Clubs could offer prizes to Group and District Competitions, Raffles and Draws.
- 4 Rotarians could have the skills required to provide representatives on Committees.
- 5 There are Rotarians who can offer specialist free or reduced fee services. For example Accountants, Solicitors, Architects, Surveyors, Travel Agents etc.
- 6 Rotary Districts through their District Governor can adopt Scouting projects as their Charitable Project in a given year.

PLEASE LET US HEAR OF OTHERS.

## HOW CAN SCOUTING HELP ROTARY?

- 1 By providing the "arms and legs" to assist Clubs with their Fund raising Events such as carpark attendants, stewards, messengers etc. Help with the preparation of rooms, chairs and tables etc.
2. Acting as Cloakroom Attendants, Bar and Waiting Staff
3. Loan Tents and other Outdoor Equipment to Clubs for Fund Raising and Social activities.
- 4 Help to find Candidates for "Youth Speaks Competitions" "Young Chef of the Year" and similar events.
- 5 Through Scouting contacts recommend suitable candidates and families for Youth Exchange projects, Ambassadorial Scholarships and GSE Tours.
- 6 Recruiting new Rotarians through Parents and ex Scouts in senior posts in the work place.

## LET US KNOW OF EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO MOVEMENTS HERE ARE DETAILS OF SOME WE KNOW ABOUT

### DISTRICT 1260

A number of Rotarians are Group, District and County Scout Officials. These include District Chairmen, County Outdoor Centre Treasurer, Chairman, District Vice Presidents and Members of District and County Executive Committees to name just a few.

Scouts have been involved with Rotary Youth Exchanges to Bulgaria, Hungary, Holland and Denmark.

Members of the Rotary Club of Hitchin formed a Trust Fund known as the "Norman Hyde Scout Trust Fund". Non of the four Trustees are Members of the Scout Movement. Rotarian Norman Hyde, who is a Member of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, acts as the Trust Fund Clerk and sends this report.

*Dear Tony,*

*In the Winter 1998 Edition of The Wheel and Woggle the work and establishment of this new Scouting-Rotary Trust was described at length.*

*The trustees believe that their efforts have been well worthwhile and have achieved a capital sum of £21000 within three years. The target was £10000 in four years.*

*As a direct result, it is possible to predict, with a reasonable degree of certainty, that the Hitchin Scout District's financial commitment to help the selected candidates for the next World Jamboree will be achieved without the need to fund raise in the community.*

*Quite apart from the financial aspects there is an unexpected spin off in Fellowship.*

*The Trustees have organised each year, three modest fund raising events : a Bonfire Party, a Golf day, and a Barbecue, each for about thirty or forty people from each Organisation.*

*These occasions have resulted in a lot of fun and fellowship; it is very apparent that the benefit of a social contact works to the advantage of both individuals and each movement.*

*I believe our Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians should be rendering Scouting and Rotary a service supporting and encouraging local Rotary Clubs to set up similar Trust Funds for their local Scout Districts.*

*I am confident that they would experience a similar happy outcome as we have in Hitchin.*

*Yours Truly*

*Norman*

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### ROTARY CLUB OF ST AUSTELL CORNWALL

REPORT SENT IN BY PP Ken Larcombe District Chairman Mid Cornwall Scout District.

A new District Campsite is being developed with support of Rotary Club of St Austell . For two years the Club has supported this major local project with considerable financial help, materials and professional expertise together with hands on encouragement and physical help.

When opened the site will be for the benefit of the Movement locally and nationally.

### AWARDS

We are keen to recognise any Awards be they Scouting, Rotary, Royal or Civic given to our Members. Please notify the Secretary

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all those who responded to the Chairman's reminder about outstanding subs.

We are nearly all up to date. Regrettably some resigned for personal reasons and we wish them all well.

Many of you became Life Members which is welcomed.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT THE  
**R.I.B.I. CONFERENCE CARDIFF 13TH TO 16TH APRIL 2000**  
**HELPERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO STAFF OUR ROTARY SCOUT FELLOWSHIP**  
**STAND IN THE HALL OF FRIENDSHIP.**

**PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH CHAIRMAN TONY IF YOU CAN HELP**

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 14.30 TO 17.30

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 08.00 TO 17.30

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 08.00 TO 14.00

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 09.00 TO 13.00



EDWARD ROBINSON RETIRES FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND PRESENTS A STAMP ALBUM TO CHAIRMAN TONY



TOM CRYER (LEFT) RETIRES AS CHAIRMAN AND WELCOMES TONY FREEMAN



BUD ALLISON (LEFT) CHAIRMAN INTERAMERICAN REGION AT GILWELL WITH TONY, AMIT AND DAVID JUDGE

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