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# Drone Valley Dialogue

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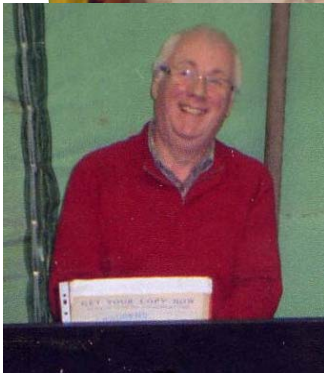
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## Patricia's Posh Picnic

Saturday, July 17th



### PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

**AUGUST 2nd**

Club Forum

**AUGUST 9th**

Social, quiz

**AUGUST 16th**

Club Council at 7.30

Business/committees

**AUGUST 23rd**

No Meeting— Scatter Week

**AUGUST 30th**

Bank Holiday—No Meeting



Very many thanks to the "hostess with the mostest" and to all the people who made the evening such a fabulous success.

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£1600 raised for Rotary Charities to be divided between Bolsover and Drone Valley



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### Myplace Opening—Chesterfield — report by Glyn Madden

On Friday, 16th July, I attended the opening of the 'Myplace Complex' in Chesterfield—the brand new home of DCSA (the Donut Creative Arts Studio) and the Fairplay Centre.

Drone Valley has connections with Fairplay through its involvement in a joint fund-raising project with other local Rotary Clubs to buy a new mini-bus for the charity. The bus had been delivered the previous day, and although it still has to be decorated in the Rotary livery, it was plain that everyone at the centre was thrilled to bits with the new vehicle.

The new centre itself is fabulous. I was given a short tour by a delightful young lady called Anna who attends the Fairplay center and whose face lit up as she showed me each of the new rooms—especially her favourite, a custom built 'Sensory Room' where children's senses are stimulated by a varied programme of visual and aural (and whatever the word is for smelly,) effects. There is something here to amuse, entertain and educate even the most severely handicapped child and Anna had obviously taken a shine to some panels on the wall that produced animal sounds whenever she touched them.

Another small group of children were busy draping themselves in fibre optic light fibres — and loving the effect of the sparkling lights playing on their hair against the backwash of constantly changing rich, but subdued lighting, that filled the room.

Although we, Drone Valley, haven't been involved in the Donut Creative Arts Studio (which shares the complex with Fairplay) this was particularly interesting to me, and I soon found myself in conversation with an enthusiastic sound engineer who demonstrated the professional equipment available in the recording studio. There is also a small, but stylishly equipped video suite, two back-to-back 'concert' stages and a dance studio with mirrored walls. All these facilities are available to children up to the age of 18.

This was, of course, also a day for speeches, and many paid tribute to Heather Fawbert (who originally came to speak to us at Drone Valley) as a driving force behind the project. Once the official opening had been completed, the day finished with some performances in the theatre by the children themselves. I hope they were proud of themselves when the applause died away because they were terrific. It was just a little sad, however, that the children in the final street-dance act won't actually benefit from the new facilities because, at 18, they are just leaving the project to make room for the next generation. But with

facilities like this, the new crowd is going to have a ball!



Recording studio control room at DCAS



Heather Fawbert and Jill Thompson



Its bright and cheerful in 'Fairplay'



Richard Coyle, actor, with young people from Fairplay



Tori, Fairplay volunteer, with Paige, Guest of Honour

### MEMBERS UPDATE



**Gail and Chris:** *'Having a wonderful time in the USA with family reunions in Montana'*

**Marion:** *has work and other commitments for the next few weeks, but hopes to be back to meetings in September*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

ROTARY CLUB OF ALFRETON  
Riddings Community Centre, Riddings

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

ROTARY CLUB OF AMBER VALLEY  
The Duesbury Suite, Derbyshire Hotel, M1 J28/A38

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

INNER WHEEL OF DRONFIELD  
Hassop Hall Hotel, Hassop, Nr Bakewell DE45 1NS  
£35.00 Entertainment: Gerald Swift



A very Happy Birthday to:  
AUGUST 10th ANNE LEDBETTER