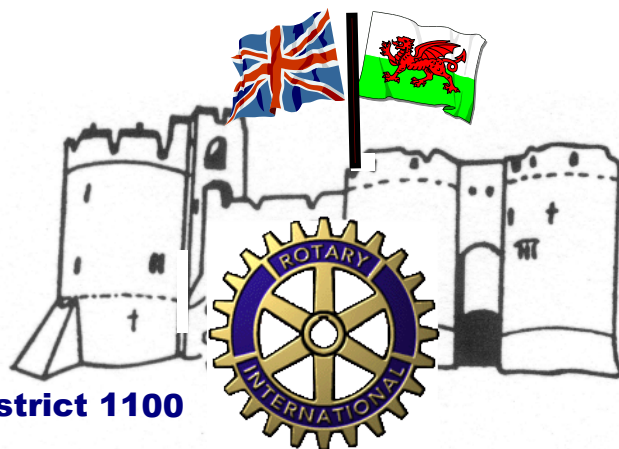


Chepstow & District Rotary Club



District 1100

Gateway to Wales Y Porth i Gymru

GOLDEN JUBILEE

1963

50

2013

YEARS

Service Above Self

Welcome



Fifty years ago we walked to school, had open fires and no central heating. We played in the street with our friends and were safe; we got into fights and nobody sued anybody and we got a clip round the ear when we had been naughty.

Wartime values were still very strong and underpinned by respectability, conformity, restraint and trust. It was a time of Mary Quant and the Moors Murderers while the Severn bridge was still 3 years from completion.

This was a time when it became clear that the state could not solve all social problems and politicians increasingly acknowledged the role of charities and non-governmental organisations in filling the gaps.

Groups such as the Child Poverty Action Group and Oxfam began to develop their own relationships with the state to further their aims.

It was fifty years ago that 30 local business and professional people joined to found our Rotary Club here in Chepstow. We became a new member of Rotary International with its ideals of "Service above Self."

From the outset we have strived to support and serve our community, both local and international and this aims and effort continues today through the energy of our members.

We work hard, and enjoy fun and fellowship, whilst endeavouring to help those in need in our society.

On the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, may I commend this document to you as a record of our Club and its history over the last half century.

Regards

Christopher Wilson - President Chepstow & District Rotary Club

It will seem odd that in 2012-13 we name 2 Presidents. This arose when, due to family reasons, the previous Senior Vice President was unable to take up his post. Similarly, Junior Vice President was unable to become President at that time.

The Club therefore decided to extend the term of the existing President, Rtn. Geoff Sumner by 6 months to December 2012., Followed by Rtn. Christopher Wilson, also for an 18 month term, after which the Presidency reverts to its regular cycle.

CHEPSTOW & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB HISTORY

The early Years 1963 -1970

The first meetings of the Interim Rotary Club of Chepstow took place in November 1962

It started as a result of cooperation between Rtn. Les Singleton, President of Monmouth Rotary Club, and Archie Cordy. Monmouth sponsored the new club into Rotary International and hence became our Mother Club.

The Rotary Club of Chepstow was granted its Charter on the 6th May 1963, composed of 30 members. It was a lunch time club. It was included in District 115 (now 1150) being the area of South Wales.

The territorial limits of the Chepstow Club as recorded on the 17 April 1963 were;

The Urban District of Chepstow and the Parishes of Carewent, Caldicot, Devauden, Kilgwrrwg, Llangwm, Mathern, Portskewett, Rogiet, Llanvihangel Rogiet, St. Arvans, Shirenewton, Tintern and Undy, in the Rural District of Chepstow in the County of Monmouth

The inaugural Lunch was held on 19 Feb 1963 at the Beaufort Hotel, Tintern and the Charter Night on 31 May 1963 at the St Pierre Hotel. Tickets cost £1.1s, the surplus (£104.11s) on the evening being given to the Rotary Freedom from Hunger campaign.

Rtn. Llew Llewelyn was Founder President and served for 18 months.

The Club met at the Kings Head in Chepstow for the first 7 years, returning to the scene of the Charter dinner – the St Pierre Golf and Country Club.

It's difficult to obtain first hand information from the early period. The last founding member still active in the Club, Rtn. Arthur Bevan, passed away in 2008 and we have therefore had to return to the archives for the early years.

From the archives:

"The cost of the inaugural Charter evening would be 19s, it was proposed that the cost should be increased to one guinea and the surplus donated to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign."

The speaker's lectern was produced by the staff at Dendix Brushes using wood from the 300 year old Barnet tree in the first court of Chepstow Castle. It was decided that 200 cigarettes be presented to the craftsman who made it - **how times have changed!!**

In November 1963 The Club undertook its first project which was the transport of elderly

people by members' cars, to their Clubs. This continued until 1965, when the Club decided to hire a mini bus, to eliminate problems with members' insurances and the wear and tear (to their cars!).

In the early years of the Club's formation there was co-operation with the Round Table on the yearly cocktail party held in Chepstow Castle, the Old Folks' Transport, the Annual Summer Fete at St Pierre, and many other activities, including sporting events.

1964 could be classed as a 'settling in' period (laying down club working procedures). The main money raising activities were to increase the fund put aside for the Old Folks' Transport.

In June 1965 the Club held its first ever Ladies Night at Tintern, the ladies going on to form their own "Inner Wheel" Club. Their presidential chain of office was purchased by the Rotary Club of Chepstow.

The Club with aid from Round Table in 1966 made a donation of £400 to the Old Folks' Club for them to arrange transport for their members when needed.

That year the Club commenced the giving of Christmas gifts to the local hospitals.

1967 saw the Club setting up the Chepstow Branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau within the Town Gate House, where it still operates today.

1968 the Club set up a Youth Speaking competition between Chepstow and Bristol Schools. This was a great success and became an annual event until 1973.

The Club commenced the meeting draw/raffle which continues today. Rtn. Les Singleton, who was instrumental in the formation of the Club, became a member of Chepstow Rotary Club, transferring from the Monmouth Club.

The same year the club delivered firewood to 200 people at Christmas. The Club also commenced collecting for, and supplying books for, the Ranfurly Library Scheme. This continued in one form or another with the final distribution of over 6,000 books to "Book Aid" in 2004, and 1500 to the troops in Afghanistan in 2007

In 1969 Rtn. Les Singleton, who had been President of Monmouth Rotary Club in 1962, became President of Chepstow Club.

It is interesting to note the issue of attracting members has been a problem since the Rotary Club has been formed. Within the first 3 years ten of the original group had left the Club; the following is taken from the president's bulletin October 1968

Looking back to 1994



Into Space with Helen Sharman

The Chepstow & District Rotary Club invited Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut to talk to the public on her experiences in space.

The presentation by Helen Sharman was first seen during the day by 400 schoolchildren from the schools of Chepstow, Whitecross, Wydean and Caldicot Comprehensive.



During the evening the presentation given by Helen Sharman was seen by 400 paying members of the public, at Wydean School

The money raised from the evening was used to buy 2 pulse oximeters which monitor the oxygen concentration in the patients arteries via a sensor in a clip which is placed on one of the fingers on the patients hand, this instruments allows a accurate reading of O2 levels without the need of any invasive measures.

"I would like to emphasise once more how important it is that we get some new members into the club"

1970-1979 We have very little information on the 1970's.

At some stage towards the end of the 70's a Rotaract Club was set up, and as we entered 1980, was working well.

On 1st July 1970 the Club was transferred to District 110 (now 1100). At the same time the areas of Tutshill, Tidenham and Sedbury in Gloucestershire were included within the territorial area, with the agreement of the Royal Forest of Dean Rotary Club.

During these years the club continued to support the projects and charities previously set up with the following additions.

In 1970 the Club held a Medieval Banquet at Caldicot Castle.

1972 saw the Club, in conjunction with the Royal Forest of Dean Rotary Club, made a donation of £500 for a well in India. Monmouth and Ledbury Clubs may have also been involved with this project.

In 1979 year Rotarian John McCreadie travelled to the Rotary Club of Altenkirchen-Hackenburg , Germany to discuss with them the possibility of twinning.

The visit was successful and a resolution to twin with Altenkirchen-Hackenburg was put to the Club on the 20 January 1980. The proposal was approved, and the twinning of the two clubs took place, followed by a visit of members from the German club to Chepstow in September 1980. This twinning continues to this day although the German Club was renamed Westerwald in March 1989.

1980-1989

During the early 1980's the club continued to be very active in the local community with a Senior Citizens' party, an Old Folks' Christmas party, a Mencap Party, a Public Speaking Contest and the Chepstow Castle Cocktail Party. Unfortunately one year the Castle Cocktail party, now an annual event, had to be cancelled in the afternoon due to extremely heavy rain. As far as we are aware the only time that this happened in the long running history of the event.

In addition in 1981 the Club supplied a Clinicare Box, (containing medical drugs) and the first of many Emergency Boxes. The Club also began supporting Eye camps and 4R projects

The Club continued to grow and in October 1981 had 39 members.

It seems that towards the end of 1981 the club became aware of the intention of the Caerleon Rotary Club (District 115) to form a new club in Caldicot, which was within our boundary.

This prompted a long debate on the forming of a new club in Caldicot. This however could not take place without Chepstow giving up parishes named within our territorial limits.

The Club held a referendum which was against the handing over of these parishes to District 115 and in November 1982 the Club approved a motion to form a new Club in Caldicot in our District 110.

Unfortunately this Club was never formed due to **"no response from prospective members"** as the Minutes state, but the Club continues to build its activities in the Caldicot area.

Also in 1982 the Club commenced taking the elderly from Chepstow to an Old Folk's Concert at the Colston Hall, Bristol. This took place on a Sunday afternoon, the Club paying for the coach and entry into the Concert. This became an annual event until the mid 1990's. The 'Clevedon Exchange' commenced in 1984 and continued well into the 1990's.

This comprised the Club organising a coach to take 40/50 elderly persons from Chepstow to Clevedon, the Rotary Club of Clevedon doing the same from Clevedon to Chepstow on the same day. Tea and entertainment were supplied.

Although the club was now flourishing on 19 July 1982 the president:

“Expressed concern about the ignorance in the community regarding Rotary its structure and aims and recommend the use of the press to inform the public.”

The Club had by this time formed a Rotaract Club and on 19 October 1982 our Rotaract Club presented an ambulance to the local St John’s Ambulance group. At this time the Rotaract Club was flourishing with 15-18 members present at each meeting. However within two months 5 of the founding members had left due to other commitments. A membership drive now took place.

However by 1984 the Rotaract Club was down to 9 members, 4 of these from Bristol. By June of that year the number had fallen to 7.

Emergency action was required and advertisements were placed for three weeks in the “Free Press” for new members for Rotary and Rotaract.

Looking back to 2001

Mark sets sail - Thanks to Rotary



Mark Lewis from Chepstow lost his sight in August 1999 after going into hospital for a routine appendectomy. Within a few days he had lost his sight due to an unknown pituitary tumour under the optic nerve and became totally blind. Mark is married with 4 children

Our Club sponsored Mark for a six-day voyage on the high seas on board the Jubilee Sailing Trust ship the “Lord Nelson”

Upon his return Mark commented that tactile maps on board would have made a difference. Our Club raised money to purchase 24 sets of Tactile maps, large print maps, these were presented to the Jubilee Sailing Trust in 2002



We can only assume this was a limited success as Rotaract was back to 13 members by October. However this could not be sustained and Rotaract was dissolved in November 1985, Rtn. Chris Rastall (now a member of the Rotary Club) being the last President

The lectern was now beginning to show its age, and was refurbished by the apprentices from the Beachley Army Apprentice College.

In 1987 the Club faced a problem that many Rotary clubs have to sooner or later – a change of venue.

On 28 April 1987 they moved to the George Hotel in Chepstow where they remained for many years, and on 31 May 1988 the following year the Club celebrated its Silver Jubilee.

Whether as a result of overindulgent celebrations or not, a Slimathon was held and the Club gained £400 and lost a grand total of 461 lbs.

1990 - 1999

Rtn. David Burr asked for leave of absence to work in Kuwait on 1st May 1990. This was granted but little did David or the Club know what was to transpire!

Looking back to 2004

Chechen dancers' spirited show



Chepstow Rotary Club sponsored The Daimohk Dance ensemble from war torn Grozny, Chechen, to stage three performances, one in Monmouth and two in Chepstow.

The troupe's dance studio was damaged in bomb raids in the Russian province of Chechen, causing them to practise outside.

Chepstow Rotary Club arranged accommodation with Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), and arranged all performances.

The Children command amazing technical mastery and their dynamic performances overshadow the power of their story of survival in a war zone.

The troupe was started by Ramzen Akhmadov former lead dancer of the Chechen-Ingush National Dance Ensemble Vainakh who saw dance as a means to engage the energy of children growing up in a war-damaged environment.



There is a minuted entry of raising funds to assist Joyce Burr in 1990 and another entry on 8th January 1991 of the total sum raised by District for Joyce.

The reason for this was that David had the misfortune to be in Kuwait at the time when Saddam Hussain decided to invade and David was trapped, hidden and out of communication.

Happily there is a minuted entry on 5th February 1991 recording David's safe return!

The Club decided on 4th September 1990 to visit their Twin Club of Westerwald for its 25th Anniversary in May 1991, so the two Clubs were of an age being formed 3 years apart. For several years the Club held a 'Gateway to Wales' Fun Run and there is a record that the Run held on 1st March 1992 involved 93 runners. The run was repeated on 28th February 1993, 6th March 1994, 5th March 1995 and 10th March 1996.

There was much local activity by the Club in this period. In particular Senior Citizens continued to be favoured with visits to Clevedon (in exchange for visits by Clevedon OAP's to Chepstow) and shopping trips at Christmas to Bristol. There was a disco in support of Mencap at Abbey Mill and Rtn McCarty ran a fund-raising quiz.

There was involvement with local schools – sometimes despite their reluctance, as now – and Rtn. Ray Lee was heavily involved with the planning of the Youth Centre (CAFY) in the town.

Westerwald club visited on 28th May 1992 and the Club visited them on 3rd May 1994 taking an engraved crystal bowl.

One constant feature of this period (and today) is the involvement in the District Skittles competition and another constant feature is that we have always lost!

However, it must be noted that in 1993, the Club won the Horseless Team event at Badminton. Five members completed a 6 mile run over the famous jumps used at the Badminton Horse Trials!

Membership was recorded as 20 in 1988/9, 26 in 1991/2 and 33 in 1994/5 but down to 26 in 1996. Chepstow has never been a large club probably because it has become very much a commuter town. Indicative of this problem is the fact that the Inner Wheel club closed in April 1993.

Another interesting feature are the frequent votes as to whether to admit lady members. The decision at this time was always to remain single-sex but on 21 May 1996 the vote was tied and the President cast a vote in favour of the status quo. Uproar followed (well almost) and the meeting was adjourned for the secretary to investigate the legality of the situation. It was decided that as there was a tie, the status quo should continue

Recent Activities/Projects



Romanian Well Project



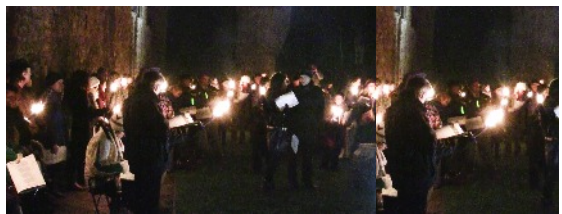
RYLA 2012



Young Photograph Competition



Grand Charity Concert



Tintern Abbey Torch Light Carol Service

Recent Activities/Projects - Cont'd



Wye Classic Car Run



Stroke Awareness



Rotary Shoebox Appeal



Olympic Torch Marshals



Young Chef Competition



Computers for Uganda

In 1997 the Club received another visit from its twin club in Germany, Westerwald, and continued its local activities with a substantial donation to the local Hospice, St David's.

Chepstow is a border town in a border county, Monmouthshire, and in this year RIBI appears to be having another spate of re-organisation. There is an entry in the Minutes about Monmouth Club voting whether to stay in their current Rotary District 1100 (formerly 110), which comprises the West Country from Swindon to Gloucestershire, or to join District 1150 which is the South Wales area. They voted to stay in 1100 but strangely there is no mention of Chepstow Club. In fact Chepstow and Monmouth both stayed in District 1100 and remain the only two Welsh clubs in that District.

In 1998 the Club seems to have lost some of Rotary's gravitas as the President's night was held in cowboy fancy dress, and in March the Minutes record that they gave a bucket of frog-spawn to Llandogo School

That year's President Rtn. Mac McCarty recorded that there were three types of Rotarians – RINO's (Rotary in Name Only), SAM's (Sleeps at Meetings) and US (the good guys)! Possibly a bit harsh

They had calmed down the next year and on 14th March 1999 the next 'Gateway to Wales' fun run was held, and by April thanks to Rtn. Ray Lee's efforts the Youth Centre 'CAFY' found a home in Hanbury House in Welsh Street.

The Minutes record that the Club also participated in the Rotary Shoe Box, Acqua Box, Book Aid, Intercare and Vision Aid overseas projects.

2000 - 2009

The new millennium opened with, apparently, no Rotary celebrations but there is the first mention of the project to help Romanian orphans which was to involve the Club and one member, Rtn. David Burr, heavily in the future.

Yet another vote to admit lady members was held and yet again it was a dead heat so the Club continued as before. It also continued with well established events such as the Christmas Dinner at Abbey Mill (which continues to this day) and the struggle for members which at this time had sunk to 16 stalwarts. Nevertheless monies were raised for the Nepal Trust, the Jubilee sailing Trust and many local charities

On 2nd October 2002 the Club received a visit from the RIBI President and on 5 August 2003 the Club formally entered the Rotary Shoe Box scheme (to collect presents for Romanian orphans) at which it would in subsequent years, excel.

They were also involved in collecting used printer cartridges, drugs, sterilising autoclaves and spectacles.

Looking back to 2004

Chepstow aids families hit by tsunami



The Rotary Club of Chepstow was as shocked as anyone else in the World by the tsunami that hit the shores of Asia.

The Club set out to raise funds to buy fishing boats to enable Indian families affected by the disaster to return to employment and support themselves. In total some 65 boats were bought by our Rotary District each bearing the

name of the towns Rotary Club that raised the money, each boat cost £3500.

The boats were launched in March 2005. The purchase of the boats was made through local Rotary Clubs which allowed Rotary to rapidly help the victims of the disaster at the point where help is it required.



They also found time to organise a golf day at St Pierre, several Gardeners' Question Time sessions and Quiz Nights – all, of course for Charity.

On 11 September 2004 Rtn. Jim Jenkins organised the first 'Wye Run', a classic car rally which also continues to this day. It is now always held on the Spring Bank holiday weekend.

Rtn. Philip Blatchly had for some time been planning a 'Day at the Races' – an ambitious project at which an entire day at Chepstow Racecourse was staged by Chepstow Rotary.

This eventually happened in May 2005 and was a huge success; unfortunately it has not been possible to repeat this event, despite the presence of Wales's Premier Racecourse in our town

On 7 June 2005, thanks to a grant from the Lottery Fund a large dinner/dance celebrating VE day was held at Abbey Mill.

In 2006 the Club was first involved in the 'Hoggin the Bridge' event at which hundreds of Harley-Davidson motorbike riders descend on the town. This still continues although 'health and safety' has now decreed that it be held at Chepstow Racecourse.

In the same year the George Hotel, at which the Club had met for many years, was sold and the Club moved to the Chepstow Hotel. This move did not last long however and three years later they moved to the Petrus Restaurant on the riverbank.

The Wye Run car rally continued and the Minutes record that the run held on 5th May 2007 attracted 53 entrants.

The Club had obviously given up voting on whether to admit ladies, and, by some means, the first lady member Rtn. Lynda Jenkins was admitted on 4 November 2008.

In the first decade of this century another momentous step was taken and the Club changed its name to Chepstow & District Rotary Club. This was to recognize the fact that our official area took in several surrounding villages, in particular the town of Caldicot. For many years the Club has been trying to establish more links with Caldicot and the name change reflects this.

2010 to date

In 2010 Rtn. Alan Jones undertook a survey of members' opinions on Rotary. This was far too detailed to reproduce here but, in short, the most important factors to members were, first, fellowship and next community giving. Possibly this was foreseeable but it's nice to know members hearts are in the right places.

All except one member who said Rotary was boring! We still don't know who that was.

One achievement that was certainly not boring that year was a journey undertaken by Rtn. David Burr to Romania in a truck filled with shoeboxes. These were in turn full of toys for the Romanian orphans with which charity the Club had been involved for several years. On his return, David related his account of this journey to the Club with many harrowing photographs.

Much more pleasant was an afternoon of 'Jazz on the Lawn' staged at Abbey Mill in a marquee loaned by Rtn. Mac McCarty after a family wedding was held there.

Abbey Mill, owned by Rtn. Chris and Shelley Rastall – the third generation of this family in the Club, is the Club's second home and at this time an annual 'Boules' tournament between members was instigated there. Strictly not a regulation event, the contest is played on grass and French berets are awarded to the winning couple.

Of late the Club has been very busy at Christmas, holding a Carol Service for the town in St Mary's Priory and a torch-light service in the ruins of Tintern Abbey. The latter is extremely picturesque if extremely cold!

The Club has been twinned with the Westerwald Club for many years and, in 2012, it twinned also with the Chingford Club in London.

There is not a great deal in common between Chepstow and Chingford but the fact that Rtn. David Burr's brother was President there may have had something to do with it! The Club looks forward to as many reciprocal visits with Chingford as with its German friends.

The Club had been comfortably established at the Petrus Restaurant (later called 'Bodega Susan'na) for some years but in 2012 the owner announced that he would be selling. Fortunately the Marriott St Pierre Hotel, where the Charter was presented on May 31st 1963, was willing to host and, for the time being, the Club is very comfortably based there.

The Club remains of 'compact' size but, as the current President remarked on taking office, manages to accomplish an amazing range of charitable and social events. In District events they are prominent too – winning the District Public Relations Trophy in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Despite falling numbers in Rotary generally, the Rotary Club of Chepstow & District is looking forward with confidence and is exploring new Rotary avenues to ensure that Rotary ideals are kept alive.

2010-2013 - Project Romania

Into action with our Twinned Clubs



Following the trip by Rotarian David Burr to Romania in May 2010 our Club saw a need to supply water for irrigation for the disadvantaged in Siria, near Arad, Romania.

The project was discussed with our twinned clubs, the Rotary Clubs of Westerwald, District 1810 and Rotary Club of Chingford, District 1130 who agreed to partner the project.

Drilling of wells commenced in April 2012 and 17 wells we have drilled to date, 12 families previously only had access to water from a communal pump (where they would also get their drinking water), and so it was not feasible for them to grow food in their gardens at all - having a well has made a massive difference to them as now enables them to grow food for their families.

Being able to grow vegetables makes a great difference to the lives and health of these families – they have access to fresh vegetables through the summer and they can either sell any surplus (for extra income) or preserve food for the winter.

The project continues with the supply of education materials for pre-school education of the disadvantaged children



History of Fellowship with our Twinned Club



Westerwald 2003



Westerwald 2011



Westerwald 2013

Chepstow & District Rotary Club has twinned with two Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Westerwald, Germany, District 1810 and Rotary Club of Chingford, London, District 1130.

The twinning with Westerwald commenced in 1979, and has continued since that time, the visits tend to be biannually, however many members travel each year to celebrate the New Year.

The twinning with Chingford commenced in 2012 and hopefully will continue biannually.



Westerwald/Chepstow 2010



Westerwald 2005



Chingford/Chepstow 2012



Westerwald 2013



BUGA Westerwald 2011

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY CHEPSTOW & DISTRICT ROTARY

- It Schools Africa
- Polio Plus /End Polio Now
- Romania Project -wells & education
- Rotary Shoebox Appeal
- Uganda school water tank
- Charity ink cartridges
- Tools for Self Reliance
- Charity phone aid
- Vision Aid
- Stroke Awareness
- Spring Chepstow Castle Concert
- Wye Classic Car Run
- Chepstow Agricultural Show
- Autumn Caldicot Castle Concert
- Monmouth wye run marathon support
- School practice interviews
- Tintern Abbey Carol Eervice
- St Mary's Chepstow Carol Service
- Rotary Youth competitions
 - RIBI Young Photographer
 - RIBI Young Chef
 - RIBI Young Citizen Award
 - RIBI Young Writer
 - RIBI Youth Speaks
 - RIBI Young Musician
 - RIBI Technology Tournament
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)
- 50th Jubilee Celebrations
- 50th Jubilee Grand Draw

DONATIONS MADE BY CHEPSTOW & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

- Chepstow House-Rotary Boys Club-Tamilnad, India
 - Rotary Foundation
 - Jubilee Sailing Trust
 - Rotary Shoebox Scheme
 - Amnesty International
 - Newport/Cardiff Children's Hospital
 - Christiana Lewis Trust
 - Crossroads
 - Rotary Club of Thornbury
 - Rotary Club of Bristol
 - Rotary Disabled Sports Championship
 - Easewell Endowment Trust
 - Girl Guides Organisation
 - Rotary Club of Forest of Dean "Great Oaks" Hospice
 - Wales Air ambulance
 - SARA Severn Area Rescue Association
 - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
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From the Archives "**Overheard at a luncheon meeting**"

- A committee is a body of people who take minutes, but often end up taking hours.
- Luxury is anything a husband needs
- A golfer has one advantage over a fisherman. He doesn't have to produce anything to prove his story.
- Men are like fish: neither would get into trouble if they kept their mouths shut.
- A conference is where people pass a lot of resolutions but few bars.

Having Fun & Fellowship



**The Team "Mob"
Conference 2005**



"Pirates" - Conference 2002



The winners



Boules evening -Abbey mill 2012



Rtn David leads Team Home -Horseless Team Event 1993



Fellowship in a French Chateaux 2009



Visit to "Hopewell" Colliery

Annual Club Walk 2009

PAST PRESIDENTS 1963 - 2013

1963-1964 Llew Llewelyn	1991-1992 Philip Blatchley
1964-1965 Lyn Jones	1992-1993 Raymond Lee
1965-1966 John E Price	1993-1994 David Burr
1966-1967 Bill Graham	1994-1995 Mike Lines
1968-1969 Arthur Bevan	1995-1996 Roger Knight
1969-1970 Les Singleton	1996-1997 Terry Sage
1970-1971 Michael Compton	1997-1998 Chris Rastall
1971-1972 Ken Morgan	1998-1999 Mac McCarty
1972-1973 Eric Vigo	1999-2000 Brian Shepherd
1973-1974 Gordon Lovell	2000-2001 Philip R Blatchley
1974-1975 Dick Grier	2001-2002 Jan Koning
1975-1976 Robin Rastall	2002-2003 David Burr
1976-1977 Geoff Shewell	2003-2004 Bob Civil
1977-1978 Stan Jones	2004-2005 Mac McCarty
1978-1979 Roy Wakeman	2005-2006 Philip R Blatchley
1979-1980 Ken Bowen	2006-2007 Peter Matin
1980-1981 Bill Andrews	2007-2008 Eddie Jones
1981-1982 George King	2008-2009 Ray Lee
1982-1983 Barrie Evans	2009-2010 David Eisenhower
1983-1984 Ron Cosh	2010-2011 Frank Sainsbury
1984-1985 Eric Hoare	2011-2012 Geoff Sumner
1985-1986 Harry Shearing	2012-2013 Geoff Sumner/Christopher Wilson
1986-1987 Lorrie Williams	
1987-1988 John Harris	
1988-1989 Ken Sanders	
1989-1990 Jeff Neil	
1990-1991 Stan Bell	

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