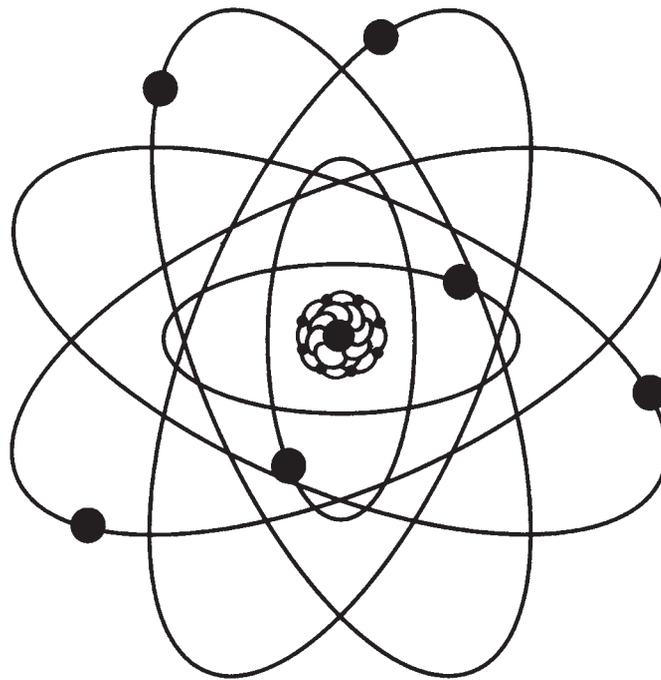




ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE
RUTHERFORD

THE THIRD AGE

2003 to 2013



JOHN DICKINS

INTRODUCTION



This is the third booklet in a series giving a detailed account of the history of the Rotary Club of Cambridge Rutherford since its beginnings in 1983. It covers the ten-year period from 2003 to 2013. There is unlikely to be a fourth. However, arrangements have been made to maintain a ten-year record of membership, officers, duty officers and charitable donations as presented at the end of this and previous histories.

In June 2008 the Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of its charter with a dinner in the Old Hall at Queens' College, attended by

members and partners, by some former members, and by other guests. The evening, which was organised by a small committee chaired by Founder President John Cound, featured short contributions by members covering various aspects of the Club's activities accompanied by a slide show.

In its 30th year the Club still has 12 of its original 27 founder members (including one honorary member). The inevitable rise in the average age of members has been moderated to some extent by the introduction of new, younger members, and until recent losses the number of



Three Peaks Challenge; June 2007

members has been kept close to the target figure of 40. The special character of the Club, due in part to its traditional college venue, and the quality of its fellowship have been maintained.

The Club has continued to support a variety of local, national and international charities, raising in excess of £135,000 for this purpose in the ten-year period; (the thirty-year total, not allowing for inflation, is approximately £255,000 or £360,000 at present value). Fund-raising has taken a number of forms, most notably President Mark Robinson's Three Peaks Challenge in 2010 which, jointly with other participants, raised a total of £20500, and proved a severe test of the logistical skill and endurance of those taking part. The Charity Golf day has been a regular fund-raiser having now been held annually since 1997. The purchase of Shelterboxes has been a favourite form of assistance for international disaster relief. Bucket shaking for the BBC Children in Need Appeal, first taking place in 1985, has continued, having now raised over £36,000. The sixth-form public speaking challenge, Youth Speaks, has been another long-running commitment, much appreciated by the schools taking part.

A variety of social and sporting events has helped to foster good fellowship. The most popular of these has undoubtedly been the walking weekend which has broadened its appeal since it first drew a small group of hardy fell walkers to the Lake District in 1989, now usually attracting more than half the membership.

As yet no ladies have been proposed for membership, but members have been regularly



Children in Need collection; November 2010

joined by wives and partners at both formal and social events. The ladies have continued to meet informally but with variable support, particularly in recent years.

Internationally there have been frequent exchange visits with the clubs of Kiel Dürsternbrook in Germany, and some with the club of Pau-Béarn in France. Other short visits to France have also taken place. One former member spent regular three-month periods in Malawi working as a Rotary volunteer surgeon.

Although the Club can feel well satisfied with its achievements in its first 30 years, there will be challenges ahead. With an ageing membership and the reduced ability of some members to contribute, it will be increasingly necessary to recruit new younger members if the vigour of the Club is to be maintained. The Club could be at a tipping point in terms of both membership and commitment.

MEMBERSHIP AND ARRANGEMENTS



VENUE

Since charter the Club has always met in a Cambridge college, which has given the Club a special character and attraction. The venue for the first 11 years was Corpus Christi, followed by two years at Churchill. From Churchill the Club moved back into the city centre to Peterhouse where the Club was well looked after for the next twelve years. The arrival of a new bursar at the college who was less sympathetic to the Club's needs prompted a further move. The move to Queens' College was masterminded by Mark Robinson in full consultation with members, and with the support of the Steward of the College, Lee Bollom, a member of the Club. The move took place fully in July 2008 but with some earlier meetings at Queens', including the 25th charter anniversary dinner. Since then the Club has received exceptional service and good value from the College. Luncheon meetings usually take place in the Munro Room, the limited capacity of which has not yet proved an embarrassment. For evening meetings the Club usually has the privilege of dining in the splendour of the Old Hall.

On the few occasions when the College is not available to the Club, a frequent alternative venue has been the Quay Mill Hotel, owned by a member, and sometimes the Arundel House Hotel. The Gog Magog clubhouse has been a venue for the Paul Breen Cup and some other meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Recent losses have reduced the number of full members to 34, the lowest end-of-year number since 1990 (see table opposite). Otherwise

membership has been maintained during the period close to the target figure of 40 full members, with 10 joiners and 15 leavers. Two members resigned and died soon afterwards, one in tragic circumstances, five died while members, and three moved away from Cambridge. Three have accepted honorary membership and one honorary (founder) member has died. The new honorary members were past-President John Brewin, one of the first three initial inaugural members of the Club, and the two Assistant Extension Officers who did so much to establish Rutherford on a sound footing. The average age of full members increased from 59yr 2mth in June 2003 to 66yr 5mth in June 2013, an increase of a little over seven years in the ten year period. Of the original 27 founder members, 11 are still in full membership and a further 10 have seen at least 20 years service. Of the current 34 full members 20 are retired or semi-retired.

In 2011 President Guy Turvill sent a letter inviting the Duke of Cambridge to become an honorary member of the Club. The reply from David Hutson the Keeper of the Archives at Clarence House said that His Royal Highness was very interested to hear about the Club and was most touched at being asked to become an honorary member but regretted that in view of his other pressing commitments felt unable to accept.

In 2003, Vernon McElroy's Paul Harris Fellowship had been the only one awarded by the Club, although Tim Chandler had received the Fellowship while a member of a previous club. In 2004 a second award was made to Founder Secretary John Dickins by President Charlie Kidman following the publication of the second club history, and Michael Blakey

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JOINERS AND LEAVERS 2003–2013 (including honorary members)			
Year	Joiners	Leavers	No.*
2003/2004	Paul Gibbs		40
2004/2005		Martin Walshe	39
2005/2006		Roger Leigh	38
2006/2007	Eaden Lilley	Richard Larkinson**/** ***/+	
	Keith Price	Tim Chandler	38
2007/2008	Ian Thompson	John Brewin**	
		Michael Hutton +	37
2008/2009	Peter Northmore	Michael King	
	Richard Stonebridge		
	John Brewin***		
	William Bradford***		
	Richard H Wells***		41
2009/2010	Robert Raywood	Ian Thompson	41
2010/2011	Tim Thomson	Keith Price +	
	Edwin Davison		42
2011/2012	Tim Holt	Robert Raywood	
		Eaden Lilley	
		Vernon McElroy +	40
2012/2013		Lee Bollom+	
		Dennis Cross+	
		Tim Holt	34

* No. of members end of Rotary year

** Founder member

*** Honorary members

+ Deceased

was similarly honoured by President Vernon McElroy in 2005 in recognition of his services to the Club and District. In 2009 Gordon Hannah was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Kiel Dürsternbrook, in appreciation for his work in furthering international understanding by fostering links between Rutherford and Kiel. In addition, a new member, Keith Price, brought with him a Paul Harris Fellowship awarded by his previous (Belgian) club. At the Burns Supper in January 2013 John Cound was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by President Paul Breen in recognition of his services as Founder President

in the establishment of the Club. At the 2013 charter lunch a further Paul Harris Fellowship was presented by Paul Breen to Richard Wells for his past and continuing services to the Club, in particular as Secretary. The Club currently has five Paul Harris Fellows. In 2008/2009 Gordon Hannah and David Latham made a submission to Council recommending the adoption of a procedure for the formal reviewing of Paul Harris awards, but Council decided that the existing *ad hoc* system, whereby such awards were in the gift of the President subject to appropriate consultation, should continue.



Paul Harris Fellow award recipients Gordon Hannah, John Dickins, Michael Blakey and (seated) John Cound with wife Chris. On the occasion of John Cound's award at the Burns Supper in the Old Hall, Queens' College; January 2013

In 2005 Michael King was presented with the RI Service Above Self Award for his long service as a volunteer surgeon in Malawi. In the same year Dennis Cross received the RNLI gold medal for exceptional services to the Institution over a period of 25 years.

In 2005 Vernon McElroy produced a third 'tactile model', a plaque showing a tourist plan of Cambridge placed on Queens' Green. The formal unveiling in December by the former Speaker of the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd, was followed by mulled wine and lunch at Queens'.

With the inevitable ageing of members there has been an increasing incidence of ill health. In June 2003 Jack Barton was appointed Welfare Officer, with responsibility for the pastoral care of members, and a job specification was drawn up. In 2009 he was succeeded by Brian Harrison who has had much to do in this capacity. Funeral/memorial services were attended for Jack Barton's wife Jean, previous members Keith Haarhof, Richard Larkinson, Michael Hutton, his wife Moira, Ian Thompson, Keith Price, Vernon McElroy, Lee Bollom and Dennis Cross.

In March 2004 Brian Harrison was appointed Club Protection Officer. In February 2005 Council produced a Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection document for the guidance of members. In September 2005 Ian Calder was appointed Club Health and Safety Officer. Three statements of Club policy were circulated by Council to members in November 2012 and subsequently published in the Club Bulletin. These were: Statement of Intent EQUALITY & DIVERSITY, RIBI Health & Safety Policy, and District 1080 Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy.

The self-appointed and unofficial club archivist, John Dickins, withdrew from this activity on completion of the present history. However, Mark Robinson has been engaged in creating a digital record of all past Bulletins, and all the archive material contained in the volumes of memorabilia contributed by each past president for his year.

The Club is grateful to Duncan Mackay for managing the Club website, which he set up some years ago

In March 2007 the District Extension Officer, Barry Gibbs, addressed the Club on District's decision to attempt the formation of a new club in Cambridge based on the Trinity Science Park, and his hope that Rutherford might agree to act as sponsor. The Club was not unanimous in responding positively to this request but nevertheless agreed to be the sponsoring club. Gordon Hannah and Michael Hellowell volunteered to act as Assistant Extension Officers, but despite their energetic and tireless efforts over a period of more than a year, it was finally accepted that they were not succeeding in recruiting the critical number of committed members necessary for the formation of a viable club and the project was abandoned.

The Attendance Officer is responsible for attendance statistics and for the tricky job of advising the college and other venues of the requirement for meal places. Paul Breen served in this capacity for 16 years before assuming the Senior Vice-Presidency for the second

THE CLUB'S OFFICERS 2003–2013

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2003/2004	Charlie Kidman	Michael Blakey	Bob Jackson
2004/2005	Dick Barker	Michael Blakey	Bob Jackson
2005/2006	Vernon McElroy	Michael Blakey	Bob Jackson
2006/2007	Ian Calder	Michael Blakey	David Latham
2007/2008	John Williamson	Michael Blakey	David Latham
2008/2009	Dick Pryce-Jones	Richard Wells	David Latham
2009/2010	Mark Robinson	Richard Wells	David Hervey-Murray
2010/2011	Guy Turvill	Richard Wells	David Hervey-Murray
2011/2012	Michael Blakey	Richard Wells	David Hervey-Murray
2012/2013	Paul Breen	Richard Wells	David Hervey-Murray

time in July 2011, when he was succeeded as Attendance Officer by Gordon Hannah. (There are now so many opportunities for claiming an attendance that one is tempted to say ‘lies, damned lies and attendance statistics’.)

THE OFFICERS

The Presidential succession to 2010/2011 resulting from the election of officers in December 2007 had to be revised in April 2008 following the withdrawal, for reasons of ill health and business commitments, of both the President-elect and the Junior Vice-President-elect. Dick Pryce-Jones at short notice generously stepped forward to fill the resultant vacancy for President in 2008/2009, and Guy Turvill accepted nomination for 2010/2011. However, none of those members who had not yet occupied the Presidential chair could be persuaded to fill the vacancies for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013, and the Club was grateful to Michael Blakey and Paul Breen for offering themselves for a second term as President, although the need for a premature ‘recycling’ of President was regretted. A further recycling was necessary at the election of officers in December 2012 when Michael Hellowell was appointed as Junior Vice President. All being well he will serve for a second term as President in 2015/2016. The

nominees for President for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 are Richard Crabtree and Richard Stonebridge respectively.

Past-Presidents meet annually in March at the Club’s college venue for a black-tie dinner organised and chaired by the Immediate Past-President which, in 2012, was followed by a lively discussion of the monarchy. A worthwhile subject for discussion in 2013 to which a number of members contributed was the future of the Club with its ageing membership. Despite the loss of six Past-Presidents, from 2005/2006 their number has exceeded half the membership. Three Past-Presidents have not served as Vice-President: John Cound (as Founder President), and Richard Morris and Dick Pryce-Jones both of whom became President at short notice.

Michael Blakey completed a run of six years as Secretary before handing over to Richard Wells. At the same time Lee Bollom was appointed to the new post of Assistant Secretary and Diary Keeper, although from 2011/2012 this latter duty was accepted by Mark Robinson. Bob Jackson added a further three years to his previous six years as Treasurer, and was followed by David Latham for three years. David Hervey-Murray who had previously served as Treasurer for six years assumed this responsibility again in 2009 for a further four years to date.

In January 2009 it was agreed to lighten the administrative load of the Vice-President for 2009/2010 by appointing a separate Chairman of the Club Service Committee. Following this decision Paul Breen occupied the position for three years before becoming President for the second time in 2012/2013

ARRANGEMENTS

In early 2006 a wide-ranging review of the Club's arrangements took place under the heading *The Future Shape of the Club*, in which the views of members were sought by questionnaire. Included were questions on recruitment policy and the place and timing of meetings. It was generally agreed that the target number of members should be maintained at 40, and the need for the recruitment of younger members was recognised. No need for significant change was identified, although some dissatisfaction with the Peterhouse venue was resolved by the move to Queens' College in 2008. Also the occurrence of breakfast meetings in the summer months, which had varied in number from 3 to 6, continued to be controversial. In September 2010 a ballot took place on the value of breakfast meetings. Opinions for and against were evenly divided and Council decided that in future years the President should decide for his year whether they should occur and if so the venue, but that they should have some content. In 2010/2011 the customary evening meeting was made the first Thursday in the month rather than the last Thursday to suit the business commitments of the President. In February 2010 Council reaffirmed a decision of 1997 to the effect that evening meetings with ladies should have a table plan arranged by the organiser, a practice that had been allowed to slip. Subsequent clarification (April 2011) noted that the table plan could optionally be an allocation by table, or sections of long tables, rather than to individual places on tables.

In 2008 the Club received, from District, RI's Club Leadership Plan which all clubs were

encouraged to consider and adopt. The Plan's recommendation that clubs should place more emphasis on membership and public relations was acknowledged, in particular by the appointment from 2008/2009 of an officer with specific responsibility for PR. However, it was concluded that the proposals for a radical change in committee structure would not increase the Club's effectiveness, and this aspect of the Plan was not adopted.

Various attempts had been made in the past to keep members informed of Council decisions, but from October 2008 it was agreed that approved Council minutes should be circulated to members by e-mail. A quicker means of communicating Council deliberations was adopted from July 2011 by circulating the draft minutes rather than the later approved version.

Since July 2003 the amount charged for meals has been a rounded figure intended to make the cashier's job easier. In September 2003 Council agreed to relax the dress code for the summer months, and to allow from June to August a tie and no jacket. From 2004/2005 Vice-Chairmen (Chairmen-elect) were appointed to committees. In 2005/2006 Council agreed that the President should be provided with a simpler and less weighty chain of office for less formal occasions, but this was not implemented. In September 2005 it was agreed that the Four Way Test should be read out from time to time at business meetings.

The Club continued to be grateful to Vernon McElroy for producing annually the members card and periodically the very convenient and useful diary card. On his death in 2012 this role was accepted by the Diary Keeper, Mark Robinson.

Paul Breen, during his second term as President, introduced some changes to established procedures. At luncheon meetings he brought forward to the beginning of the meeting the welcome to visitors and announcements to allow more time for the speaker. He also encouraged committees to meet less often and more productively.

EXTERNAL CONTACTS

The Club has received several visits by the RIBI President: Brian Stoyal in January 2004 when he was the guest at the four clubs dinner; Peter Offer and his wife Janis in August 2006 when they were taken to the tactile models and King's Chapel; and Allan Jagger, his wife Rose, and District Governor Duncan Howlett in July 2007 when they were entertained to lunch at Queens' and given a tour of the college and tactile model. In May 2011 Jim Moulson was the guest speaker at the four clubs dinner hosted by the Club in Queens' Old Hall.

In February 2006 Gordon Hannah organised, at short notice, a memorable tour of Cambridge for RIBI President Mike Webb, his wife Alison, and the District Governor, Bill Redmayne and his wife Dorothy. The tour included the tactile models in front of Great St Mary's, and a privileged visit to the Pepys Library at Magdalene College (on Pepys' birthday as it happened), where the party was hosted by the Curator and by the Master of the College. The visit was followed by presentations at the University Arms Hotel by Michael and Elspeth King.

The RIBI conference held in April in Bournemouth (2004), Manchester (2005), Belfast (2006), Bournemouth (2007), Blackpool (2008), Edinburgh (2009), Bournemouth (2010), Dublin (2011), Bournemouth (2012) and Harrogate (2013) have usually been well supported by half a dozen or so couples.

Attendance at the District conference held in October in Norwich (2003), Stratford-on-Avon (2004), Ipswich (2005), Cambridge (2006), Brighton (2007), Norwich (2008), Lyndford Hall, Mundford (2009), Ipswich (2010), Norwich (2011) and Ipswich (2012) has been variable, sometimes being of limited appeal with one or two members attending for the Saturday only, and sometimes attracting several couples for the weekend. A music hall entertainment at the Cambridge conference in 2006 starring Richard Morris was well supported by Club members.

The annual exchange with the Rotary Club of Oxford in August had begun in 1989 as an invitation to lunch followed by punting on the Cam or Cherwell. It had developed to include golf, and visits for non-golfers. The afternoon mix of golf and non-golf was not always convenient and in 2002 the golf match



RIBI Edinburgh Conference; April 2009

was discontinued. Rutherford hosted Oxford to a college tour and punting on the Backs in 2003, with a guided tour of the Fitzwilliam and punting in 2005, and with a visit to IWM at Duxford, following a talk by Mick Martin the Head of Airfield in 2007.

Lunch in Oxford at the Randolph Hotel was followed by a guided visit to Wadham College and Christchurch in 2004, by a visit to Blenheim Palace in 2006, and by a visit to the Natural History Museum and Keble College in 2008. The visits in 2006 and 2008 were well attended by wives as well as members.

In 2008 John Martin of the Oxford club and John Dickins, joint organisers of the exchange for the previous 20 years, decided it was time to stand down, John Dickins handing over to Brian Harrison. The 2009 invitation to Oxford was not well promoted by the new Oxford representative and as a result no visit took place. The invitation was repeated and accepted in 2010 when the visitors were given a tour of the colleges followed by a cream tea at Brian's college, Sidney Sussex. In 2011 a party of five Rutherford members and four wives were hosted on a privileged and private visit to the impressively rebuilt and reorganised Ashmolean Museum. The return visit from Oxford in 2012 was arranged by Gordon Hannah. The guided tours of the Parker Library at Corpus Christi and the Zoological Museum were appreciated by a small group of Rutherford members and ladies, but the visit from Oxford was cancelled due to lack of support which questioned the viability of the exchange for the future. A repeat invitation for 2013 has been accepted

In March 2004, 13 members scattered more widely than usual by flying to Dublin for the day to have lunch with President Bridie O'Grady O'Reilly and the members of the Dublin North club at the Royal Dublin Golf Club. The afternoon was spent with a cultural visit to the Guinness Storehouse, where one member got lost, and to the Jameson Distillery where the party enjoyed an Irish coffee and

the company of Anna, a Swedish student. Their cultural appetite unabated members finished up in the Brazen Head, the oldest pub in Dublin. This visit, and a second scatter-week visit to York by 14 members in March 2005, were capably organised by Lee Bollom. The lunch in York was at the Churchill Hotel with the Rotary Club of York.

The four Cambridge clubs have continued to hold a joint dinner with speaker each January hosted in turn by one of the clubs. The number attending, which occasionally has included partners, has sometimes been disappointing but the meeting in 2007 organised by Rutherford with dinner in the Old Hall at Queens' and a talk by Ian Thompson, Dean of King's College and a member of the Club, attracted an attendance of 82. The dinner in 2011 hosted by the Club took place in May when, as already mentioned, RIBI President Jim Moulson was the guest speaker.

In May 2013 President Paul Breen and some other members took part with 73 East Anglian clubs in the District Wheelie Good Idea project, providing a link in a chain of varied modes of transport. The Club's contribution with representatives of the other Cambridge clubs was to punt from Magdalene Bridge via Jesus Lock to the Plough at Fen Ditton where they handed over to the Littleport club. The project raised £26000 for the provision of wheel chairs for local disabled athletes under the Wheel Power charity.

WOMEN IN ROTARY

Although every Rotary club has been technically dual gender since July 2001, The Club has not sought to promote the introduction of women members and no lady candidate has yet been proposed for membership. All three other Cambridge clubs now have lady members, including at least one husband and wife, so that there is no lack of opportunity for lady Rotarians in Cambridge. Many Club events do, of course, include the Club's wives and partners.

CLUB SERVICE



Committee	Chairman
2003/2004	Dick Barker
2004/2005	Vernon McElroy
2005/2006	Ian Calder
2006/2007	John Williamson
2007/2008	Richard Crabtree
2008/2009	Mark Robinson
2009/2010	Paul Breen
2010/2011	Paul Breen
2011/2012	Paul Breen
2012/2013	Richard Crabtree

Assistant Secretary

2008-2013 Lee Bollom

Diary Secretary

2006/2008 Richard Wells
2008/2011 Lee Bollom
2011/2013 Mark Robinson

The Club Service Committee has responsibility for the general running and good housekeeping of the Club, some aspects of which have already been reported. The Committee is also responsible for the Bulletin, and for the speaker, social and sporting programme. Rutherford has traditionally had a more extensive programme of sports and social activities than many clubs which has served to strengthen fellowship to the benefit of its service undertakings.

THE BULLETIN

Bulletin Editor

2003/2005 John Cound
2005/2013 John Dickins

Following a three-year period during which the Bulletin was produced in A5 format to the professional standard of desk-top publishing, the new editors reverted to traditional (electronic) cut-and-paste in A4 format. John Cound was editor for two years. His Bulletins were characterised by a cheerful full-colour photo on the cover page and numerous photos within. John Dickins followed a previous five-year stint as editor with a further eight-year term. He continued his previous practice of a regular bi-monthly issue, beginning in August each year, with pre-set final-copy dates and distribution at the following business meeting. From December 2006 members were given the choice of receiving the Bulletin by e-mail in pdf format rather than as hard copy, and initially 15 members took advantage of this offer. Bulletins are distributed, not only to full members, but to honorary members, widows of former members (when they so wish), former members who have moved away and wish to stay in touch, and, from June 2009, a member of the contact club, Kiel Dürsternbrook. Apart from one or two widows, those who are not full members receive the Bulletin by e-mail. Some years earlier copies were sent to the District Governor, the editor of 1080 News and the three other Cambridge clubs but this was allowed to lapse.

From 2005 alternate issues of the Bulletin had been generously printed by Mark Robinson and Duncan Mackay, Mark printing in colour from August 2008. Duncan was unable to continue after October 2010 when Mark agreed to print all issues in colour subject to a members' contribution of £5 per annum for six copies, to help defray printing costs. As a result the number of members opting to receive a hard copy fell from 25 to 16.

The Bulletin traditionally contains a report from the President, AGM reports, reports of events and speakers, other contributions by members and ladies, attendance statistics, and diary. The number of photographs has increased in recent years. One notable spoof-photo in the December 2004 issue showed a group of members on the walking weekend with every head replaced by a different head of the Club's Founder President. In July 2012 the BBC Radio 4 *Today* programme featured an interview with a member of the Cambridge Department of Applied Mathematics and Physics (DAMP) regarding the best strategy to minimize wetting when walking in the rain – should one walk or run. This question was the subject of a definitive mathematical analysis by a Rutherford member that had appeared in the Bulletin in May 1993, which became the subject of an exchange with DAMP.

The new Editor from 2013/2014, Tony Littlechild, plans to replace the traditional form of Bulletin with a monthly newsletter with special issues for December and June.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Speaker Finder

2003/2004	Tim Chandler
2004/2006	Tony Littlechild
2006/2007	Richard Crabtree
2007/2009	Bob Tydeman
2009/2013	Bob Jackson

Speakers at luncheon meetings and at evening dinners have covered a range of topics, both good works and general interest. Members have had the privilege of handling the Gold Medal won by an Olympic oarsman (October 2010). There have been contributions from members and ambassadorial scholars. In December 2004 a scholar displayed his skill on the violin. In April 2005 Gordon Hannah gave a talk on his hobby of building and flying miniature free flight model aircraft and succeeded in flying one



The Vietnamese Ambassador His Excellency Mr Vu Quang Minh with Michael Blakey and Alec Motts; February 2012

of his models round Upper Hall at Peterhouse. In February 2011 at an evening dinner in Queens' Old Hall with ladies and guests, Richard Crabtree gave an absorbing account of Scott's last Antarctic expedition. This was followed on a similar occasion in April 2011 by a talk on Henry 'Birdie' Bowers, the fifth man on Scott's expedition. At an evening meeting at the Arundel House Hotel in August 2011 Founder President John Cound gave a well-received account of the birth of Rutherford on the formation of the Club in 1983. In February 2012 the Vietnamese Ambassador was the speaker at a dinner in the Old Hall at Queens', which attracted a capacity gathering of members, ladies and guests. On a similar occasion shortly afterwards members and guests enjoyed a most interesting talk by Sir Anthony Brenton, former British Ambassador to Moscow.

Members were greatly impressed by talks given in April and July 2008 by Peter Davison whose life was under constant threat from the presence of a brain tumour. His talks gave an account of his End to End project – cycling from Lands End to John O' Groats – to raise money

for brain cancer awareness. The Club sponsored his ride for £1000 with the Club's name prominently displayed on the back of his tunic. In the Lake District he was forced to interrupt his ride which was completed a year later when members of the Club accompanied him on the stretch from Windermere to Edinburgh.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The first Object of Rotary is 'the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service'.

The Club's strong social and sports programme, including the frequent participation of members' ladies, has contributed to a good quality of fellowship. A significant annual event is the charter anniversary at the end of June, usually the last event of the Rotary year. In 2004 the occasion took the form of a charity ball which raised £4000 for the Stroke Association. Dancing to the Mark Arnold Band took place in the Cripps Hall at Queens' and over 200 attended. In 2005 the anniversary was marked by a barbecue at Downing College, and in 2006 by a meal in the Pythagoras building at St John's College, with singing by the Gentlemen of St John's. In 2007 at a dinner in the Old Hall at Queens', a toast to the Club was proposed by Andrew Lansley MP. The 25th charter anniversary in 2008 was a special occasion described in the Introduction to this history. The celebration in 2009, a barbecue in Lyon Court at Queens' had a nautical theme, reflecting the naval and boating interests of the President. Another less formal occasion in 2010 was a 60's disco at the Cambridge Rugby Club, and in 2011 advantage was taken of the lush surroundings of Anglesey Abbey with a drinks reception in the rose garden followed by dinner. The celebration in 2012, which took place on the actual charter date of the 21st June, attracted a capacity gathering at Quy Mill Hotel where dinner was followed by musical entertainment and a lively exhibition of Scottish dancing by the President. The 30th anniversary of the Club's charter was

celebrated with a Sunday lunch at the Red Lion at Hinxton, the local hostelry of the President. On a perfect June day with a reception and musical accompaniment by Sawston Steel, the occasion was marked by the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Richard Wells.

It has become customary for the incoming President to give a party during his term of office. In December 2003 a Christmas drinks party was held at the home of Charlie and Annie Kidman who appeared to be undismayed at the red wine spilt on their carpet, and in July 2004 a drinks party was held in the garden of Dick and Sally Barker. In each July from 2005 to 2009 a luncheon party was held in the garden of Ian and Dorothy Calder. In July 2007 a party of champagne and strawberries was given in the garden of John and Maddie Williamson. In June 2008 Dick Pryce-Jones gave a barbecue at the Goldie boathouse. In August 2009 the occasion took the form of a Caribbean barbecue in the garden of Mark and Carol Robinson. In July 2010 the President's Summer Garden Party was held at the home of Guy and Sharon Turvill, who in May 2011 also hosted a well-supported away-day at the family's property in Southwold, where members and ladies enjoyed a very happy day of food, drink, musical entertainment and great fellowship. In July 2011 Michael and Barbara Blakey hosted a garden party which, in uncertain weather, provided a well-appointed sit-down meal that made full use of their down-stairs accommodation including the garage. They also hosted an enjoyable series of lunches for the members of each club committee, which included Michael's own home-made pâté.

Although only one or two members can claim a Scottish ancestry, the Burns Supper in January has always been well supported. The address to the haggis has been performed by Sassenach members as well as Scots, with commendable verve. At Peterhouse the supper was usually held in the FCR, but in 2009 moved to the Old Hall at Queens'. In 2007 the haggis was piped in by a diminutive 12-year old whom one

of the ladies said she would like to have taken home and put on her mantelpiece. Occasional entertainment has included recitations and singing of Burns verses (2005), and a talk on Burns by Ian Thompson (2008). The Burns Supper in 2011 was particularly memorable with the address to the haggis by a Munro, a tribute to Burns by a Mackay, and a strident Sassenach response by a Wells. The Burns Supper in 2012 had the usual components in full measure but in addition included a charming toast to the lassies by President Michael Blakey with a response by his wife Barbara. At the equally impressive and well-attended Burns Supper in 2013 the response to the toast to the lassies was given by Dorothy Calder. This was also the occasion for the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Founder President John Cound (see picture page 6).

From 2004 to 2008 the St George's Day dinner took place at Quy Mill with a four-course meal followed by recitations from members, but the customary patriotic, Vera Lynn-style, sing-along was discontinued in 2007. In 2008 four members spoke on their choice of modern English hero – Peter Scott, Chris Patten, Bobby Robson and Julie Andrews. In 2009 the venue switched to Queens' where, in the Munro Room, three members spoke on their choice of Great Britons – Oliver Cromwell, Alan Turing and Dickie Jeeps. In 2010 the meal in Queens' Old Hall was followed by a musical contribution by a group led by Richard Morris. A similar occasion in 2011 featured a well-researched account by Gordon Hannah of the factional conflicts and intrigues surrounding the three 15th century queens associated with the College. The dinner in 2013 was complemented between courses by a quiz devised and presented by Richard Crabtree. With a purely English theme this included the identification of Shakespeare's plays from their first lines and that of notable Englishmen from their sayings and achievements.

The traditional family visit to the pantomime coupled with high tea at the Garden

House Hotel was discontinued in 2003 as the organising member had left the Club and families were growing up. However, in 2004 and 2007 a party of members and ladies enjoyed a visit to the Christmas Spectacular at Thursford in Norfolk, organised by an enthusiastic Alec Motts.

A number of visits for members and ladies have taken place. In March 2004 Marshalls of Cambridge hosted an interesting visit and provided dinner afterwards. In May 2004 a gourmet meal at the Regional College was enjoyed. In July of the same year members and ladies dressed smartly for a day at Henley Regatta organised by the Club's Leander oarsman, David Latham when two of the party were refused entry to the members' enclosure for unbelievably arcane reasons. There were visits to Anglesey Abbey (July 2007), the Department of Astronomy (August 2007), and to the Churchill Archives followed by a buffet in the college FCR (July 2009). In November 2009 members and ladies were hosted for a tour of the Houses of Parliament by MP Andrew Lansley followed by lunch in the palatial premises of the Institution of Civil Engineers, organised by Gordon Hannah.

The Club had had some success in the District quiz in earlier years having won it in 1992/93. However, for various reasons, usually a clash of dates, participation after 2003 was intermittent. In 2003/2004 the Club reached the fourth round but then had to withdraw due to a clash of dates. In June 2004 a team from Rutherford were winners in a trial run of a new arrangement, with all clubs competing on one evening.

SPORTS PROGRAMME

Sports

2003/2004	Dick Pryce-Jones
2004/2005	Alec Motts
2005/2006	Lee Bollom
2006/2008	Alec Motts
2008/2013	David Munro

Regalia

2003/2004	Duncan Mackay
2004/2005	Paul Breen
2005/2006	Paul Breen
2006/2007	Paul Breen
2007/2008	Bob Tydeman
2008/2013	David Munro

Golf Captain

2003/2011	Paul Breen
2011/2013	Dick Barker

The view attributed to Robert Morley, that the second most disastrous invention after the wheel was the ball, would find little support from Rutherford members.

The Club continued to offer a variety of sports-related opportunities which have included: bowls on Jesus Green (September 2003), a visit to the BBC Question of Sport (March 2004), Mexican petanque at Oakington (July 2004), croquet at Madingley Hall (May 2005, May 2007), Sunday morning walk at Fen Drayton (December 2005), visits to rugby at Grange Road (October 2003, March 2004, September 2010, March 2011), and a rowing training session at the Goldie boathouse (June, July 2011).

Cricket against the South Cambridge Club at the Clare College ground in July each year continued from 2003 to 2006 under junior cricket rules, the South Cambridge team winning each year. With ageing membership it became more difficult to raise a team, and in 2007 cricket was replaced by bowls at Lammas Land followed by a barbecue in the Williamsons' garden. Heavy rain reduced the number of players, and a skeleton match was won by South Cambridge. The barbecue was marked by a ceremonial incineration of the long-standing unmentionable trophy the ashes of which now reside in a lidded goblet of wood, turned and mounted by Gordon Hannah. Bowls at Lammas Land in 2008 was followed



Cricket match captains Terry Gardner and Dick Barker with the “unmentionable” trophy; August 2004

by a meal in the Red Lion at Grantchester, South Cambridge winning yet again. In 2009, 2010 and 2011 the bowls match was replaced by a multi-sports evening and barbecue at the Clare ground where members tried their hand at welly wanging, hoopla, grapefruit tossing and mini versions of putting, croquet and bowls. A similar event arranged in 2012 was cancelled because of inclement weather.

Golfing members competed each year on the Gog Magog course for the Paul Breen Cup. The competition, which took place in July in 2003 and subsequently in August (but postponed to October in 2012), was generally followed by an evening dinner open to all members, usually in the Gog Magog clubhouse but sometimes at Quay Mill (2008, 2009). Occasionally morning play has been followed by lunch (2007, 2010). In 2011 play was to follow Rotary breakfast in the clubhouse but a light shower led to the



Walking Weekend at Dovedale; October 2007

competition being postponed for a week when an early start at 7.30 am deterred all but five of the Club's most hardy players. The winners were Charlie Kidman (2003, 2005), David Latham (2004), Tony Littlechild (2006, 2012), Paul Breen (2007), Maurice Smart (2008), Dick Barker (2009, 2011), Guy Turvill (2010). In 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 a Club team came second in District in the RIBI National Competition.

Undoubtedly, the best supported social-cum-sporting event of the year has been the walking weekend held in October, typically attracting two dozen or more members each year. Having been weaned from its origins as a strenuous cottage-based weekend of fell walking in the Lake District, it now caters for those wanting a good walk and those who occupy themselves less vigorously, but all enjoying a weekend of excellent fellowship in a comfortable hotel. In addition, a smaller group, calling themselves the Sharp Edge Club (named after a notorious ascent of

Blencathra, but also referred to as the Slightly Blunt Edge Club), continue the earlier tradition in the spring. The venues for the October walking weekend have been Norfolk (2003), the Cotswolds (2004, 2006), the Malvern Hills (2005), Dovedale (2007), Ross-on-Wye (2008), Buxton (2009, 2012), Aldeburgh (2010), and the Woodbridge area of Suffolk (2011). In 2012 several members enjoyed a day in the house and grounds of Chatsworth. In April 2013 the Sharp Edge Club went international and spent a weekend walking in Tenerife at the invitation of David Munro who has a home there. These occasions are not without incident, as when a member in Norfolk had to face the consequences of accidentally locking his keys in his car. In the previous decade in Bakewell, the Club's practical joker speaking as the hotel manager on the telephone had caused aggrieved consternation by informing another member that the wine he had ordered specially was unfortunately no longer available.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



The third Object of Rotary is 'the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life'.

Committee Chairman

2003/2004	Phillip Prior
2004/2005	Richard Morris
2005/2006	Richard Wells
2006/2007	Brian Harrison
2007/2008	David Munro
2008/2009	Bob Jackson
2009/2010	Tony Littlechild
2010/2011	Richard Morris
2011/2012	Paul Gibbs
2012/2013	Tim Thomson

The bucket collection for the BBC Children in Need Appeal has been an annual event since 1985, although Guy the Gorilla has not featured in recent years. The full-day collection held on a Friday in November typically raises between £1000 and £1200. The usual venue at the Round Church was changed to Petty Cury in 2008 when the amount collected was disappointing. Pouring rain in 2006 also reduced the amount collected. The most successful occasions were in 2010, 2011 and 2012 when Michael Hellowell arranged publicity by BBC Radio Cambridge with live interviews, members taking it in turns to dress in a Pudsey Bear outfit, and record sums of £1500 and over £1600 collected. In 2012 the amount collected was increased by the sale of plants donated by Scotsdales Nursery and followed by an appearance at a concert by school choirs at West Road. In 2007 the collection for Children in Need was replaced by a duck race at Quy Mill, preceded by a roast lunch, which raised £1600. This sum

was increased to £2000 for a donation to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Since 1997 the Club's main fund-raising event has been the Charity Golf Day, held in May. The usual good-value package until 2010 was team golf at Malton followed by the attraction of dinner in Queens' Old Hall, but in 2006 both golf and dinner took place at Bar Hill, and since 2010 the golf has been at the Gog Magog course. An auction of contributed items at the dinner has increased the total funds raised to between £5000 and £8000. The charities benefiting have included Stroke Association, Prostate Cancer, MS Society, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Barnardos, Whizz-Kidz, Arthur Rank Hospice, Teenage Cancer Care, Cancer Help Centre, East Anglia Air Ambulance, Bowel Cancer UK, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Alzheimer's Society and Squeaky Gate.

A charity dinner and fashion show held in March 2011 in the Cripps Hall at Queens' with fashion and models provided by Anne



Dick Pryce-Jones presents cheque for £5000 to Alison Horsley, East Anglian Air Ambulance; July 2009



Stop the Drop at Landbeach; September 2009

Furbank (Fashions) Ltd raised nearly £2800 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care Trust, Alzheimer's Society and Squeaky Gate.

At the beginning of his second Presidential year in 2012 Paul Breen gave every member an envelope containing a £20 note and a request that this be used as a seed-corn amount to raise further funding. Although the degree of entrepreneurial flair thus generated was variable, this initiative was successful in raising a total of over £4000 for the President's chosen charity Squeaky Gate.

Stop the Drop has been a continuing project since September 2009 – picking up litter in South Cambridgeshire villages in liaison with local branches of the CPRE and parish councils. Initially 40 villages were approached by

letter and invited to participate in organised 'litter-picks'. Special litter-pick packs were loaned by the Club to 20 villages in the first 18 months and members provided man-power assistance at Landbeach, Horningsea, Newton, Fen Ditton and Coton.

Contact the Elderly is a charity providing transport and hosting for a Sunday tea party each month for small groups of elderly people. Following a luncheon talk by an employee of John Lewis, members gave good support in forming a rota of drivers for a new group. The group's first tea party took place in January 2010, and in March the Club provided its own hosting in the Old Kitchens at Queens'. Members have gained much satisfaction from providing this greatly appreciated service which continues.

Other items of direct service and fundraising listed below have sometimes been the result of individual initiative rather than a committee project. These include: champagne and carol singing for the residents of Cottenham Court (December 2003), sponsorship of a disadvantaged family for a caravan holiday at Southwold (June 2004, 2005), sponsored bicycle ride from London to Cambridge by several members raising funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer (July 2005), three peaks walk by Mark Robinson in the Lake District raising £1800 (September 2005), helping the Salvation Army pack parcels of food and toys for Christmas (December 2005, 2006, 2007), and bridge building over a source

of the Stour and coppicing followed by Sunday lunch at the Green Man at Six Mile Bottom, organised by Duncan Mackay for the Woodland Trust at Lower Wood Farm (February 2008, two later dates in 2009 and 2010 abandoned because of inclement weather, and February 2012 and 2013). The President's Three Peaks Challenge of June 2010 – to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within a 24 hour time slot – which has already been mentioned in the Introduction, enabled a number of Rutherford donations including £9000 to the Beating Bowel Cancer charity.

In March 2004 the committee held a quiz evening at Queens' with Roger Leigh as quizmaster.



Guy Turvill presents cheque to Sarah Ingram, Contact the Elderly; October 2010

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



The fourth Object of Rotary is 'the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service'.

Committee Chairman

2003/2004	Maurice Smart
2004/2005	Gordon Hannah
2005/2006	Tim Chandler
2006/2007	Michael Hellowell
2007/2008	Paul Gibbs
2008/2009	Ed Temple
2009/2010	Dick Barker
2010/2011	Richard Stonebridge
2011/2012	Eaden Lilley
2012/2013	Edwin Davison

Although there is no formal twinning arrangement with the Rotary Club of Kiel Dürsternbrook, regular exchange visits, usually at two-year intervals, have taken place since 1987. In March 2004 it was mutually agreed that the out-of-pocket hosting costs of future visits in either direction should be covered by a per capita charge on those attending. In September 2004 a party of 10 couples and five singletons from Kiel were hosted by the Club. The arrangements, which included a college tour, punting on the Backs, a visit to Ely and a safari supper, finished with a Sunday brunch at Duncan Mackay and Sarah's windmill home in Fulbourn. The return visit by six couples and three singletons was made in September 2006. The Rutherford members were met with breakfast at a restaurant in Lübeck and a tour of the city, followed during the weekend by a safari supper (German style), a (somewhat chaotic)

visit to the provincial parliament building, and a boat trip on the Five Lakes. There was an exchange of presents, an inscribed blade from Rutherford and, from Kiel, a book on Schleswig Holstein translated by Günter Schubert and written by his wife.

In September 2008 30 Kiel members and wives were met on the Friday morning at Stansted and welcomed by hosts and other Rutherford members at a reception lunch given by Gordon and Carolyn Hannah. A guided tour of the gardens at Anglesey Abbey was followed by a buffet supper, an exchange of speeches and an invitation from Kiel to attend the celebration of their 50th charter anniversary the following May. On the Saturday the visitors were taken to see the 'tactile model' on Queens' Green and then split into two groups, one to visit the Fitzwilliam and the other to go punting on the Backs, which prompted one visitor to congratulate a member for his proficiency with the punting 'stick'. A buffet supper at the Goldie boathouse was arranged for the evening. On the Sunday morning there was a privileged organ recital by the Director of Music in King's Chapel followed by the offering of a village tour by a route suggested by Vernon McElroy, finishing with a hog roast hosted by Bob and Sue Tydeman.

The Kiel charter anniversary in May 2009 was attended by seven couples and a singleton from Rutherford and representatives of other Rotary clubs. At a formal dinner Gordon Hannah was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his services in fostering links between the two clubs and international understanding. Discounting this visit Kiel extended a further invitation to the Club for a visit in May 2011 which was taken up by a smaller party



Punts departing Trinity College with Kiel Club visitors; September 2008

than usual of five couples and one singleton. The very full weekend included a reception at the home of Walther and Karen Heeschen, a visit to the Airbus factory in Hamburg, a motor cruise on the Elbe and round Hamburg docks, and a visit to a sculpture park.

A connection with the Rotary Club of Pau-Béarn was initiated by William Bradford, a principal Assistant Extension Officer for Rutherford's foundation, who now has his home in Pau. The chateau at Pau was the birthplace of Henry of Navarre who became Henry IV of France at the end of the 16th century Wars of Religion. Henry was a Huguenot who, under family and political pressure, made a nominal conversion to Roman Catholicism several times during his lifetime, finally converting in order to be accepted as King of France when he is credited with saying that Paris was worth a mass. In June 2004 a party of 25 members

and wives were hosted by the Pau club. A model of King's chapel in a bottle, made by Vernon McElroy, was presented together with an aerial view of Peterhouse and King's Chapel, and a Stilton cheese. In April 2008 member and ladies from the two clubs met for a weekend in Paris. Despite some hiccups in the planning, the fellowship, food and drink were much enjoyed, and sightseeing included a trip on the bateau mouche. In May 2010 the Club hosted a party of six couples from Pau when the arrangements included a college tour, punting, fish and chips at the Goldie boathouse and a visit to the National Stud. In May 2012 seven couples and a singleton enjoyed excellent hospitality in a return visit to Pau when much rain and poor visibility did not detract from the interest of visits to the chateau of Henry of Navarre, the Paratrooper Regiment Museum, the Betherram Grotto and a local vineyard.

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In April 2005 a party of nine members and eight wives spent a weekend in Les Riceys, arranged by Richard Wells. This visit was marked by the Vice-President being caught for a speeding offence. A gourmet weekend in May 2007 organised by Eaden Lilley and Bob Tydeman at Abonnay and Saint Saux in the Champagne region was attended and greatly enjoyed by a party of 15 members and ladies. In June 2009 Michael Blakey organised a visit to Monet's Garden with nights spent at Giverney and Honfleur.

Michael King was a member of the Club from 1995 until 2009 during which time he worked as a Rotary volunteer surgeon in Malawi, spending two periods of three months there each year. In 2003/2004 the Rural Surgery Project in North Malawi was adopted by District, and funds raised (which included a £2300 contribution from the Huntingdon club) received a matching grant from District and RI. A 20-foot container with surgical and other supplies was loaded by members at the

Perse School and despatched. As noted under Membership (page 6), Michael subsequently received an RI Service Above Self Award. In 2006/2007 £700 was raised for a tsetse fly project in Malawi, and in the same year £400 was contributed to Kenya Children's Villages following a talk by Leila de Bruyne, daughter of a former member of the Club.

ShelterBox is an international charity based in Cornwall that provides instant relief to victims of natural disasters in the form of boxes containing a tent for an extended family of up to ten people and essential equipment for the survival of the displaced and homeless. The Club has been a keen supporter in raising funds for the purchase of boxes, each of which costs £490 (raised to £590 in 2010). The following fund-raising events have been held: hog roast at Ian and Dorothy Calder's (July 2004), a darts marathon that received disappointing support from the Club but, with a contribution from the charity account, raised enough for the purchase of six boxes (November 2004), bucket



ShelterBox display and collection at the Grafton Centre, Cambridge; September 2010

collection with other clubs at Cambridge United football ground raising £9000 for the Tsunami Appeal (January 2005), three-day display of ShelterBox and collection at the Grafton Centre raising £1600 following the earthquake in Kashmir (November 2005), ShelterBox display and collection over two days at the Grafton Centre raising enough funds for two boxes (October 2006), ShelterBox collections in the American hangar at Duxford (April and August 2008), presentation and collection at the King's School, Ely, a quiz evening at Girton Golf Club (March 2009) funding a further ShelterBox, a collection at the Grafton Centre raising, with other contributions, enough for four boxes for the Haiti disaster (January 2010), collection in the Grafton Centre for Pakistan flood relief (September 2010). Some of these collections have been disappointing except for their value in publicising ShelterBox and the Club, but in 2010 it was reported that 56 boxes had been purchased by the Club since February 2005 and sent to the tsunami disaster (2005), Islamabad (2005), Philippines (2006), Haiti (2008), Nepal (2008) and Haiti (2010). Funding for these boxes included a major contribution of £17000 from the local Muslim community following the Pakistan earthquake disaster. In 2012 the Club received the ShelterBox silver award for its efforts.

In July 2003 a hog roast at Ian and Dorothy Calder's raised £720, of which £500 was sent to PolioPlus. In February 2010 the Club participated in the Rotary Thanks for Life, End Polio Now campaign with bucket shaking at two venues.

In March 2011 members at lunch were invited by the International Chairman to contribute towards the relief fund for victims of the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, prompted in part by the Rutherford connection with that country.

Other events organised by the International Committee have included: fund-raising clay pigeon shooting at Quy Mill (March 2006), a Chinese evening with speaker at the Phoenix

at Histon (October 2006), a car treasure hunt from Quy Mill and family lunch (March 2007), a social evening and meal at the Klub Polonia, which was well attended and enjoyed despite initial apprehensions (November 2012), and a well-organised hog roast and display of Morris dancing in the garden of Guy and Sharon Turvill which raised £1000 for Squeaky Gate and Alzheimer's Society (May 2013). Two donations of £750 were made to PolioPlus, one in 2010 and the other in 2011.

FOUNDATION

Foundation Officer

2003/2004	Michael Hutton
2004/2007	Michael Hellowell
2007/2008	Gordon Hannah
2008/2010	Michael Blakey
2010/2012	Eaden Lilley
2012/2013	Guy Turvill

A talk on Foundation in April 2004 by Past District Governor Brian Baxter was curtailed by the chiming of the college clock.

The number of scholars hosted by the Club each year has varied from one to three, and members have been impressed by the presentations given by these and the scholars attached to other clubs. In February 2005 at an international evening at Quy Mill members were charmed by a presentation by three young lady scholars from Japan. An international evening in Queens' Old Hall in October 2009 had a Mexican theme with ethnic buffet, and a musical contribution by the Club's Mexican scholar.

GSE teams have been hosted from Argentina (April 2005), Turkey (April 2007), Bangalore (June 2010), Illinois (October 2011 and Victoria NSW (October 2012). Vocational attachments were arranged for the one-week hosting of the Argentine team and for the two-day hosting of the Illinois team. The team from Victoria was given a college tour and made presentations at a dinner in Queens' Old Hall.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE



The second Object of Rotary is 'high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society'.

Committee Chairman

2003/2004	Michael Hellowell
2004/2005	Richard Crabtree
2005/2006	Mark Robinson
2006/2007	Duncan Mackay
2007/2008	Dick Pryce-Jones
2008/2009	Vernon McElroy
2009/2010	Charlie Kidman
2010/2011	Bob Tydeman
2011/2012	Brian Harrison
2012/2013	Peter Northmore

Youth Activities Officer

2003/2006	Richard Crabtree
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A Youth Activities Officer was appointed in 2003/2004 in response to the setting-up of a District Youth Activities Committee, but was discontinued after three years.

One of the longest running Club events, introduced in 1994, has been Youth Speaks, a public speaking competition for schools at sixth form level, held annually on the last Thursday in November. It has taken place in a number of venues, the Wolfson Hall at Churchill, the Council Chamber at Shire Hall, and the Theatre at Peterhouse. Since 2006 the venue has been the Perse School, initially in the Main Hall and since 2007 in the theatre. Up to seven teams have competed, although in 2003 the number was reduced to three 'by pestilence and plague'. Teams of three, Chairman, Speaker and Proposer



Youth Speaks winning team The King's School, Ely, being presented with the Rutherford Trophy by the principal sponsor, Tim Allsop of Mills & Reeve, Solicitors; November 2008

of vote of thanks, choose their own subject, and are subject to time constraints. The competition is much appreciated by the participating schools, some of which are regular and others occasional entrants. A panel of three judge the competition and a buffet is served while they deliberate. Major sponsors have been Mills and Reeve, and book prizes have been provided by Galloway and Porter. In 2003 members of the the winning team from Impington Village College were interviewed on BBC Radio Cambridge. In 2004 Gordon Hannah crafted a fitting trophy made to John Cound's design which is presented to the winning team and carries the names of previous winners. In 2005 the winning team from the Perse School for Girls went on to win the District Final.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) takes place annually in September at Grafham Water where young people sponsored by employers are put through a course designed to develop their leadership skills.

From 2003 to 2006 this event was organised by Tim Chandler as District RYLA Officer within the District Youth Activities Committee. The Club has sponsored its own candidates, and members have taken part in training sessions. One candidate reported that it was 'the most rewarding week of my life'.

Vernon McElroy was the local organiser of the District Young Photographer competition from June 2009 until his death in 2012. Young Chef was a new highly successful event organised by Tony Littlechild and first held in October 2012 in the kitchens of the Cambridge Regional College, at which nine competitors from five schools produced and presented at table a three-course meal within a specified cost and time. The winner from Chesterton Community College went on to compete at District and Regional level. It is hoped that this will become a regular event in the Club's programme.

Vernon McElroy's project for a human sundial to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was adopted and carried forward by the Club in negotiation with the City Council. Its installation on Jesus Green, consisting of two stone arcs marking the hour and a central slab for the human gnomon, is due to be installed in the summer 2013 and be opened formally by the Mayor.

Several evening visits with ladies have been organised by the Committee: the Scott Polar Research Institute (March 2006), the Zoological Museum with wine tasting (March 2007), and Barker's Bakery (March 2010). Another evening with ladies, of a different kind, entitled Fun Food and Frolics was held at Queens' with a cookery demonstration by the Master Chef, Hans Schweitzer, in which members participated, followed by a wine tasting by Bibendum and a buffet supper (April 2008). A well attended and much appreciated visit to the



Young Chef entrants with judges at Cambridge Regional College; October 2012



Face painting at Kids Day Out, Wimpole Hall Farm; June 2008

Sanger Centre at Hinxton was followed by a meal at the local Red Lion (April 2013).

In April 2004 there was a discussion on Ethics with John Williamson and Colin Birse of the Nuffield Hospital. Ian Thompson, Dean of King's and a member of the Club, was the speaker at a Vocational evening at Queens' in October 2007. A debate prompted by an ethical question in cricket ('Would a Rotarian walk?') was held at Quy Mill in April 2010.

Each June Brian Harrison has been the Club's main representative in providing support for District's Kids' Day Out at Wimpole Hall Farm. His personal service each year in accompanying a party of disadvantaged children from Impington Village College on a week's fell walking in the Lake District also deserves recognition.

ROTARACT

Rotaract Liaison Officer

2003/2005	Bob Tydeman
2005/2006	Paul Gibbs
2006/2012	Vernon McElroy
2012/2013	Paul Gibbs

Depending as they do on a changing membership of young people, Rotaract clubs have difficulty in maintaining continuity. Vernon McElroy was active in working with District to revive the Cambridge club which had become defunct by 2005, and was successful in starting a new club, chartered in June 2008 and sponsored by Rutherford. In 2010/2011 the Rotaract club lost its chairman and ceased to operate, and there have since been unsuccessful attempts at revival

Rotaract have provided assistance to the Club in fund-raising. In July 2010 they held a most successful Masquerade Ball in the Hidden Rooms under Pizza Express in Jesus Lane which was attended and enjoyed by several Rutherford members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PR Officer

2003/2004	Vernon McElroy
2004/2005	Ian Calder
2005/2006	John Williamson
2006/2007	Richard Crabtree
2007/2008	Mark Robinson
2008/2009	Richard Crabtree
2009/2013	Michael Hellowell

The RI Club Leadership Plan of 2008 laid special emphasis on the need for good PR. Previously this function had been the responsibility of the Vice-President. Michael Hellowell's appointment as PR Officer from 2009/2010 brought new energy and commitment to the position. In particular he was successful in establishing close relations with BBC Radio Cambridge which provided good PR opportunities. The following list of PR successes noted by the author may be incomplete.

The Youth Speaks winning team from Impington Village College interviewed with Gordon Hannah on BBC Radio Cambridge (November 2003), report on Youth Speaks (CEN, December 2003), report on Michael and

Elspeth King's presentation on Malawi (*1080 News*, January 2004), first District RYLA a resounding success (*1080 News*, January 2004), Charity Golf donation (*CEN*, June 2004), essential supplies head off for Africa – container for Malawi (*CEN*, November 2004), Rotary club's historic day (Rutherford charter photo, *CEN*, February 2005), surgeon takes a busman's holiday, a century of success (*1080 News* supplement in *Eastern Daily Press*, March 2005), golfers raise £4500 (*CEN*, July 2005), Service Above Self Award (to Michael King, *1080 News*, July 2005), presentation of Service Above Self Award to Michael King (*CEN*, September 2005), shelterbox collection in Grafton Centre, feature (Look East and BBC Radio Cambridge with John Cound; also *CEN*, November 2005), Rotarians celebrate centenary with map (*CEN*, December 2005), unusual bronze map to be unveiled (*CEN*, December 2005), the morning after (Boxing Day dip in the Mill Pond in 1989, *CEN*, Dec 2005), ambassadorial scholars & host counselors (*1080 News*, Rutherford had three of five at Cambridge, December 2005), new Rotaract club in Cambridge (*1080 News*, January 2007), presentation of cheque for cancer support (*CEN*, May 2008), Peter Davison's End to End ride (*CEN*, May 2008), £5k presentation to EAAA (*CEN*, July 2009), presidential handover (*CEN*, July 2009), Stop the Drop, (Michael Hellowell on BBC Radio Cambridge and *CEN*, September 2009), presentation of cheque for £1000 by Mark Robinson on BBC Children in Need programme (November 2009), TV appearance of Mark Robinson re Shelterbox Appeal for Haiti. (January 2010), presence of BBC Radio Cambridge at Children in Need collection with live interviews (November 2010), interview of the President by Alice Ryan (*Cambridge Journal*, March 2011), report on Three Peaks Challenge (*1080 News*, March 2011), Presidential handover (*Cambridge First* et al, July 2011), Children in Need live interviews on BBC Radio Cambridge (November 2011), dinner with the Vietnamese ambassador

(March 2012, *Cambridge News*, *Cambridge First*, *Cambridgeshire Journal*), presentation of cheque for £3000 to Lynn Morgan of Arthur Rank Hospice (*CEN*, September 2012), Children in Need collection, live interviews on BBC Radio Cambridge (November 2012).

RUTHERFORD LADIES

A small group of a dozen or so Rutherford wives and partners meet for dinner once a month. Money raised at coffee mornings has supported various charities including the Department of Genetics, Sick Children's Trust, Save the Children, Prostate Cancer Trust, Breast Cancer Care, and support for overseas children.

The traditional late-late Christmas Party held in January at a member's home, with dishes contributed by those attending, continued for a further three years, but declined in support. In 2004 and 2005 the occasion was hosted by Phillip and Sandra Prior, and in 2006 by Bob and Sue Tydeman. In 2007 and 2008 the late-late Christmas Party was replaced by a safari supper finishing at the home of John and Maddie Williamson. A Winter Warmer in 2009 and 2011, hosted by Guy and Sharon Turvill, offered a very acceptable fish and chip supper plus pudding, cheese and coffee, and raised funds for Wallace Cancer Care and the Cancer Care Centre at Scotsdales. In 2010 Queens' provided a brunch in the Old Hall. On a cold wet and blustery evening in August 2008 members and partners enjoyed a barbecue hosted by Duncan Mackay and Sarah, with some members complaining that those braving the inclement weather with the chef had prematurely tucked into the sausages, consuming more than their fair share.

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MEMBERS 2003–2013

Members	Years	Classification	Partner
R E G Barker (Dick)	1987–	Baking & Confectionery	Sally
J E Barton (Jack)	1984–	Financial Management	
M F Blakey (Michael)*	1983–	General Law Practice	Barbara
L A Bollom (Lee)	1986–2013	University Catering Management	Jan
P J Breen (Paul)*	1983–	Licensed Hotels	Rosemary
J Brewin (John)*	1983–2008	Retail Florists	
I M Calder (Ian)	1993–	Medicine – Pathology	Dorothy
T D C Chandler (Tim)	1999–2007	Financial Services	Bridget
J H A Cound (John)*	1983–	Chartered Architect	Chris
R D Crabtree (Richard)	2002–	Education – Secondary	
J D Cross (Dennis)*	1983–2013	Accounting Services	Shirley
E Davison (Edwin)	2010–	Charity Consultant	Theresa
J C Dickins (John)*	1983–	Food Manufacture Research	
P D Gibbs (Paul)	2003–	Insurance broking	Angela
G M Hannah (Gordon)*	1983–	Civil Engineering	Carolyn
B Harrison (Brian)*	1983–	Banking Retail	Ann
M D Hellowell (Michael)	1984–	Project Engineering	Pauline
D Hervey-Murray (David)	1993–	Management Finance	Gill
T R Holt (Tim)	2011-2013	Communications & journalism	Helen
R M Hutton (Mike)	1984–2008	University Administration	Moira
R H Jackson (Bob)	1987–	Building Societies	Ann
C M Kidman (Charlie)*	1983–	Building Construction	Annie
M S King (Michael)	1995–2009	Medicine – Surgery	Elspeth
D C F Latham (David)	1995–	Civil Engineering – Water	Barbara
R A Leigh (Roger)	2001–2006	University Education	
W E Lilley (Eaden)	2006–2012	Retail Management	Pat
A P Littlechild (Tony)	1990–	Publishing Services	Kate
D J Mackay (Duncan)*	1983–	Engineering – Mechanical	Sarah
V W McElroy (Vernon)	1985–2012	Property Consultancy	Sylvia
R Morris (Richard)	1990–	Land Agency	Jane
A J Motts (Alec)	1996–	Marine Salvage	June
D J M Munro (David)	1993–	Building Services – Mech. Engineering	Charlotte
P Northmore (Peter)	2008–	Chartered Engineer	Gillian
K Price (Keith)	2006–2011	Materials Science	Jackie
P Prior (Phillip)	1999–	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	Sandra
R J Pryce-Jones (Dick)	2002–	Sports Administration	Reine
R Raywood (Robert)	2009– 2012	Investment Management	Nicky
M B Robinson (Mark)	1991–	Chartered Surveying – Commercial	Carol
M H Smart (Maurice)*	1983–	Executive Resourcing	Margaret
R J Stonebridge (Richard)	2008–	Law–Police	Sue
E R Temple (Ed)	1995–	Law – District Judge	Jane
I M Thompson (Ian)	2007–2010	Religion–Dean, King’s College	Ann
T J Thomson (Tim)	2010–	Law – Solicitor	Barbara
G J Turvill (Guy)	1997–	Service Industry – Laundering	Sharon
R W Tydeman (Bob)*	1983–	Chartered Surveying/ADI	Sue
M Walshe (Martin)	2002–2005	Auctioneering and Estate Agency	Caroline
R F Wells (Richard)	1995–	Quality Assurance	Joan
J R W Williamson (John)*	1983–	Medicine – Gynaecology	Maddie

W J Bradford (William)	2008–	Honorary member	
J Brewin (John)*	2008–	Honorary member	
R C Larkinson (Richard)*	1983–2007	Honorary member from 1999	
E R M Wells (Richard)	2008–	Honorary member	

*Founder members. Years 1999–2007 means joined in 1999/2000, left in 2006/2007.

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OFFICERS 2003–2013

President

2003/2004 Charlie Kidman
2004/2005 Dick Barker
2005/2006 Vernon McElroy
2006/2007 Ian Calder
2007/2008 John Williamson
2008/2009 Dick Pryce-Jones
2009/2010 Mark Robinson
2010/2011 Guy Turvill
2011/2012 Michael Blakey
2012/2013 Paul Breen

Vice-President/Club Service

2003/2004 Dick Barker
2004/2005 Vernon McElroy
2005/2006 Ian Calder
2006/2007 John Williamson
2007/2008 Richard Crabtree
2008/2009 Mark Robinson
2009/2010 Guy Turvill/
Paul Breen
2010/2011 Michael Blakey/
Paul Breen
2011/2012 Paul Breen
2012/2013 Richard Crabtree

Junior Vice-President

2003/2004 Dick Barker
2004/2005 Ian Calder
2005/2006 John Williamson
2006/2007 Richard Crabtree
2007/2008 Mark Robinson
2008/2009 Richard Crabtree
2009/2010 Michael Blakey
2010/2011 Paul Breen
2011/2012 Richard Crabtree
2012/2013 Richard Stonebridge

Secretary

2003/2004 Michael Blakey
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2008/2009 Richard Wells
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Assistant Secretary

2008-2013 Lee Bollom

Treasurer

2003/2004 Bob Jackson
2004/2005 Bob Jackson
2005/2006 Bob Jackson
2006/2007 David Latham
2007/2008 David Latham
2008/2009 David Latham
2009/2010 David Hervey-Murray
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Community Service

2003/2004 Phillip Prior
2004/2005 Richard Morris
2005/2006 Richard Wells
2006/2007 Brian Harrison
2007/2008 David Munro
2008/2009 Bob Jackson
2009/2010 Tony Littlechild
2010/2011 Richard Morris
2011/2012 Paul Gibbs
2012/2013 Tim Thomson

International

2003/2004 Maurice Smart
2004/2005 Gordon Hannah
2005/2006 Tim Chandler
2006/2007 Michael Hellowell
2007/2008 Paul Gibbs
2008/2009 Ed Temple
2009/2010 Dick Barker
2010/2011 Richard Stonebridge
2011/2012 Eaden Lilley
2012/2013 Edwin Davison

Vocational

2003/2004 Michael Hellowell
2004/2005 Richard Crabtree
2005/2006 Mark Robinson
2006/2007 Duncan Mackay
2007/2008 Dick Pryce-Jones
2008/2009 Vernon McElroy
2009/2010 Charlie Kidman
2010/2011 Bob Tydeman
2011/2012 Brian Harrison
2012/2013 Peter Northmore

DUTY OFFICERS

Bulletin Editor

2003/2005 John Cound
2005/2013 John Dickens

Speaker Finder

2003/2004 Tim Chandler
2004/2006 Tony Littlechild
2006/2007 Richard Crabtree
2007/2009 Bob Tydeman
2009/2013 Bob Jackson

Attendance

2003/2011 Paul Breen
2011/2013 Gordon Hannah

PR Officer

2003/2004 Vernon McElroy
2004/2005 Ian Calder
2005/2006 John Williamson
2006/2007 Richard Crabtree
2007/2008 Mark Robinson
2008/2009 Richard Crabtree
2009/2013 Michael Hellowell

Sports

2003/2004 Dick Pryce-Jones
2004/2005 Alec Motts
2005/2006 Lee Bollom
2006/2008 Alec Motts
2008/2013 David Munro

Regalia

2003/2004 Duncan Mackay
2004/2007 Paul Breen
2007/2009 Bob Tydeman
2009/2013 David Munro

Golf Captain

2003/2011 Paul Breen
2011/2013 Dick Barker

Foundation

2003/2004 Michael Hutton
2004/2007 Michael Hellowell
2007/2008 Gordon Hannah
2008/2010 Michael Blakey
2010/2012 Eaden Lilley
2012/2013 Guy Turvill

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE RUTHERFORD

Membership

2003/2009 Guy Turvill
2009/2013 Phillip Prior

The Membership Officer is a separate appointment from that of Chairman of the Membership Committee, who is always the President.

Rotaract Liaison Officer

2003/2005 Bob Tydeman
2005/2006 Paul Gibbs
2006/2012 Vernon McElroy
2012/2013 Paul Gibbs

Youth Activities

2003/2006 Richard Crabtree

Welfare

2003/2009 Jack Barton
2009/2013 Brian Harrison

Club Protection

2004/2013 Brian Harrison

Health & Safety

2005/2013 Ian Calder

Diary

2006/2008 Richard Wells
2008/2011 Lee Bollom
2011/2013 Mark Robinson

PAYMENTS FROM THE CHARITY ACCOUNT

	£	£
2003/2004		
Stroke Association	3500	
Prostate Cancer	3000	
Children in Need	1300	
Rotary Foundation	750	
Macmillan Nurses	600	
Acorn House	500	
British Heart Foundation	500	
Sargent Cancer Care for Children	500	
Rotary Foundation – PolioPlus	500	
Alzheimer’s Society	500	
Southwold Caravan Family Holiday	210	
RIBI Raffle	100	
RYLA	100	
Kids Day Out	80	
NARS	50	
Diss & District Charity Cycle Ride	50	
Rotary Foundation – Spread & Save	42	
Rotary Club Whilburn	23	
Rotary Club of Mildenhall Raffle	20	12325
 2004/2005		
ShelterBox Trust	2940	
Rotary Foundation	800	
Children in Need	1074	
RYLA	850	
Kids Day Out	70	
Medical Support in Malawi	4542	
Multiple Sclerosis Society	2000	
Life Education Trust	500	
Red Balloon	200	
Southwold Caravan Family Holiday	115	13091

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PAYMENTS FROM THE CHARITY ACCOUNT (continued)

2005/2006		
ShelterBox Trust	18176	
Rotary Foundation	1000	
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	1500	
Children in Need	1210	
RYLA	800	
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	750	
Rotary Foundation – Spread & Save	86	
Kids Day Out	50	23572
2006/2007		
ShelterBox Trust	490	
Rotary Foundation	1000	
Kids Day Out	70	
Children in Need	965	
Tsetse Fly Project Malawi	700	
Water Aid	200	
Barnardo's	2000	
Whizz-Kidz	2000	
Arthur Rank Hospice	2000	
Trinity Methodist Church	1000	
J Schafer	500	
Salve Regina Anthropology Fund	400	11325
2007/2008		
ShelterBox Trust	1000	
Kids Day Out	70	
Teenage Cancer Trust	2000	
Nyumbina Hospice	100	
Cancer Help Centre	6500	
Impington Village College Trust	300	
Maasai Marathon Run	70	
Cambridge Mongolian Appeal	50	10090
2008/2009		
ShelterBox Trust	1020	
Children in Need	897	
Brain Tumour UK	1000	
Kids Day Out	63	
Teenage Cancer Trust	200	
East Anglian Air Ambulance	5000	
Christian Aid	500	8680
2009/2010		
Bowel Cancer UK	5000	
Beating Bowel Cancer	9148	
ShelterBox Trust	2350	

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PAYMENTS FROM THE CHARITY ACCOUNT (continued)

Children in Need	1052	
CamRead	1000	
Cambridge Cancer Care	750	
Rotary Foundation – PolioPlus	750	
Impington Village College Trust	600	
Brain Tumour UK	350	
Nicole Wilson Trust	250	
Kids Day Out	125	
Tea Party for Contact the Elderly	123	
Red Balloon	100	21498
 2010/2011		
Marie Curie Cancer Care	9000	
Children in Need	1500	
Rotary Foundation – PolioPlus	750	
New Zealand Earthquake Appeal	500	
ShelterBox Trust	490	
Contact the Elderly	250	
Aid to Hospitals Worldwide	240	
Medical Support for Romania	200	
Khandel Lights	200	
Chaplaincy to People at Work	200	
Kids Day Out	100	13430
 2011/2012		
Arthur Rank Hospice Charity	5000	
Children in Need	1650	
ShelterBox Trust	590	
Arthur Rank Hospice Charity	330	
Horn of Africa	200	
OWL	100	7870
 2012/2013		
Children in Need	1650	
Tote Mayo	258	
Squeaky Gate	4500	
Anxiety UK	200	
SANE	200	
Camfed	1500	
Chernobyl Children	200	
Squeaky Gate	4175	
Alzheimer’s Society	1000	13683
TOTAL 2003–2013		135564