



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LYME REGIS

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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 26th March to mose8351@gmail.com

Fellow Rotarians

I feel sure that like me, those of you who attended the Ploughman's Lunch on the 2nd February enjoyed the event very much. The event was of particular significance to me as it was my first official engagement as President, so I had the honour and pleasure to play host to our guests but I still didn't find myself in possession of a winning ticket for the raffle. Needless to say, well- deserved special thanks to both Kathryn and Rob for making the whole thing happen. In common with all my fellow Rotarians,

I consider it an absolute honour and privilege to have been invited to attend a special church service taking place to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the RNLI here at Lyme Regis. I am looking forward to this very much and hope to see you all there on the 22nd February.

Let me also take time out here to extend my thanks to both Arthur Banwell and Pete Fortnam for their efforts in securing several speakers for our forthcoming social evenings. I'll not give too much away except to say that I'm sure you will find the topics to be both interesting and inspiring.

As you know I use the opportunity of these bulletins to update everyone on where I am in relation to taking forward those matters to flow out of the Health Check and Member Satisfaction Surveys. I've made these the subject of three separate reports which compliment each other insofar as they show a clear direction of travel.

The first covers the need to initiate some "transitional changes" under a small number of emerging themes. I am eager to emphasis here that their introduction would be more consistent with the IIP doctrine of "continuous improvement" rather than being interpreted as a reflection of major dissatisfaction or criticism by the membership.

The second outlines a need to ensure that all aspects of our club infrastructure remain fit for purpose and sufficient to meet our forward planning activities and related operating needs. It illustrates the existing operating structure and makes proposals for modification to provide greater resilience thereby retaining our ability and reputation for "Punching above our weight" The final report addresses the need to establish a documented process in connection with the awarding of donations including a framework that provides an objective, common and consistent approach to such matters by those selected to undertake that task and reduces the potential for exposing the club to a number of risks particularly reputational risk. The intention is to take all three forward to the next meeting of the club council on the 5th March for clearance and then to make them the subject of a formal power point presentation to you all at a business meeting for endorsement.

John Enticott, President.

26th February, a warm welcome to our speaker, Diana Roberts from Macmillan Cancer Care.



See page 11 for a full report by Alan Vian.



I have just discovered that Rotary must have existed in the 16th century. The following words are attributed to Sir Walter Raleigh showing that he attended Rotary lunches which, undoubtedly led him to put pen to paper. "We could not lead a pleasant life and twould be finished soon if peas were eaten with the knife and gravy with the spoon. Eat slowly: only men in rags and gluttons old in sin mistake themselves for carpet bags and tumble victuals in".

Lyme Regis Skittles

Bob Sweetland Cup -A 3 team knock out of 6 ends each. Presidents Men 232, British legion 235, **Anthill Mob 238.**

District 1200 Final (left over from 2024/25 season) President's Men v **Bradford on Avon**, see page 8.

Dist 1200 round 2 of 2025/26 cup. **Lyme Regis 351** v Bridport 282

League **Lyme Regis 297** v Wooton Wobblers 279. Lost the beer leg!



PEANUTS

by Schulz



SOUP & PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH



Soup and Ploughman's took place this year on the 2nd February at the Alexandra Hotel. Numbers slightly down on previous years partly due to sickness and many people away on holiday. Nevertheless £1,574 was raised at the lunch, including the proceeds of a very large raffle. £74 more than the donation we made to the "Big Give in anticipation before Christmas. That donation enabled WSB to be part of the Big Give and invite donations from the public to match it. No District Grants were involved this year. The



Alexandra Hotel donates the cost of the lunch Thank you most sincerely from our Club..

M & M at the raffle table,



This charity has been supported by the Lyme Club for a number of years and our donations total around £20,000.00. One of the reasons for our support, apart from the good they do, is that around 98% of all monies goes to providing the excellent Water Aid boxes. This is because all labour is volunteered, the main expense is premises rental. Several Clubs in the District, including ours, have volunteered labour to fill some 60 boxes at a time. The Charity was originally set up by Rotarian Hugo Pike from RC of Chelwood Bridge who was awarded an OBE for work. Tony Quin continues to play a leading role as a Trustee and is ably supported by his Club Chelwood Bridge.

At the heart of the Survival Box is a simple hand operated filter pump, British made, that supplies spotlessly clean drinking water from whatever source the dirty water is taken from. The pump will last for five years and in that time can filter some **200,000 litres** of drinking/washing water. The cost of the pump is just under £40 and works with a fine micro-pore filter that blocks all bacteria and viruses but allows the water to pass through. It just needs flushing through periodically. The Charity have 200 full Survival Boxes stored in Honduras with the (Honduras Red Cross) and 200 in Madagascar (with Medair). This enables boxes to be delivered quickly to any close emergency. The Charity is fortunate that they



have established good relations with a couple of airlines who transport bulk boxes virtually free of charge. On the right is Tony with the contents of a box with all that is needed for basic survival after perhaps losing everything. A standard box is designed for a family of five who have lost their homes and all their possessions following a natural or man-made disaster. All boxes are identical, this speeds up the customs inspection times .



Jim M

A Letter from America

Those with a memory of BBC radio 4 from 1946 to 2004 may recall Alistair Cooke and his weekly “Letter from America”. Well it seems we have our own Club correspondent from America. John & Jenny McCallum as part of their extended cruise to Australia sent us this “Letter from America”

“As we were visiting New York on our cruise to Australia we were obliged to present ourselves to the US Border Force for “processing “. This meant that we were unable to venture out onto the streets of this great city until nigh 11am. We wondered about the efficiency of today’s officials but of course, knowing of their fickleness in the face of criticism, we kept our mouths tightly closed. We wondered just why they had lost the ability to deal with such large numbers of people (2500 passengers and over 1000 crew had to go through the process) given we all had ESTA’s, photographs, facial recognition software, fingerprints, (and, I’m certain, shoe and shirt size and I record of what I had for breakfast every day for the past week) or were American citizens already recorded on their databases. Not a mile away was Ellis Island, where, in the late 19th century, 10,000 immigrants were processed every day with simple paper forms and with many immigrants only having rudimentary English and writing skills. My thoughts turned to those immigrants.



Ellis Island

In one of the greatest movements of people ever recorded a tidal wave of emigrants from Europe poured into North America in the second half of the 19th century. They were young and adventurous, seeking land, gold, opportunity, a new life far from the misery of feudal systems and poverty in Europe. Some would carry letters from relatives that had gone before, telling of the opportunities awaiting the bold in the land of the free. Amongst them were the poor and the persecuted, those driven from their lands and homes by feudal laws and ruthless landlords and employers. Many of these were of ill health or because of life long poverty were susceptible to illness or disease.

The facilities in Ellis Island were opened in 1892 to process 10,000 of these immigrants a day, but they imposed and enforced rigorous rules of entry and not everyone was permitted to pass. At least one ancestor of 40% of Americans alive today passed through Ellis Island.

But the screening process began long before the emigrants reached North America. Shipping companies screened passengers for they could be fined for bringing ineligible passengers. The Master of any ship bringing passengers into the USA had to sign a declaration stating that he and the ship’s surgeon had examined the passengers and confirm that none was “an idiot, or insane person, or a pauper, or likely to become a public charge, or suffering from a loathsome or dangerous infectious disease or person who has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude or a polygamist or anarchist or prostitute..”

“Steerage passengers were examined by doctors, vaccinated, sometimes given a hair cut, given an antiseptic bath and quarantined for several days before being permitted on board. Their details were entered onto a 29 question form, woe betide anyone who couldn’t remember what they had said when questioned again in New York.



Ellis Island as the early immigrants would have seen it.

During the voyage rumours were rife about being turned back at Ellis Island, known also as the Island of Tears. They would pass the time rehearsing their answers to the Immigration Officer’s questions or learning English. On arrival in New York, First and Second Class passengers were checked for infectious diseases and if cleared they were free to enter and proceed to wherever they wished in the country. Steerage passengers, however, - the poor and persecuted - were given a tag with their manifest number and sent by ferry to Ellis Island.

As they climbed the steps into the facility they would be screened by specially trained doctors expert in picking out people with certain diseases or just infirm and not able to support themselves in this vibrant country and these people were often immediately rejected - lame, deaf, potentially infectious rash, panting while climbing the stairs- all taken as signs of unsuitability. All others had to undergo another medical including checking to see if they had Trachoma, and if there was a suspicion of this and/or other disease they were sent for further examination.

Three to five hours after entering Ellis Island 98% of immigrants were free to enter, the 2% who failed, +/- 200, were sent for immediate deportation back to Europe or to the island’s detention hospital. Remember that the vast majority of the ‘inspectors’ were themselves immigrants or sons of immigrants so were sympathetic to the poor people who sought entry to this country.

A simple but extremely ruthless system. Of course there were exceptions, children from foundling hospitals in the UK for example, were routinely sent to the US and Canada to work as servants to the new wealthy entrepreneurs, but one of the main objectives of the process was to weed out the sick, especially those with infectious diseases, and those unable to support themselves.

It must truly have been a harrowing experience for these steerage passengers. You avoided it all if you had a bit of money and could purchase a first or second class ticket, but that was a small proportion of the total number.

One might compare their fears with those of today’s itinerant population moving en masse from Asia/Arabia to Europe and South/Central America to North America. Perhaps YOU have ancestors who went through that process, I certainly have a few, but many others took the more northern route and entered Canada, a journey which had its own problems with its harsh winters awaiting unprepared immigrants.

Well, we were let through eventually, and we enjoyed our short stay in New York, despite the snow and minus seven deg temperatures, but then it was on to warmer climes in the Caribbean and Pacific.”

John, thanks for this very informative article. I have passed your comments on to the Homeland Security, USA, so don’t try re- entering the States for a wee while.

LEND WITH CARE

This month has been another busy month for our “Lend With Care” scheme, featuring four more entrepreneurs from around the world, who are all now fully funded to help them achieve the business objectives. Through the help of our Club, we aim to improve the lives of their families and meeting their customers needs in their community.

Steve White



Odaly Elizabeth is a single mother of 2 children, living in the province of Imbabura Ecuador and started her shoe business 8 years ago using her experience and determination to succeed and provide for her family. She is using her loan to expand her product range to include more children and adult footwear, as well as extending to sportswear and a line in jeans and caps. This will help to secure the future of her family and meet increasing customer demand.

Raquel lives in Cebu in the Philippines and is married with 4 children, 2 of which have completed their studies and 2 still in school. She earns her income through her dry goods store, including clothing and footwear. She is using her loan to purchase essential stock to meet increasing customer demand. She is also looking to expand her business by opening her business at a new location in a nearby town and her aim is to increase her earnings, improve efficiency and contribute to the economic growth of her community.



Conrado is also based in the Philippines at the San Miguel Bohol region. He manages a fruit vending business by procuring bulk fruit stock at wholesale price. He requires the loan to purchase more storage and display equipment and aims to maintain sufficient working capital to cover his transportation, maintenance and daily expenses. He also runs a seasonal fruit shop to provide additional income for his family.

Van is based in Vietnam and she is married with 2 children as well as caring for her elderly mother who has a chronic illness needing constant attention. She is the sole economic provider in her family and runs a small grocery business, using the income to cover the expenses of her children’s education and the care of her mother. She is using the loan to ensure the long-term stability of her business and to help her restock essential inventory of noodles, fresh milk and assorted snacks to maintain consistent customer demand. This will help her to build her livelihood and take her family out of financial hardship.



Reprint below from the District “Circa 120” Magazine newsletter of March 1987

Life they say is full of surprises, and this has never proved more true than in the game of skittles, particularly as played between the Rotary Clubs of Lyme Regis and Otter Valley. A total of around 40 Rotarians and ladies from the two Clubs did battle at the Fairmile Inn, Ottery St. Mary on Friday 21st November.

And the surprises? There were remarkably high scores from some who had never played before – and a zero score from a veteran player who managed to bowl 3 balls through the truckle without touching a single skittle. This superb evening was rounded off with an excellent turkey buffet. Lyme Regis passed on the Fellowship Cup to hosts Otter Valley who in turn must transfer it on to another District 120 Club within six weeks, and not less than 10 miles away.

Otter Valley have already thrown down the gauntlet to the Minehead Club for an official visit, hopefully linked with a competitive activity for a date early in the New Year at which the Fellowship Cup will then continue on it's travels.

A most enjoyable event for all concerned and hopefully to be repeated many times.
Otter Valley.

What a shame the demise of the Fellowship Cup, I wonder in which Club cupboard it's hidden away in, it produced some interesting evenings and achieved precisely what it set out to do. It made us get out and about to other Clubs. Talking of which, see below.

It is of course now District 1200, the change took place at the beginning of the Rotary year 2007, to align with the modernised District boundaries. At the same time we lost the Otter Valley Club (among others) * see below. To the newly numbered District 1170 which encompassed both Devon and Cornwall.

I wouldn't fancy travelling to an away District skittles match from Axminster to say, Truro?

***The Clubs we lost from our District were :-** Cullompton, Culm Valley, Exmoor, Exe Valley, Honiton, Otter Valley, Seaton, Sidmouth and Tiverton.

A Rotary meeting on board the cruise ship Queen Mary 2. Somewhere in the Pacific. Left to right countries represented – Helsingborg, (Norway), ditto, Lyme Regis, (John McCallum) Dawlish and Guernsey. Apparently any Americans on board were busy watching the Superbowl, (Now that would guarantee them winning the furthest travel on an “away day”)



District Skittles Final 2026.



One of them looks somewhat happier than the other. Lyme Regis captain Richard handing over the District Skittles Cup to Martin Coles, captain of the RC of Bradford on Avon. Lyme lost 346 to 373. We were ahead after 2 ends then we had a rubbish end and they had a very much better one and never looked back. A highly entertaining fellowship evening though, finishing with an excellent meal of shepherd's pie and mixed veg, all for a tenner.

Bradford on Avon were obviously embarrassed beating us as they left the cup in the alley, the staff clearing up found it and gave it back to Martin just before they left. And there was us thinking they were only looking after it for us until next year

Continuing the theme from the February Bulletin on "whacky" fundraising schemes adopted by the Club, this one from 1997. Note the fantastic first prize donated by the then Lyme Travel. What would that be worth in today's money? Not bad second and third prizes either. Along with sponsored envelopes and printing it meant all expenses were covered. When I opened the still sealed envelope, pictured below, there were four seeds inside, I'm going to plant them in April to see if they grow. Watch this space.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LYME REGIS
SUNFLOWER GROWING CONTEST
 in aid of
JOSEPH WELD HOSPICE
(Registered Charity No. 1000114)

£1 per packet of seeds

Seeds kindly donated by
SUTTON SEEDS LIMITED

1st Prize:
A weekend for two in Paris
 - flying from Gatwick Airport incl. two nights in a 3 Star Hotel
(on cash alternative available)

Generously donated by:-

LYME TRAVEL
YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY FOR HOLIDAY SERVICES
 5 BRIDGE STREET
 LYME REGIS, DORSET
(BETWEEN THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS) (01297) 442491 OR (01297) 445449

in association with **TRAVELSCENE LIMITED**

2nd Prize: £100 cash - kindly donated by
The Old Forge Fossil Company, Lyme Regis

3rd Prize: £50 cash - kindly donated by
Lloyds Bank

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Tel No: Date:

Height of Tallest Flower:

APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION OF TALLEST FLOWERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY APPOINTMENT

Conditions of Entry
 Open only to plants grown in the UK Mainland
 All entries must be made on an original official entry form which must be correctly completed
 Entry forms must be sent by post to:-
 Rotarian Alan Buckingham, Kernowik, Higher Sea Lane,
 Charmouth, Dorset DT6 6BD
 to arrive no later than noon on **Wednesday 17th September 1997**
 Winners names will be published in Lyme Regis & Bridport News during second week of October 1997
 Judges decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into

GROWING FROM SEED

Sow: Outdoors, March-May, half inch (1.5cm) deep, in flowering position. Sow two seeds together at intervals of 1ft (30cm). Keep moist until well established and thin out to one plant per position.
 Flowers: June-September. Tall plants should be staked, particularly as the main flower head develops.

Envelopes and printing generously donated by:
Tree Tops Residential Home for the Elderly
Overton, Timber Hill, Lyme Regis, Dorset (01297) 443821

And here is one a bit nearer to the present day held in 2000. A musical concert by Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band along with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra held in the grounds of Forde Abbey. A very ambitious project that made a lot of money for The West of England School for children with little or no sight at Exeter.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LYME REGIS PRESENTS A MILLENNIUM MUSICAL MONTAGE AT FORDE ABBEY

Proceeds in aid of



THE WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
for children with little or no sight
Registered Charity No: 1058937

HOW TO BOOK

Tickets are available by telephone or in person from:

The Tourist Information Centre
Church Street, Lyme Regis
Telephone: 01297 442138

or in writing accompanied by remittance and SAE from:

Fortnam Smith & Banwell
2 The Arcade, The Street, Charmouth DT6 6PU
Ticket prices: £15.00

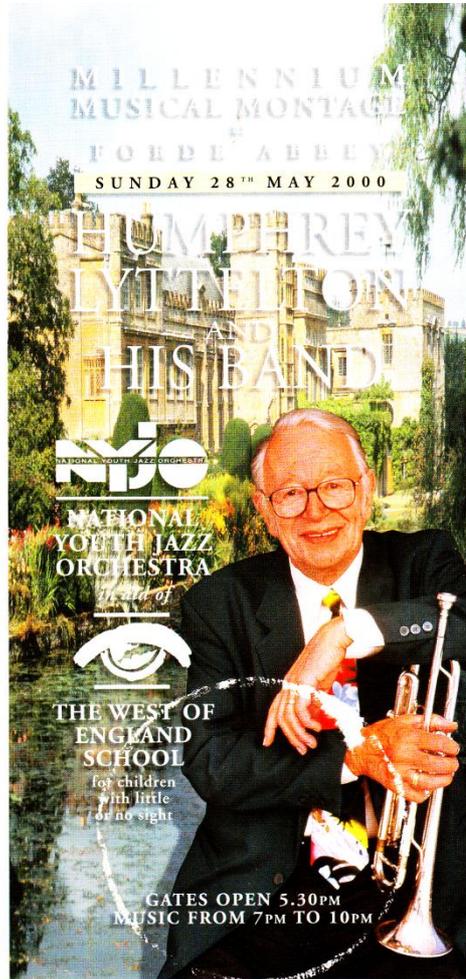
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I enclose a cheque for £ with my order.



PROCEEDS IN AID OF



THE WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
for children with little or no sight
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The West of England is a non-maintained special school and registered charity catering for up to 220 young people, aged 4 to 22 years, from across the south west of England, South Wales and the Channel Islands. It has

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER, DAVID WAKELING



Born to an American mother and an English father my parents moved to the US when I was 5 for my dad's work. I was then raised just north of Boston until the age of 18. After the age of 18 I spent 6 years traveling the US and UK extensively. At the age of 24 I bought my first restaurant (Collies) in Park City, Utah. I subsequently bought my second restaurant in 2017 and a third in 2018. Having to close the smallest of the three due to Covid, the other two are successful and currently open and running well. I moved to Lyme Regis in May of 2023, we chose Lyme Regis because of family ties here, my grandparents being from Colyford, and I grew up coming to Lyme every year of my life for summer holidays, even learning to sail at the Lyme Regis sailing club in 1998 and years afterward..

In 2022 I got married to Molly and we came to visit my grandad in Colyford. Of course a visit to Lyme is always part of the trip when visiting Grandad. Molly was so impressed with the town she asked if we could move here?

Of course I said, and after 6 months of sorting out her Visa, here we are. We spent the majority of 2023 and 2024 traveling, mainly sailing, the world, visiting over 30 countries in two years; our greatest accomplishment being that we sailed a 55 foot Ketch from the Caribbean to Bermuda to Canada to Greenland to Iceland to Scotland to Ireland. However after we finished all this fun travelling and sailing we came home and I had a friend of a friend mention there was a lovely local pub that may be for sale called the Nags Head. So, after about 6 months of negotiating and paperwork we took over ownership of the freehouse on the 20th of June 2025. So now I'm back with the three pubs/restaurants.

Now starting year 2026 we are firmly ensconced in the Lyme Regis community and absolutely loving it. Between all of the people we have met through the pub, through neighbours, Rotary Club, and beyond, Lyme Regis has been nothing but a wonderful and accepting community that I am proud to be a part of, and even happier to be a part of Rotary Club helping serve this community. Also we will be expecting our first child this April, a baby girl.

David Wakeling

I captured this wonderful labour of love, a "Lymehenge" on Monmouth Beach last Sunday. Someone with time on their hands?





We welcomed Diana Roberts, a leading fundraiser from Macmillan Cancer Care, who acknowledged the £8250 donated from Candles on The Cobb. She said, “You have changed the future with this donation”.

She outlined the work of Macmillan Cancer Care which was formed in 1911 telling us that 3.5 million people were affected by cancer in the UK and that this will rise to over 4 million. Every 75 seconds someone in the UK is diagnosed with cancer affecting not only that person themselves but those around them. “Macmillan is there to ease the burden to be with everyone from day one” she said.

Diana detailed the support that Macmillan is proving in Dorset itself paying for nurses and oncology staff in hospital and supporting families through the twenty-four hour a day support line.

Macmillan is funded entirely by donations and Diana thanked Lyme Regis Rotary Club for their donation presenting the club with a certificate of appreciation.

Alan Vian

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

March 5th Council

12th Business meeting.

26th Speaker, Holly Willis, from the home help company, “Home Instead” based in East Devon. Partners invited.

April 2nd Council if required.

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

9th AGM & Business meeting.

12th Exmoor Challenge 

23rd Speaker, Ruth Wright, Community Coordinator at the Waffle House. Partners invited.

P.T.O



**Please note that from the 1st March I will no longer
have a landline number. Jim Moseley.**

SOME DAFFY DEFINITIONS

Endorse	—	The last horse in the race.
Illegal	—	An eagle that doesn't feel well
Laboratory	—	One who doesn't know whether he's Labour or Tory
Manicured	—	A doctor's ex-patient.
Minimum	—	A very small mother.
Scintillate	—	After 8 you should stop sinning.
Syrup	—	Stop slouching in your seat.
Winsome	—	and lose some— THAT'S LIFE!