



# Shaftesbury Rotary Club



## 2015-2016 Club Assembly Introduction

Hello Team,

- David Wyn Mackenzie, Club Secretary
- Wynn Harvey, Treasurer
- Paul Whiteman, Community and Vocation
- Berenice Deakin, International
- Peter Brown, Foundation
- Berenice Deakin, Gold Hill
- Richard Shean, Golf

I have spoken to Paul and will be supporting all of his commitments with his community and vocation work. I have also spoken to Berenice and Peter and will be supporting their commitments with International and Foundation. All of which we will hear from a little later.

While we are talking about committees I would like to propose returning to the original format of 2 committees, 1 Community - vocation and 1 International - foundation, chaired by our Chairman at our monthly business meetings- this will enable the Chairman to delegate projects to members and therefore report back at future meetings of their findings and progress.

## **Membership**

Last year we were very successful with the introduction of Corporate Membership of the 4 largest employers within Shaftesbury, I am very keen to continue to work closely with them and encourage them to work with us on any worthwhile project.

## **Business Members**

Our next goal is to enrol business members, this I feel will have an essential benefit with important links to local businesses and potential new members and also the additional support on our larger charity fundraising events.

## **Associate Members**

I am keen to continue to find new associate members who would not only benefit and contribute to the club but also to our social events .

## **Members**

During the last year we have tweaked and changed our costings and meal patterns. So far this has not resulted in increased numbers so I call upon all members that we now actively encourage new members to join us. I would like to think that during my year that we are able to increase our numbers by at least 20%. We need interesting after dinner speakers and most importantly quality social events that will bring fellowship and friendship throughout the year

## **Social Events**

Mr John Warner has kindly agreed to take over the Clubs social diary for the year in the absence of Martin Sayers, The Diary is already looking exciting with many events being proposed i.e.

- Picnic at the Mill
- Clay pigeon shooting with Mike
- Theatre Trip to Yeovil to see Evita with Gerry.

I would also like to return to arranging fork suppers - a relaxed and friendly evening with partners - enable us to all mix which would also be an opportunity to invite potential new members in a relaxed atmosphere.

## **Fund Raising**

We start my year in July with:

- Gold Hill Fair,
- Autumn - Fashion Show with M and Co.
- Golf Charity day in October
- Christmas Late Night Shopping

I am aiming to run a sponsored cycle ride in spring 2016 with others.

## **Charities**

Our District Governor, Tony Summers, has encouraged us to perhaps look at helping several smaller charities; with this in mind I am proposing the following:

- Friends of Westminster Hospital

- Toby's Young Peoples Project,
- Hope to Cycle in Shaftesbury
- And Julia's' House for this year's Golf Event

### Twining

Finally I would like to support Mike Farrow with our twinning friends in Holland and to continue our important links of friendship and fellowship.

This draws my proposals for the coming 2015- 2016 year to an end and I would just like to remind all Rotarians of why they joined Rotary - "was it for what they can get out of Rotary or was it for what they can put in ?"

On that note let's have a good year with hopefully a bit of fun along the way.