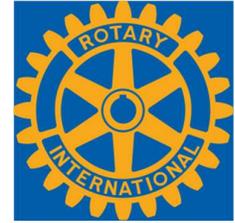




## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LYME REGIS

Chartered 1950

### Bulletin - February 2026



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#### MEETINGS:

Alternate Thursdays, 5.45 pm  
for 6.15pm at Hunter's  
Lodge, Raymonds Hill, Lyme  
Regis (meals ordered by 6.00  
pm)

(as we have a variable  
programme please check with  
Secretary first before visiting)

For Lyme Regis Rotarians:  
Pls tell Secretary if you will  
be absent on any evening.

#### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to All?

- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



**SERVICE ABOVE  
SELF**

Contributions for the next Bulletin should be sent to the Editor by 26<sup>th</sup> February to [mose8351@gmail.com](mailto:mose8351@gmail.com)

Fellow Rotarians

Well, that's it for another year then. The festive stuff is all back in the loft and true to form I've failed miserably when it comes to getting any of my new year's resolutions beyond the 2nd January. In fact, there were a few that in horse racing terms never left the paddock and consequently didn't even come under "starters orders" as they say.

Anyway, I know it should now really all be about looking forward to the year ahead but before doing so, it's only right and proper that I make mention of our festive events. The initial assessments are, in financial terms, very encouraging. At the time of writing this article, Bill Taylor is busy putting together the financial data that will enable us to ascertain the net income from these events following which the necessary payments will be made to the beneficiaries.

Both the Carols around the Tree and New Year's Day lunge appear to have broken all sorts of records and everyone concerned should be rightly proud of this. The hard work, dedication to the task and the comradeship of all those who make these things happen never fails to amaze me and I am very proud to be a Rotarian. THANKYOU.

As mentioned in the previous bulletin, the two objectives set by David Sarson and myself are being progressed and with the help of Peter Fortnam and Richard Cridge a report is being prepared with a view to it being presented to the Club Council at its meeting in early March. This report will provide feedback in relation to the work undertaken thus far to progress those objectives and in particular, matters to flow from the two surveys as well as setting out a number of recommendations intended to provide a way forward on these matters. I believe that if these recommendations are approved, it will inevitably trigger some changes in the way we operate behind the scenes and an expansion of our activities program, but having said that, I am confident that together, we will be able to make things work for the better.

On that same theme, the success of our fundraising activities inevitably means that we receive many requests for funding, the total of which can often exceed the level of monies available. I therefore also want to take this opportunity to flag up with you all what I believe to be a real need for us to take a close look at how we manage and administer that process. In that respect I believe it would be advantageous for us to regularize those matters through the development of an "Award of Donations Policy" and I hope to be able to also report more on this in the March Bulletin.

Regards  
John Enticott.

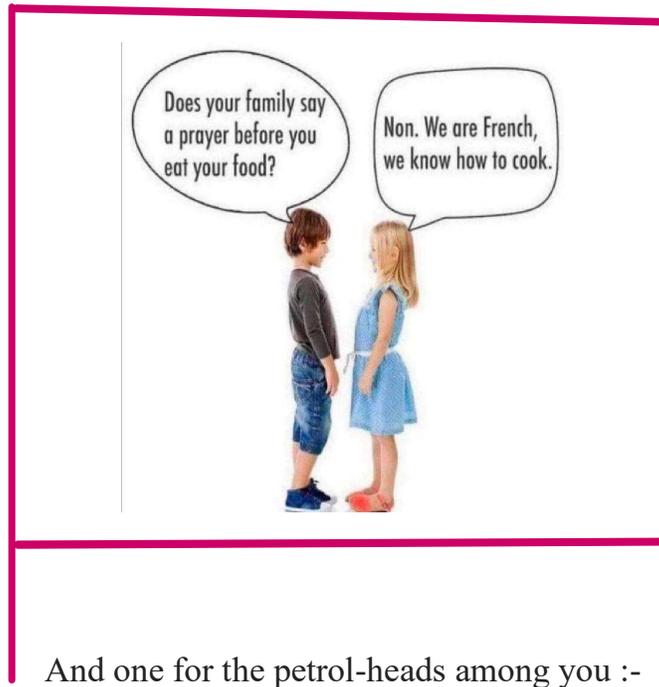
## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to  
Rotary 



.Rob James, Club Honorary Member attended our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. Welcome Rob and we hope to see you again.

Let's start with a chuckle



And one for the petrol-heads among you :-  
Google – Pur Sang



Have one made if you can afford it

### Lyme Regis Skittles League

Our Lyme Regis league team have excelled themselves, we are currently in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> position with two other teams. The best we have done under the current format. The next league games start on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.

We are due to play the final of the District 1200 knockout cup on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February against Bradford upon Avon. Venue is The Wagon & Horses at Doulling near Shepton Mallet.

We also now have our first 2025/26 District match to play against Bridport, date TBC. Likely venue is the Clock in Chideock.



### THE LYME LUNGE 2026

On a sunny day and calm sea and for once no wind, the 2026 Lyme Lunge got underway. But before that could happen a lot of work was carried out beforehand. At 05.00 a volunteer Town Council employee, Mark Bujniewicz, cleared the beach of the New Years night litter, after doing so he was called away as a member of the Lyme volunteer fire brigade to an incident, returning after the Lunge to finish clearing the beach. Rotary's grateful thanks to Mark for this. Foremost among the jobs by the Club members was the erection of our new larger marquee, 8mts x 4mtrs. This brought out all the latent Meccano assembling skills from the large number helping. The marquee was partitioned inside into two areas for the ladies and gents to change in and out of the costumes. Two smaller gazebos were also erected, one for the soup, kindly supplied by the Harbour Inn and the other as an assembly point for among other things lost children, nil, and lost dogs one. The first Lungers started arriving to change around 12.45, and the number steadily grew. The same with the very large crowd, a large number of whom came straight from the Duck Race on the River Lim at noon. The crowds were spread over the beach, the Groyne, the Parade and the gardens.

Town Crier, Rotarian Alan Vian, again led the Lungers on the parade so that the crowd could get a glimpse of the variety of costumes. This gave us a site of the number taking part this year, considerably up on previous years. Estimates varied from a 1200 to 1400, with the online Bridport News giving us 2000! a typical newspaper overkill. The larger number due perhaps to a couple of local swims being cancelled over the holiday period and the fine day. The 'off' was given by his Worshipful the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councilor Philip Evans, and with that the mad rush to be first in the water was underway



Jason Bryant

Elvis lives!

Jim M

At a distance from the beach in the water were a line of volunteers from the life boat crew whose job to was to stop the lungers going beyond them and getting into difficulties. The vast majority of lungers abided by the rules. The Rotary Club's grateful thanks to these volunteers.

After the swimmers vacated the water and before clearing up, the Rotary Club and helpers enjoyed large hot Cornish pasties supplied at a discount by the Cornish Bakery, Broad Street, who like the Harbour Inn were one of our many sponsors

Initial estimates for the collections, sponsorship etc and outgoings suggest we will have raised in excess of £6000.00. A record total, to be divided up a third equally between The Rainbow Trust and WellChild, both charities associated with children and a third to Rotary Charities.

.A large number of imaginative costumes were in evidence, pictures below courtesy of Rob James unless otherwise stated.





This is a story about four people  
Named Everybody  
Somebody, Anybody and  
Nobody. There was an  
important job to be done and  
Everybody was sure  
that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have  
done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry  
about that, because it was  
Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could  
do it, but Nobody  
realized that Everybody wouldn't  
do it. It ended up  
that Everybody blamed  
Somebody else when Nobody did  
what Anybody could have.

*Editor; sound familiar?*

Thank you Sue Rowe for the this..



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A last look at Lyme's best ever Christmas lights.

Jim M

Going through some very old Club paperwork saved in a cupboard at John Eaton's Caravan Park I couldn't help but be surprised at the number and ingenuity some of the schemes thought up to raise money for charity.

One of the earliest was "A car for a BOB", (a shilling/5p) way back in 1956.

**Forecast**

My forecast of the number paying for admission to the 1956 Motor Show is +94,913.

Certified numbers for the last four years were:

1952	.....	462,536	1954	.....	523,586
1953	.....	612,953	1955	.....	516,812

**THE LYME REGIS ROTARY CLUB'S  
CAR FOR A BOB COMPETITION**  
(in aid of The Lyme Regis Hospital Extension Fund)

**1/- 1956 FORD 'POPULAR' SALOON 1/-**

will be awarded to the competitor who in accordance with the published rules of the Competition most accurately forecasts **THE NUMBER PAYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE 1956 MOTOR SHOW.**

I have read and agree to the rules of the competition printed on the counterfoil attached hereto.

NAME A. C. CUNNINGTON,

ADDRESS 69. SIDLEY ROAD,  
EASTBOURNE,

SX

The Competition closes first post October 3rd, 1956.

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Security of the tickets was of the utmost importance and to safeguard the integrity of the Rotary Club. Entry tickets were locked away and the cupboard sealed by a local solicitor, only to be opened after the admission figure was announced.

Sealing the tickets by Rtn P.Roper a local solicitor.



The winning ticket being announced by Alderman Rtn A.E. King.



Unfortunately there is no record as to how much money was raised, nor who was underwriting the cost of the car should a loss be made. As all the Club members were still there for many more years it's fairly safe to assume they made a profit. But that was quite an undertaking none the less.

More 'whacky' fund raisers in the February Bulletin

Report from Club Rotarian Steven White. Our club has been active with the Lendwithcare scheme to help support small entrepreneurs achieve their business goals in different parts of the world.



Jenis is based in the Philippines and is married with 3 children, 2 of which are in primary school and 1 who is just 2 months old.

Jenis started as a banana supplier 6 years ago with her husband and has now expanded into the animal feed business in the last year as her banana business demand dropped from 3k kilos per day to 1kg per day. She has moved to supplying animal feeds to generate additional source of income as well providing a wider variety of fruits to increase sales to her customers and required the loan to help to boost her inventory.

Luis Miguel is based in Northern Ecuador and designs garments and making trousers for sale to local markets. He is using the loan to purchase a new sewing machine and a larger production space at his mother's home. Luis Miguel also employs an additional person to create different trouser designs. He is using 85% of his loan to purchase fabric rolls and 15% to purchase supplies of zips and other accessories to finish his garments. His aim is to expand his business and to create more employment for young people in his area.



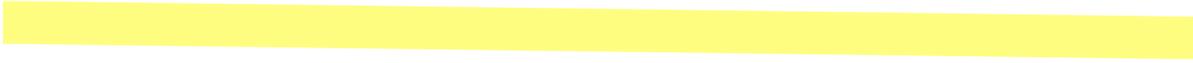
The Maria Asuncion Group is a group of working women based in Paraguay who share the same vision of progress to improve their local area. Perla Lopez who is a active member of the Group and runs a mobile business selling fruits and vegetables to her community and she has built up a loyal customer base. She is experiencing a growing demand for her products and is looking to use the loan to meet this demand and increase her stock, to

improve her income and increase her focus on providing fresh stock. (Group picture, Perla is wearing leopard print shirt on far right of photo)

Sarey is a farmer based in Cambodia and farms short term rice for sale every year as a source of income for his family. He has 4 hectares of land and farms the rice harvest twice a year and over a period of 90 days, collecting 5 tons of rice per hectare for sale to his local middleman who supplies to his village. He also rents another villagers tractor to plough the rice paddy, which has generated additional cost.

He is using the loan to buy a walking tractor to plough his land and help to reduce his overheads.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Soup & Ploughman's Lunch @ the Alexandra Hotel.

5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting if required.

12<sup>th</sup> Business meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> Speaker, Diana Roberts, MacMillan Cancer Support. Partners invited.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Council

12<sup>th</sup> Business meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> Speaker, Holly Willis, from the home help company, Home Instead  
based in East Devon. Partners invited.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Council if required.

8<sup>th</sup> Indoor Sports @ Drimpton Royal Oak Inn with Brit Valley. 6.45pm for  
7.00pm. Teams of 3 with non rotary members welcome.

9<sup>th</sup> AGM & Business meeting.

12<sup>th</sup> Exmoor Challenge 

23<sup>rd</sup> Speaker, TBC.