

MARCH EDITION 2011



# Drone Valley Dialogue

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Presentation of banner to Jaipur South



Jane at the Taj Mahal



Night Train from Indore to Jaipur

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO INDIA

Jane and Keith joined eight other Rotarians from a total of six Clubs from District 1220 on a Friendship Exchange to India. They lived the Indian life with Rotarians from Wai, Aurangabad and Indore, and went to a District Conference in Aurangabad. They were feted and treated like royalty by the Rotarians who were so proud to have the British guests visit their clubs. It was a unique privilege to be able to live in the homes, and share the lives of these generous and industrious friends. The visit finished with a touristy few days at the Taj Mahal, the Pink City at Jaipur, and a whistle-stop tour of Delhi which included the Lotus Temple and the Commonwealth Games Stadium. Some lovely silk and cashmere saris and scarves are lasting mementos of a wonderful and memorable time. We look forward to hosting these Clubs later in the year.

## PROGRAMME FOR MARCH

**MARCH 7th**

Visit of our District Governor, Val Leivers, (with Cheque Presentation)

**MARCH 14th**

Paul Scott talking about his exploits as a Bar Steward on the Festiniog Railway in Wales

**MARCH 21st**

Committees and Club Council

**MARCH 28th**

Deborah Woodhouse from ACCT, **Aspberger's Children & Carers Together**

ACCT is a parent led support group for children and families affected by Aspergers in the Sheffield area.

## MORE NEWS FROM INDIA

This time from Carl Makins, our sponsored GSE student, who has been in Chennai



'I came on GSE to learn, share and develop and I find myself really doing that. The team are wonderful and I know I'll stay friends with them for the rest of my life. Someone told me I would return from India a different person, and that's very true.'

Read his blog: <http://gsechennai.blogspot.com/>



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# DRONE VALLEY DIALOGUE CONTINUED



## WHAT DOES THE ROTARY CLUB DO?

Someone asked the question once  
And I stood there feeling like a dunce  
What do our Rotarians do?

I hemmed and hawed a time or two  
Then said, " We gather for a meal  
And ask each other how we feel.  
Get our food and have some fun  
Chattering till the meal is done.

We get club business out of the way  
And have the programme for the day  
Some are good and some are great  
And some run on till fairly late ."  
But then my friend we turn to go,  
" That wasn't," he said, "what I want to know."

I've thought a lot about this since  
What possibly could I say to convince  
My friend that Rotary does more than just  
Meet, greet, take a seat, then eat.

Well, this is how I would make amends  
By explaining Rotary to my friends.

Two billion children are healthy today  
In lands both near and far away  
Who otherwise might be lame or dead  
From polio, that childhood dread

And hungry children are being fed  
Through better ways to grow their bread  
Rotarians in many lands are teaching,  
And doctors of all kinds are reaching  
Out to heal the sick and lame  
With little thought for wealth or fame  
Both men and women meet the need  
Of little children how to read

Youth comes here from every land  
In answer to our outstretched hand  
To learn to know us and know our ways  
Bringing peace and friendship all our days  
And clubs are formed in every nation  
For fellowship and conversation  
For education and information  
And practising the cultivation  
Of peace on earth and goodwill to all  
And a speedy end to every wall  
Which separates all people on earth  
And stops us seeing each other's worth

A hundred things there are to say about what Rotarians do every day.  
In every land and every town to lift someone when they are down  
And help each other along the way, **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**. What more can I say  
Well, if my friend should ever ask again I will have the answer for him then

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MONDAY, APRIL 4th

Drone Valley Rotarians invade  
Warsop for their Charter Celebrations  
*A Lively night at 'The Hostess'*

### MONDAY, APRIL 11th

*Marion's Favourite Film Quizmaster*

**DAVID WINSTANLEY** (from the Showroom Cinema)

*So you think you know a lot about films.....hmmm*

### FRIDAY, MAY 6th

**DRONE VALLEY CHARTER AT CRICH**

Some of us (no names) have lived thro the 1940s  
once, now we can do it all again. Whoopee!!  
*1940s Dress/Suit/Uniform - A Fun Evening!*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

**JAZZ LUNCH** at Ramshaw Lodge, Unstone  
Buffet Lunch served from 12 noon to music by  
' **THE NEW ORLEANS STROLLERS**'

Tickets: Vanessa: 01246 290450

Lynne: 01246 413207

### SUNDAY, MAY 22nd

**GRAND PLANTS AND GARDEN  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Ramshaw Lodge, Unstone 10am - 4pm

*This year supporting 4 charities:*

*St Wilfrid's Centre, St John Eye Hospital Jerusalem,  
Ashgate Hospice, Riding for the Disabled*

## CHARTERS

Are too numerous to list in this edition, please refer  
to the sheets which come round each meeting.



*A very Happy Birthday to*

MARCH 10th ANN WARD

MARCH 26th GLYN MADDEN